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"Sleep: ...a reconciling...a rest that peace begets...a cloak to cover our hurts and weariness...a home to the homeless..."  
---Anonymouses

## S.W.A.P. TEAM CONTINUES NIGHTLY SOUP SUPPERS AS CHIEF CHEFS EVADE INJUNCTABEAST BEAST IN BIZ SUIT AND SCPD GARB PURSUES MANY, CITES SEVERAL, ARRESTS ONE

With its line of diners substantially reduced but its spirits high and untrimmed, S.W.A.P. (Soup Without A Permit) soupmakers and servers continued the 4 p.m. mini-meal for the hungry at the Town Clock. Earlier casualties had been many: by the time the deadline for serving the Temporary Restraining Order had passed--midnight February 15--the ghoulisn injunctabeast had bitten all but four of the victims assigned to it by its eerie boss--the black-robed Sludgejudge. As each defiant chef in turn felt the foul fangs of the cook-eating creature and the gentle ominous rustle of its court papers, they would be forced from the pool of hungry-helping food-preparers under penalty of contempt of court.

Tracked down at home and at school, Koffeekup Kia and Smile-Awhile Dan began their search for the legal wizardry that would lift the shadow of the Injunctabeast's curse. Helpful innocents Naval Ned, Tummy-teasin' Tim, and others yet unreported were branded "John Doe"s and given TROs, forbidding them to feed the hungry in Santa Cruz city or unincorporated areas. But Calamity Jane (now known by her various aka's Gravel Gertie, Dolores, and "Ma" Imler) and Shyshoes Sandy (now officially "Slyshoes" Sandy as of midnight February 15) ran rings around the odious Injunctabeast and its minions, continuing to ladle out sustaining soup from secret kitchens.

With a hearing before the awesome and awful Sludgejudge due March 2, threadbare people's barrister Grinning Ray Grueneich was reportedly weighing an immediate call for a higher court to stay the food-filching TRO. The filing fees would be \$200 and the chance of relief uncertain, but Grueneich felt the need to keep the city's one regular nightly free meal going was worth the price.

Facing Munijudge MacAdams on Thursday morning was criminal food carrier Brian S. ("Backyard Brian" to his friends, "John Doe" to the coppers). Demanding his name and honor before the judge, Brian posted the \$500 bail and free guerrilla soup smuggler on his own recognizance, MacAdams required Brian to guarantee he would not return to the Clock to aid the rebel food movement. Backyard could not agree to the terms and was returned to the slammer to rot there a month until his trial on charges of violating Health and Safety code section 27551 forbidding "unlawful" food distribution. Reportedly on hunger fast since his arrival there last Tuesday, Brian has refused to accept bail from anyone on the front-lines of the homeless empowerment movement, presumably because that would reduce resources needed to purchase, cook, and transport the nightly Misdemeanor Soup.

Upcoming for Brian may be a rare "probable cause" hearing, usually granted to felony suspects, but applicable in his soup bandit's case because he is being held in jail awaiting trial (all previous SoupCrime offenders have been released on their own recognizance without bail). And rumors were circulating last night zat the Town Clock that an anonymous benefactor might be gathering the needed funds to get the philanthropic ne'er do well out of the pokey in the days ahead.

Meanwhile those still unserved and part of the underground sustenance railway were advised to ignore strangers in business suits knocking at their door and beware of police bearing papers. Until you are identified and handed the TRO (or it may be dropped at your feet if you refuse to take it), you are not in contempt for violating its provisions--though a few tickets have been issued for feeding the hungry independent of the TRO. From their secret unlicensed facility somewhere

LATE FLASH: Backyard Brian Staley had bail raised by an anonymous donor late Sunday evening, but the jail refused to release him. He declined to sign any papers, saying that feeding hungry people is a right and must not be the basis for any police demand for identification. Call the D.A. at 435-2071 and urge his immediate unconditional release and the dropping of all charges against the SWAP Team!

in Santa Cruz, refugee cooks Slyshoes and Imler renewed their call to the people to defend the right to share food by donating, cooking, transporting, and serving. Contact these two barbarian brothbasters through 462-9219, 429-9801, 426-8373, or 429-1182 and help slay the Injunctabeast before it shows up at your potluck.

SHELTER BOSSES MAKE MINOR CONCESSIONS ON ADDITIONAL PICK UPS,  
ACTIVISTS CONTINUE AGITATION FOR OPENING ARMORY, ESTABLISHING PEACE ENCAMPMENT

Faced with mounting and sustained pressure from Free-Heart Fran, Bittersween Bert, Bubbah Bryan, and numerous other homeless folks to provide adequate emergency winter shelter, Fred Grey and Paul Brindel agreed to allow for a late pick-up time. For those unable or unwilling to close down their day at 5 p.m. when the Satellite Shelter line at the UPS yard opens to receive folks seeking shelter in churches for the night, the two agreed that Fran could pick up those seeking a roof 9:30 or thereabouts in the cafezinho up to a limit of 5. Fran would then take them to the designated church for the night with the understanding that there would be no meal because of the lateness of the hour. This second pick-up would allow homeless participation in the early parts of public events (such as City Council meetings and demonstrations) and would facilitate some whose jobs did not allow them to make the 5-6 p.m. UPS line. Whether the program would continue beyond Sunday February 19 hinged on the outcome of a meeting between Fran, Bryan, and Fred. Ask the folks at the Town Clock for an update on the current situation at 4 p.m. nightly, but the first four nights ran smoothly according to chauffeur Fran.

Other militants, unimpressed with the pittance of an additional five folks being "allowed entry" late, continued to urge that the 100-150 person capacity Armory be opened to backup the program, take some of the pressure off the churches, allow the homeless to thereby shower there, and lower the uncertainty of receiving shelter (though no turnaways have been reported for lack of space in the last few weeks). The reality of an Armory open nearly nightly (the Commander can preempt the space, and the weather must be below 40° or 50° with a 50% chance of rain) would draw many shivering homeless campers down from the hills, they argued.

Raucous Rocky Stone, Linda the Lark Edwards, and others reminded HUFF (Homeless United for Friendship and Freedom) members that the larger on-going need was for legalized low-income campgrounds. To that end, Rocky and Linda were pressing for a public peace encampment where homeless, their friends, and advocacy groups would all converge to challenge the current "sleep-at-your" peril policies of the city and county. Folks interested in lending support to this effort should contact Rocky or Linda at the Clock, leave a message at 429-9801, or show up at 5 p.m. Wed at the Cafe Pergolesi for the next HUFF meeting.

Surprisingly sympathetic to the Injunctabeast-mauled chefs was the Inter-Faith Satellite Shelter Committee, which met last Thursday. The group, chaired by Paul Pfothauer, urged their members to write letters to the Mayor and the Downtown Business Association opposing the "anti-pandhandler" freeze-out-the-homeless scheme and the Wormhoudt-initiated attack on the Town Clock meal. Heard, but not acted upon, were proposals that a warm dry pick-up point be found other than the windy and exposed UPS spot currently being used and that there be an officially-established later pick-up time or a walk-in church where folks who missed the early pick-up could rendezvous. Thanks to Dan and Marie for initiating action against Wormhoudt's "string up the pandhandlers" manifesto.

Still promised but not received as of Sunday night were the fabled mats, blankets, and the additional van (or two). Though undercover over the weekend, Satellite Shelter program ~~ers~~ reported that there weren't enough mats and blankets (a problem Fred G. confirmed some days back). Blankets have reportedly been on order from the military since October as has an awning for the UPS yard to keep homeless dry. Some dissatisfied activists continued to mutter that HUFF and its homeless supporters would do better to engage in immediate nonviolent civil disobedience rather than wait on the promises of distant bureaucrats.

## CRACKS IN THE PAVE.....

.....Slyshoes Sandy reports seeing a flyer announcing a 5:30 p.m. chance to meet the Downtown Business Association, the SCPD, and working folks downtown at Lulu Carpenders on Wednesday February 23 to find a Creative Positive Approach to ostracizing and deep-freezing panhandlers...bring spare change and begger's bowls...¶

.....Slyshoes #2: Sandy sends out a special thanks to Dr. Ira Lubell, rubber Doc-y for the Health Dept., whose deposition was especially relied on by Superior Court Judge Marlo in granting his Beb. 10 TRO cutting off the 4 p.m. meal. (The meal, however, continues.) Lubell apparently told a City on a Hill reporter that the S.W.A.P. Team food came from "God knows what kitchen," finally giving a name to the ubiquitous ever-shiting cooking facility that Sandy and Calamity Jane (and many others) have used to keep hungry bellies happy night after night. "God Knows What" is now the official kitchen for the SWAP Team.

.....Humans of Conscience, an affinity group that writes letters to right wrongs, reports that it sent off 8 personal appeals on the issue of the Sleeping Ban--4 to city government folks and 4 to local newspapers. It's about time we saw something about this Sleepbusting Racket back in the Letters to the Editor sections. Pick up a pen and send off your own thoughts. A few short paragraphs can reach thousands of people if you're lucky and persistent. And save a copy for us here...

.....Kicked out of a Shelter Program? File a grievance! That's what Barbara Ryan is doing. The New Life Center ousted her for--allegedly--smoking in violation of rules she signed on coming in. Barbara claims she didn't violate any of the rules agreed to and will be attending a grievance hearing, the first of its kind that we've heard of, this Tuesday. Results next issue.

.....Want to see how the court stamps out cookoos? Check out the 1:30 p.m. Friday hearings each week in Superior Court 1 where the "LPS" calender drags in those unfortunates who've been "51-50ed" or held against their will in psych wards on the say so of the shrink-on-duty. First they can do this for 72 hours, then for 14 days. Your rights? Supposedly to a phone call, an attorney, and a hearing. But come and see how this works out in practice at these Friday sessions. For more info, call Mad John T. at 426-3201. (John also leads Friday demos at the Town Clock at 4:30 against forced treatment, forced drugging, and forced institutionalization.)

.....Music to our ears: Some street musicians are fighting their removal from the mall by demading trial--which will be March 3 10 a.m. in Courtroom B. Or that's what we thought we saw, anyway, when we snuck a peek in Grinning Ray Grueneich's elusive appointment book...bring kazoos and violins...

.....Empty Courtroom--Case Postponed: Raucous Rocky Stone, another victim of SCPD Officer Townsend's "drop a butt, go to jail" policy, had his Murgia discovery hearing postponed until Friday February 24 when nei... his attorney nor the D.A. showed up. If anyone shows up this time, Rokcy will attempt to uncover the political orders that may have initiated this attack on homeless smokers. Or if that fails, he may attempt to revive the plan to have citizen patrols making citizen's arrests on dressed smokers who are similarly littering the street with filter-tips.

.....Hot On Her Trail: The last day the TRO could be served on her, Calamity Jane narrowly missed running into the redoubtable ("is the homeless movement arming the street people?") Larson apparently armed wiwth legal papers to end her criminal reign as ricecooker to the masses. Rumor has it that the tireless gumshoes have gotten the service time for the TRO extended (it ran out February 15), so that folks should still cast an occasional eye over their shoulder for Injunctabeasts bearing gifts.

.....Tales of Trollbusting: Next issue (ah, we hope) we plan to do a bigger spread on the resurgence of trollbusting on and around the mall. For the moment we can only wince at the most recent Sunday story of Alberto, a black man, beaten up for being with his girlfriend (a white woman) on the mall. Skinheads, come forward and either confirm or deny this latest outgage. Let the facts kill the rumors and let us know what you know. ..

**RETRACTION AND RETORT**

Jack Bassett, SCPD chief, was quoted last issue as having been at the Town Clock last week and exchanged words with Robespierre Robert over the valor involved in seeking to dodge officers trying to serve him and his companions with TROs (Temporary Restraining Orders) that would force them to stop feeding the hungry. Bassett was apparently in Watsonville at the time, and it was another individual (whom Grinning Ray Grueneich heard called "Jack") who made the comments reported in Street Sheet #50 (p. 13). The Street Sheet extends its apologies to the chief for claiming he was personally present and publically hostile to Robespierre. But the unrepentant activist wished to add his own rejoinder:

"Ray Grueneich may need a new paire of glasses or more carrots in his diet. Apologies to Jack for mistaking one of his lieutenants for him. Actually out of town then, Jack reserves his personal appearance for really important activities-- like seizing me, my teddy bear, and my picket signs outside City Council Nov 2nd. Or perhaps overseeing the circulation of rumors that homeless advocates are gathering funds to arm the street people, rubberstamping descriptions of the homeless as drunks, crazies, and dealers (his department's report to the Downtown Study Group), or rousting judges in the middle of the night with fables about the dangerousness of homeless demonstrators in order to boost their bail to \$1000 apiece. If Jack cares to challenge any of the above allegations, I propose trial by combat--a public chess game at the Town Clock at noon--the loser to spend the next week eating out of dumpsters and sleeping on the street. Are you man enough, Jack?"

**S.F.'s Homeless Are Just About Average People, Study Finds**

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By Leslie Guercara  
Chronicle Staff Writer

The average homeless person in San Francisco is not a crazed whoop or drug addict but a high school graduate with work experience whose income suddenly sank below the poverty line, according to a new study.

"One of the myths about the homeless is 'Gee, they're a lot different from me,'" said Dick Boyce, vice president of the management consulting firm Bain and Co. Inc. "That's really not the case."

Boyce presented his study to a meeting of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, a nonprofit civic study group. He suggested that very little separates the business people, planners, lawyers and real estate agents at the meeting from the city's 4,900 to 6,000 homeless.

According to Boyce, the dividing line between the city's homeless and those with housing is a thin layer of cash. Twenty percent of households in San Francisco make less than \$10,000 a year and have meager or nonexistent savings and no insurance, he said.

"These people are just one complication -- a family breakup, job loss, major medical problem or other catastrophe -- away from being on the streets," Boyce said.

With help from Robert Tobin, executive director of the Central City Hospitality House in the Tenderloin, Boyce detailed the findings of his firm's survey last summer of 125 homeless people in San Francisco.

The survey results disprove the "myths of homelessness" that many people view as gospel truth, according to Tobin and Boyce. Among the study's findings were:

At most, one-third of San

Francisco's homeless suffer from some form of mental illness, contrary to the popular misconception that all homeless are "at worst irrational and at best unkept."

The majority have finished high school or some college, which is similar to the level of education of the country's general population.

About 80 percent have some work experience and about half of those held trade, clerical or professional jobs.

Being homeless in San Francisco is a "full-time job," and homeless people spend about 37 hours a week trekking to free medical clinics, soup kitchens, clothing giveaway sites and shelters that are scattered in 90 locations across the city.

The homeless and providers of services to them agree that merely making an overnight bed available does nothing to curb homelessness.

Tobin and Boyce, who are both active in Mayor Art Agnos' Homeless Coordinating Council, have been making the presentation about the city's homeless to San Francisco's business community.

Their goal is to persuade members of San Francisco's private sector to contribute real estate, cash or business know-how to help develop a long-range plan that helps the homeless find job and housing.

One solution would involve centralizing the scattered aid programs and creating multi-service centers, which could provide "transitional housing" for homeless seeking to reestablish their lives, Tobin and Boyce said.

Such a plan would take money and space, things that the financially strapped city government cannot readily supply.

**A new approach to panhandling**

By KATHARINE BALL  
STAFF WRITER

A new effort to rid Santa Cruz's Pacific Garden Mall of panhandlers has been undertaken by mall merchants concerned about the effect panhandling has on business.

The program, called "Give a hand, not a handout" encourages shoppers who want to give spare change to do so inside shops in jars provided for the purpose. The jars have been appearing in shops in the last couple of weeks. The money is then distributed to various organized charities.

A companion program called "Food for All" allows grocery shoppers to buy coupons as they check out at supermarkets. The cash from the coupons is to be distributed to soup kitchens and emergency food programs.

The Food for All program was apparently launched partially in response to the daily food giveaway at the town clock organized by militant homeless advocates.

The organizers of the giveaway were mandated by a court order last week to stop handing out food without a permit from the health department.

"People who give to Food for All (or Give a Hand) can be assured their money is going to a real need," said Rick Kuhn, executive director of the Downtown Association.

A poster for the "Give a Hand" program says, "Handouts provide money which in many cases is used to support alcohol, drugs and other habits of destructive lifestyles."

Robert Norse, an organizer of the town clock food give-



Chris Scheuer

Shopkeepers hope people like 'John' will stop asking for money on the Pacific Garden Mall.

away, had cautious praise for Food for All, but called the Give a Hand program "contemptible."

"It reflects a cruel attitude on the part of some merchants who want to make acceptable a harsh view of street people," Norse said.

He said people approached

by panhandlers should learn to just say no.

"I do all the time," he said. "If a panhandler is bothering you, you should tell them to f--- off. Admittedly the middle class is not trained to do that."

Learning to say no to panhandlers offers the potential

for personality "growth," Norse said.

But the Give a Hand program is a "contemptible attempt to harden people's hearts," he said.

The Give a Hand program is based on similar programs in Seattle, Portland and Berkeley, Kuhn said.

"It is designed to eliminate what is actually illegal behavior on the part of panhandlers," he said.

Kuhn said it was impossible to estimate what effect panhandlers have had on downtown business.

"We want to provide customers with the most comfortable atmosphere we can," he said.

Santa Cruz Mayor Mardi Wormhoudt said the new programs "are good examples of the way in which people in Santa Cruz have come up with creative responses to hunger and homelessness."

Yesterday was a breezy, sunny day on the Pacific Garden Mall -- perfect weather for panhandling.

But during a noontime stroll of the mall, this reporter was asked for spare change only once, a noticeable reduction from just a couple of weeks ago, when a passerby might be solicited three to five times on a similar stroll.

Police Officer Dan Runch, who patrols the mall regularly, said he wasn't sure what effect Give a Hand has had.

He attributed the decline in panhandlers to recent cold weather and what he calls an "aggressive" ticket-writing offensive by police.

Many of the panhandlers may be in the County Jail at the moment, Runch said.

Riposte to the Laird Report

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"Give a Brush Off, Not a Damn!"



Sunday THE LATE FLASH: cited at Town Clock Sleep-In near midnight! (see p. 12)

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"In Sleep we are all naked and alone; in Sleep we are united at the heart of night and darkness; and we are strange and beautiful asleep for we are dying in the darkness, and we know no death."
---Thomas Wolfe, "Death--The Proud Brother," From Death to Morning (1935)

41 Mandatory support fee

FASTING SOUP SERVER FREED ON 10TH DAY OF CONFINEMENT: "RECLAIM THE CLOCK" DEMO LOOMS
1ST MASS SLEEP-IN TRIAL OF YEAR PITTS SLUMBERLOVING SIX AGAINST THE D.A. IN WATT'S COURT

Seized and shackled February 14 on charges of criminal feeding (violating State Health and Safety Code #27551 as described in Street Sheet #51), homeless activist Brian Staley was being held on \$500 bail in the county jail. Staley's crime: carrying a carton of styrofoam cups filled with soup from his car to the Town Clock. Insisting that sharing food with the poor must not be a basis for police involvement, Backyard Brian (as some know him) refused to sign his citation or any other legal documents, though he agreed to appear in court. He reports that he was held in an atmosphere of some hostility at the jail, denied bronchitis medication for three days, and subjected to repeated interrogations as to his "true name," why he refused to sign anything, An anonymous samaritan first put up bond, then bail for the beleaguered scofflaw, but the roboguards refused to release him until he'd break faith with his principles and sign on the dotted line. This Brian refused to do.

As he grew progressively thinner, the prisoner became the subject of greater concern to the prison bureaucrats, but overseeing judge McAdams continued to refuse release until Brian would sign out. Finally on Friday, with all demands for bail dropped (the doner was returned her bail), the empty-bellied beggarfeeder was transferred to the prison infirmiry where a steaming plate of food was set in front of him. Tempted but ultimately unmoved, Brian declined to abandon his fast, and was then taken again to the release window. Because he'd been led there with the expectation of release several times before, Brian waited impassively as the jailers again demanded he sign the release form. This time he even declined to step forward, simply shaking his head. A moment later he was released without ceremony, a deputy having signed for him and indicated his willingness to appear in court. Why this procedure wasn't used ten days (and 15 lbs.) earlier appears to be that the jail as well as the police and downtown bigwigs are interested in intimidatir homeless activists--at least up to the point where the unfavorable publicity would provoke a sizebble public outcry. (Brian had been interviewed previously that day by Channel 46's Steve Perez--who, along with Channel 11's producer, Carolyn Burgett, had expressed outrage and concern at Bhe man's situation.)

Later, as Brian was wolfing down bits of lamb and mouthfuls of salad, other activists from UCSC and the Coalition to End the Sleeping Ban were making festive preparations for the long-awaited "Reclaim the Clock" jamboree scheduled for noon today. Everyone is invited, urged to come in different costumes (suggested themes: sleep, food, disease--come as your favorite virus, perhaps?). Underworld food providers have promised that food will continue to make its way to the Town Clock at 4 p.m. come constable or injunctabeast. But participants are encouraged to bring their own meals and beware of the criminal penalties for passing drinks and doughnuts to neighbors. Malcontents considering bringing food for others are best advised to keep their charity to themselves, repent, and respect the law: "Share a sandwich; go to jail!"

Promised for later in the evening: a sleep-in around the clock to champeon free speech and sleep in the face of the infamous Sleeping Ban (city ordinance 6.36.010) which bars dreams and snoring from 11 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Outside student agitators have urged other troll overs to bring their sleeping bags, blankets, fluffy pillows, and hot milk to this snuggle-in demonstration. Also pick up extra bedding and friends if you have a mind to share some of the warmth (it's still winter)--not yet illegal at this date.

And back in Dept. B of Muni Court, unpaid but unbowed mouthpiece for the many, Grinning Ray Grueneich was defending 6 "sleep" demonstrators against charges of sleeping without a roof at City Hall Jan. 10. Taking the stand one after another were

LATE FLASH: Calamity Jane Imler bitten from behind by injunctabeast arter informing beasmaster bassett of her intention to brave the monster at the Town Clock today, soup ladle in hand. Imler plans to rally cooks to track down the dangerous creature and forcefeed it contaminated carrots. Failing that, she will go on hunger strike when arrested.

defendants Sue Sasnow, Malcolm McWayne, Robert Norse, Malu Pinecrone, Linda Edwards, and Bryan Weiner. Friendly but unforgiving D.A. Katherine Anderton demanded \$1000 fines for the sleep infractions (the maximum possible--the usual being somewhere from \$40 to \$130) as part of her superiors' "Hound the Homeless" prosecution program. She described the courtroom charade as being helpful to the 6 to "complete the process of civil disobedience," and allow them to receive the punishment they sought "in the historic tradition of such protests."

Skeptical of this helpful attitude, attorney Grueneich retorted that, to the contrary, the accused were innocent on numerous grounds. The homeless three (Shamash Sue, milk-mannered Malcolm, and Linda the Lark) had no legal place to be. The Satellite Shelter program required attendance before the 7:30 p.m. starting time of that night's City Council meeting; the historic Sleeping Ban debate--the first in 10 years--went on at 11 p.m.; to have sought out the only legal shelter in town other than private help would have denied them their citizenship rights to participate in a debate that intimately concerned them and their welfare. More generally, to deny homeless people a right to sleep within Santa Cruz was a violation of substantive due process and the right to privacy under the California and U.S. constitutions.

All the sleepers were engaged in a symbolic speech demonstration, Grueneich continued. Under the current Sleeping Ban there was no place to do that within Santa Cruz. The demonstrators chose the most relevant spot: outside the City Council that had the power to change the offending law. Further, the procedures at the Council meeting that proceeded the sleep-in were carefully crafted to deny the homeless input and shut them out of the democratic dialogue. The public hearing was put off until the end of the evening when many speakers had gone home, and then debate limited to 20 minutes (after prior issues, such as whether to remove a tree, had gotten over an hour). The Council refused to recess the meeting (which they did the next week on another issue), to allow extended discussion that night, or even to consider a proposal presented from within their own ranks by Don Lane that would allow a sanctuary for sleepers. The sleep-in that followed the sham debate was a necessary and logical extension of the homeless's right to petition for redress of grievances and right to free speech.

D.A. Anderton called the law a "reasonable regulation" of "time, place, and manner" of sleep--evoking muffled amusement among spectators who found the spectacle of enforced wakefulness throughout the night preposterous. She defended the "emergency procedure" by which the Sleeping Ban was tightened on Jan 10, claiming that without the no-sleep law, Santa Cruz would be overwhelmed by weary travelers, anxious to bed down on its sidewalks and doorsteps. (For details of this "emergency" see St Sht #48)

All defendants admitted having violated the letter of the ordinance, but claimed it was patently and obviously unconstitutional. Acting judge Watts allowed a court reporter to make a transcript of the proceedings (something Judge Atack did not allow in the fall's Linda Edwards case--still on appeal), but denied Robespierre Robert the chance to make a tape recording, so that a copy of the lengthy (3-4 hour) trial would be costly and difficult to obtain. Blackmonk Bryan's eloquent speech--which he was not allowed to give that Jan 10, did find its way into the Oral Communications segment of the Jan 24 Gang of 7 (City Council) meeting, so interested listeners may find it in the Public Library's tape collection (tape 1, 7:30 p.m. session).

Final arguments were due March 1, with the judge to make his ruling by March 3 on the guilt or innocence of the sleephappy 6. But that date's events may overshadow the outcome of this case as the Injunctabeast appears in Superior Court 1 in all its dour splendor the morning of March 2 (see following story).

HARASSMENT OF HOMELESS SUPPERS HEATS UP AS DAILY POLICE DRAGNET NETS SOUP, CARROTS  
SLYSHOES SANDY TICKETED, READ RIGHTS; D.A. THREATENS JAIL FOR FELONIOUS FOUR

After a breathing spell of 4 days when police allowed hungry folks at the

Town Clock to eat the meagre but popular "Sippin' Soup" supper in peace, SCPD Knjuncta-beast handlers descended Monday to steal half of the food intended for people waiting there. Apparently a contagious disease, the homeless-hating attitude struck simultaneously up Front St. at Zanotto's dumpsters where Ridotto Robert was interrupted in his meal by a conscientious security guard who defended the trash from his appetite. On Tuesday, roaming antifeed squads likewise carried away about half of the provisions, with three cars and six officers cornering Slyshoes Sandy and her truck, illegally absconding with two 25lb. bags of raw carrots, and reading her her "rights" as well as the riot act. Lt. Larson and Dave Townsend led the pack of grub-grabbing gumshoes; also overheard: muttered threats about seizing vehicles, in the new zero-tolerance-for-homeless policy being followed by the fevered city police.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the presence of Quakers demonstrating for peace and participating in the criminal food-giving drove off the ignoble Injunctabeast (a foul being easily recognizeable by the Temporary Restraining Order it bears in its claws) (the TRO bars the recipient from sharing or preparing food anywhere in Santa Cruz or the unincorporated areas of the county). But on Friday the comic-strip constables were back, posted North and south of the Town Clock, awaiting the arrival of criminal contraband. Through happenstance, the day's food delivery was delayed, and the weary unwary coppers left early, allowing hasty unimpeded distribution of the baked potatoes and sandwiches. On Saturday homeless retaliated against the earlier police victories by carrying about empty boxes, arriving from different directions, and generally engaging in impromptu decoy maneuvers designed to confuse and confound watching armed Foodsnatchers.

In court Thursday appearing for 4 renegade chefs charged with serving soup Jan 10 outside the Gang of 7's (City Council) meeting was counsel Ray Grueneich. Arguing for Robespierre Robert, Calamity Jane, Slyshoes Sandy, and Raucous Rocky, Grueneich had pre-trial hearing set a week ahead (to March 3), but learned that the Draconian D.A.'s office was seeking to have the four jailed at that hearing for having violated the conditions of their pre-trial release. (The 4 were charged for a Jan. 3 soupcrime incident when riot-clad police forcibly separated people from their food at the Town Clock; they were released on their own recognizance, then charged for the Jan 10 meal outside City Hall by mail). The D.A.'s evidence that the 4 were serving food? A police report that the 4 were seen in the area urging folks to eat up. Learn whether these four foodfiends get jailed for their latest escapade on March 3.

In the works for March 2--an 8:30 hearing before Sludgejudge Marlo of Superior Court vintage on the Temporary Restraining Order issued Feb. 10. The TRO, which loosed the dreaded Injunctabeast on the foodloving SWAP (Soup Without A Permit) Team, threatens to become permanent unless Grueneich can muster the medical and legal testimony that will show hunger is a greater menace here than hepatitis. Citizen's testimony is also solicited since the Health Dept. is trying to show that the Town Clock 4 p.m. meal is a "public nuisance" because of "blocked sidewalks" and "traffic problems." Contact Sandy at 462-9219 if you wish to contribute to this effort to send the Injunctabeast back into the fevered imaginations of the Health Department that gave it birth. Meanwhile unrepentant folks interested in learning what they can do to feed the hungry should drop a line to Sandy or leave a message for Jane at 429-9801.

#### BROADSIDE FROM BITTERSWEET BERT

(Bert is a long-time homeless activist who is still waiting for a reply from the Citizen's Committee for the Homeless, brainchild of Paul Lee and Page Smith, which closed its doors to the homeless in mid-January.)

"Dear (Robespierre) Robert,

I am very disappointed in the way I have been brushed off by various factions in the homeless struggles here. People have agreed to write letters to people and have not allowed me to draft such letters. People have asked me to help in opening the Armory

and have not helped me to get the necessary equipment to do so (pens, paper, envelopes, and postage). It seems to me that people do not want to take the time to update me on my 1 1/2 year's absence, so I have no way of knowing what exactly has transpired.

I know that I may be stepping on plans made by other people within the group, but feel that homeless participation is not being adequately addressed. I want to help all of you but cannot feel secure in doing so unless we can have a meeting to discuss our different views and thus clear the air a little.

I am seeing more beatings on the mall since the first of the year, the unwillingness of the Citizen's committee for the Homeless to meet with us, and the Shelter going down to 10 beds, as a symptom of our problem of people NOT HAVING ANY TRUE FOCUS. Editor's note: as of March 1, the River St. mini-Shelter, previously lodging 25 people, will reduce its capacity to 10 until mid-summer in order to remodel the main building and install a kitchen. As of March 31, funding for the Satellite Shelter program which houses 50-70 people per night in different churches, will run out; nightly accommodations at the jail will continue.)

It is counterproductive to the cause of the homeless to expend any other energies than those directly related to homeless issues (i.e. housing, food, health-care, employment, and legislation). I believe that what is happening is a scattergun approach which doesn't really address the group's concerns or those of the homeless community at large. It is only a way to discredit the homeless in the larger community.

We have been used as scapegoats for many years now and should see the campus movement at U.C.S.C. as a positive signal that homeless people can stand with other groups within the city to build a true and lasting coalition instead of a transitory one.

I have a gut feeling that in the arena of affordable housing, the city of Santa Cruz may renege on the Neary Lagoon housing project. I also feel the Shelter (the River St. mini-Shelter) may not find an operator after DMS's contract is up. It is my gut feeling that the grant of \$250,000 procured by the Downtown Association will be used by Santa Cruz County as a fund to operate the mini-Shelter for "mental health" recipients. I would urge all homeless people to press for a guarantee of the continuance of the Satellite program and a formal request for PERMANENT FUNDING OF THE SATELLITE PROGRAM REGARDLESS OF WHO OPERATES IT.

Further, there should be a clause stating that the Armory should be opened at the first opportunity, and the policies changed which allow "people of expertise" or "established groups" to open it; the \$700 insurance cost is not included in this issue.

I hope this letter will have helped people to understand my motivations of the last two weeks. I also believe that the work of Fran Rizzo is a good test of the need of opening up the Satellite program to more flexible hours and could be used as a route to negotiate for walk-ins. (Editor's note: Fran's efforts were responsible for Gray and Brindel, the mini-Shelter bosses, allowing a temporary late-night pick-up for folks wanting to use the Satellite shelter program. In the past, Fran's picked up about half a dozen folks at 9:15 p.m. each night at the Cafezinho, and taken them to the night's church-shelter.)

Thanks for reading, Bert

REPORT PROCEEDING  
POLICE DISPATCH - 411-1011  
DISPATCH - 411

The following questions will give you some background on the pertinent information the dispatcher needs. When contacting the Police Department be printing on the dispatcher inside you through the following questions.

OFFENSE

What? When in the previous meeting? What in the location. Be as specific as possible.  
Ex. "The ABC store at 123 Pacific Garden Mall."

What happened? What type of activity is taking place, i.e., panhandling/loitering? Fight? Shoplifting? Etc.

Where? Is it still taking place? There is a great difference in the urgency of events depending on a "walk" call or an "in-progress" activity.  
Ex. "I just came in to report and found my front window shattered." (walk-in call)

Who? Who says that touched my front window and now it's down the street." (in progress-complaint)

What? Can you describe the suspect? Be as specific as possible.  
Age? Sex? Height? Color of suspect's hair? Eyes? Hair? What color eyes? Clothing? Hair color? Sex? Hair? Age? Eyes? Any other distinctive features? Did you see any weapons?

Other??? If the suspect has left the scene did you see the disposition of items? On foot? In a car? Etc.

Let the dispatcher know if you are willing to make a citizen's report. Be in their words, willing to sign a statement? Police officers, by law, may not take an arrest for violations they did not witness - citizen involvement is necessary.

REVISED PROBLEM/ACTION CHECK

Definitions

Any violation of the law may result in a warning, citation, or arrest.

1 - Call the Police - 411-1011. This number gives you direct access to Police Department dispatchers. Dial 911 in an emergency.

2 - Citation may result in a citation by a Police Officer. A citation is issued in addition to an arrest when the individual is released with the understanding they will appear in court. In most cases if the individual does not appear personally by the officer, the citation cannot stand or will expire. The reporting party is to be notified to advise a citation. It is not necessary for the reporting party to answer the citation. In an effort to improve the reporting party should mention their willingness to sign the citation.

Arrest, rather than citation, may be made by the officer if the individual refuses to sign the citation, does not have satisfactory identification, or is a continuing problem (intoxicated).

3 - Arrest by a Police Officer in the field. Arrest in this situation.

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BICYCLES

- riding on street
- riding on sidewalk

CONSIDERATION OF "NON-EMPLOYED"

DESTROYING PLANTS/PLANTED TREES

- cutting inside planter boxes

LOITER

- with owner
- on bench
- stray

DRUGS

- using drug using space
- person using drugs

SMOKE

Watch your rear - The Downtown Association is ever watchful for deviant behavior!

MANAGEMENT (Verbal)	1	2	3	4	5	Notes
- pedestrians harassed walking down street	1	2				Must meet criteria for disturbing the peace
- persons harassed going in and out of store	1	1				Must meet criteria for disturbing the peace
- store owner or employees harassed	1	1				Must meet criteria for disturbing the peace
INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR						
- urinating in public	1	2				
- screaming/yelling	1	2				Must meet criteria for disturbing the peace
LIQUOR						
- person drunk	1	2				Must meet criteria for disturbing the peace
- person drinking	1	1				In violation of Open Container Ordinance
NOISE						
- loud radio	1	1				Must meet criteria for disturbing the peace
- street musician, vulgar language	1	1				Must meet criteria for disturbing the peace
- street musician, playing in alcove	1	1				As tolerated in alcove
- music gathering crowd	1	1				Must be citizens of the community or disturbing the peace
OVERNIGHT CAMPING						
- in alcoves of business	1	1				Complete Ordinance in effect from 11:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.
- behind business	1	1				
PANHANDLING						
- personally panhandled	1	1				Citizen must be present or panhandler party must personally witness; however, police may arrest on field in court
- customer panhandled	1	1				
- viewed outside business	1	1				
SEATBOARDS/BOLTERSEATS						
- riding on street	1	1				Never allowed on the street
- riding on sidewalk	1	1				Prohibited in all but residential areas
SLEEPING						
- on sidewalk	1	1				Prohibited if sidewalk is clean
- on benches	1	1				Possible removal of City property
- in alcoves	1	1				Property owner/manager must sign statement

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The following questions will give you some background on the pertinent information the dispatchers need. When contacting the Police Department be prepared as the dispatcher leads you through the following questions.

QUESTION

- Where? Where is the problem occurring; what is the location. Be as specific as possible.  
Ex. "The ABC Store at 123 Pacific Garden Mall."
- What Happened? What type of activity is taking place, i.e., penninging? burglary? fight? shoplift?  
Is it still taking place? There is a great difference in the sequence of events responding to a "cold" call or an "in-progress" activity.  
Ex. "I just came in to work and found my front window smashed." (Cold-vandalism)
- Who? Who? Two boys just smashed my front window and ran off down the street." (In progress-vandalism)  
Can you describe the suspect? Be as specific as possible:  
Male or female? Approx. weight or build?  
What race? Color of suspect's hair?  
Approx. age? What color eyes?  
Clothing? How tall?  
Bad odor? Facial hair?  
Bad teeth? Scars?  
Any other distinctive features?  
Did you see any weapons?
- Other ?? If the suspect has left the scene did you see the direction of travel? On foot? In a car? Bicycle?

Let the dispatcher know if you are willing to make a Citizen's Arrest, or in other words, willing to sign a citation? Police officers, by law, say not make an arrest for violations they did not witness -- citizen involvement is necessary.

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- 3 - ARREST BY A POLICE OFFICER IS THE USUAL RESULT IN THIS SITUATION.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>BICYCLES</b>										
- riding on street										
- riding on sidewalk										
<b>CONGREGATION OF "NON-SHOPPERS"</b>										
<b>DESTROYING PLANTS/PLASTER BOXES</b>										
- getting inside planter boxes										
<b>DOGS</b>										
- with owner										
- on leash										
- stray										
<b>DRUGS</b>										
- drug deal going down										
- person using drugs										
<b>HANDSHELLS</b>										

Legal unless displaying traffic law  
 Illegal in business area  
 Officer will break up if sidewalk is blocked  
 Possible misuse of City Property  
 Dogs are prohibited in the Mall and Beach  
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 Contact the Animal Shelter at 435-4344  
 Officer must determine situation on individual basis

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<b>HARASSMENT (Verbal)</b>				
- pedestrians harassed walking down street	X	X		Must meet criteria for disturbing the peace
- patrons harassed going in and out of store	X	X		Must meet criteria for disturbing the peace
- store owner or employees harassed	X	X		Must meet criteria for disturbing the peace
<b>INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR</b>				
- urinating in public	X	X		
- screaming/yelling	X	X		Must meet the criteria for disturbing the peace
<b>LIQUOR</b>				
- person drunk	X		X	
- person drinking	X	X		In violation of Open Container Ordinance
<b>NOISE</b>				
- loud radio	X	X		Must meet criteria for disturbing the peace
- street musician, vulgar language	X	X		Must meet criteria for disturbing the peace
- street musician, playing in alcove	X	X		No loitering in alcoves
- music gathering crowd	X	X		Must be blocking the sidewalk or disturbing the peace
<b>OVERNIGHT CAMPING</b>				
- in alcoves of business	X	X		Camping Ordinance in effect from 10:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.
- behind business	X	X		
<b>PARANHANDLING</b>				
- personally parhanded	X	X		Victim must be present or complaining party
- customer parhanded	X	X		must personally overhear suspect asking for money to hold up in court
- viewed outside business	X	X		
<b>KATEBOARDS/ROLLERSKATES</b>				
- riding on street	X	X		Never allowed on the street
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..... RAYS OF SUNSHINE, DROPS OF RAIN.....

..... No Armory; Better Satellite Shelter: Word from the street is that Tuesday night continues to be a problem, with two left behind last week when the last pick-up was made. There was space in the vehicle, but no room at the Inn. Had the High Homeless Lords opened the Armory, there would have been less chance of this kind of situation--the Armory has 100-150 beds. But then, it's never too late. Also, we're still waiting for some word on those mats, blankets, and vans promised some weeks back. Anybody seen hide 'er hair of 'em? Meanwhile if you need a place to sleep and a late-night meal, line up at the UPS yard around 5 p.m. Or catch up with Fran at the Cafe-zinho about 9:15 p.m.

..... HUFF Asleep, Not Dead: Homeless United for Friendship and Freedom, successor group to the AWOL Citizens' Committee for the Homeless, has itself missed a few meetings (Wednesday's and Saturday's). Our excuse: Soupy capers with the cops required the attention of some of the members. Others (like Brian S.) were in jail. But how about a get together next Wednesday at the Cafe Pergolesi at 5?

..... City Council Spot, Anyone? "No Go" Mo Reich off the Gang of 7, we encourage public-spirited folks interested in legalizing eating and sleeping to toss their hat into the ring in hopes of raising the issue once more before the Homeless-Boffing Gang. Any volunteers?

..... Trollbashing, Blackbashing, All Around the Town: Remember Abdullah Hassan, minority/youth candidate for the City Council last fall, and one of a few who unconditionally called for repeal of the sleeping Ban? He sends us this report, dated December 27/88:

On Nov. 30, 1988, I was arrested in Santa Cruz for not paying a fine in 1986 on a ticket issued to me for allowing my friend's dog into Loudon Nelson Community Park. In the process of this I was also charged with being under the influence of an opiate (Editor's note: the S.C. Sentinel at that time trumpeted that Hassan was accused of cocaine doings.) During this time I was involved in an investigation with the citizen's Grand Jury, which is parallel and complimentary to the Grand Jury investigation that the county is conducting on the D.A.'s office. That was why I was in the Beach Flats at that particular time: investigating the structure, procedures, and decision-making process of the C-Net group.

What I've been raising both through my recent campaign for City Council and since then is that the City and County are in the business of trumping up charges against minority youth and against the homeless. There is no crime wave in Santa Cruz, yet the jails are full. During my investigations in the last few months, I have been in court and witnessed the judicial system let white youth go on diversion programs and drug rehab programs, while Black youth get sentenced to the penitentiary, and are still fighting their cases today. One case, that of J.D. Freeman, a young Black man with a wife and two children, had a hung jury. In most cases with a hung jury, he would have been let go; instead, the case was refiled. In my case, I was arrested and held for five days with no proof of the charges that I was under the influence of any drug, and they still haven't come forward with the evidence!

I am here today...to...refute the charge that I was under the influence of any drug....The powers that be in Santa Cruz thought that they could try to silence me because they think I am one lonely voice speaking out against a racist judicial system in what I have called "even good ol' Santa Cruz." But they are wrong, not only in their charges, but in the fact that people across the city know that a change in Santa Cruz must come for those who are locked up in prisons or locked out as the homeless."

..... Crime Wave Spreads: Burgermaster at Work on Mall: For several days running last week unrepentant reprobate Steve F. has been discretely passing out dozens of left-over burgers and other edibles, while posing as a harmless street person. Apparently inspired by the SWAP Team's criminal shenanigans over at the Town Clock, Burgermaster Steve seems to feel one nightly cup of soup is not enough to sustain intelligent life at his end of the mall.

..... Townsend Terrorizing Trolls: Last Monday Bittersweet Bert overheard "Drop a Butt, Go to Court" Dave Townsend of the SCPD encouraging shopkeepers around Rainbow Records to file complaints against the table of Raucous Rocky Stone--which champions peace and homeless causes. Hey; Dave, isn't that a tad inappropriate for a man in uniform?



And did we hear that you also absconded with Street Sheets from Rocky's table without paying the cover fee? Serious charges, Dave. How do you plead?

.....A Tip of the Homeless Cap to Hutch, who was stopped and interrogated last Thursday by police blockading the Town Clock for having broken through with two other homeless folks, each carrying a box of nourishing soup for his brethren. Hutch got hassled but not held, and lived to sip and share another day.

.....Undercover Report from A.M.: A handwritten note has reached us from our long-time observer on the mall that police have been threatening punks up by Upper Crust Pizza's bench with loitering tickets (long-since declared unconstitutional) if they don't disappear into the night; A.M. also reports that V., a pregnant woman, got a special pre-Valentine's Day camping ticket from Officer Bunch. Hey! Didn't higher-ups Bassett and Belcher inform us that camping citations were down this year? An examination of court dockets and personal episodes on the street tend to give evidence in the other direction...

.....Who took the fire out of Michael B.? Earlier this month we got several calls from mini-Shelter resident M.B., who spoke of numerous camping and open container tickets that he wanted to fight in court. But when we appeared there to help him, who should be at his side but mini-Shelter manager Fred G., who insisted he'd come solely as a character witness. Then when Mike went up to confront the judge, the roars of rage had become soft purrs as the contrite defendant now plead "no contest" and accepted 64 hours of community service instead of battling out the charges as he originally intended. Nice of Fred to walk Mike through this process. Maybe now he can do it for the dozens of other homeless folks who get caught in this infernal machine each month? Or maybe he could pull out a bag and some blankets and bed down with the rest of the commoners to end this vicious Ban?

.....Unsubstantiated rumors: Calamity Jane's heard strange tales she wishes to pass on as we settle off to sleep. Is it true the Planning Department charges an additional \$1000 per permit in a "homeless fund?" And if so, where does the money go? #2: Jane reports a county resident contractor agreed to build full-service low-income housing if the County donated the land and paid for the permits (\$17,000 per to begin with). The County said no.

.....The Downtown Association Strikes! Last Wednesday's half-closed DA meeting at Lulu Carperfer's had Me-First Profiteering side-by-side with Homeless-Hating Paranoia as Rick Kuhn & Co. drew together many mall merchants to consider problems surrounding street people (panhandling, dealing, "loitering") and homeless folk. The only thing missing: some realistic input from the homeless themselves--whom the DA has never invited to their meetings. Instead of presenting any kind of proposal which acknowledged the existence and needs of the human beings on the streets in front of them, the merchants group urged more police action and more potential conflict between merchant and transient by recommending a "get out of my territory" stance. It's certainly good to be forthright to folks disrupting business, but conspiring to establish Carmel North or DisneyWorld West is likely to provoke less not more cooperation.

.....Apologies to No Guns: We misquoted the white-garbed singer and peace activist back in Street Sheet #49 (p. 3.). No Guns got a D.A.'s continuance on charges stemming from her defense of soupserver outside City Hall last Dec. 13. She did promise to be there when the Injunctabeast attacked food-providers at the Town Clock; she did not say whether she would be offering herself up as sacrifice (i.e. serve soup, be cited, and/or go to jail). Nor did she say she wouldn't. Come on down to the clock at 4 p.m. and find out.

.....Dumpster Parade Postponed: The Dumpster Extravaganza planned for today at 3 p.m. made some headway, but not enough to hit the streets due to the low turnout of people early on at the Town Clock. But law-loving cooks, eager to abide by Dr. Lubell's preference for dumpster pate over the unsanitary soups and potatoes turned out by the Town Clock chefs, may be dramatizing this traditional food source in the near future in yet another attempt to spread Health Dept. wisdom to the masses.

.....Cartoon breaks through media blackout: Special thanx to Nina P. of the S.C. Comic News for its first-ever coverage of the SCPD's food fetish. What with the total absence of any mention of homeless problems in the S.C. Urinal and the

Erronian, we feared that our movement had dissolved completely. Guess again.

.....Bubba, Bryan's Legal Tips: Written up for sleeping again in the d of night by some morally handicapped police officer? Never fear, Bryan suggests th legal defense: the Sleeping Ban requires you to avoid sleep after night (inde to avoid setting up bedding at all times and in all places outdoors in Santa Cruz C limits). If you've hen been awake day after night, your falling asleep becomes an involuntary act and so lacks criminal intent. Try that one on th judge of their choice and let us know what happens.

### Return to Chez

#### Dumpster

The city is trying to put a lid on the seemingly bottomless soup pot of local homeless activists. County Environmental Health Department head Diane Evans and Assistant County Counsel Harry Oberhelman drew up an injunction, okayed by Judge John Mario, which restrains 12 individuals, two groups, and 200 "John Does" from preparing, serving, or inciting the serving of free food. The food distribution groups named in the injunction are San Francisco's Food Not Bombs and the local SWAP (Soup Without a Permit) Team. The injunction covers the city of Santa Cruz as well as unincorporated areas of the county.

County Public Health Officer Dr. Ira Lubell signed an affidavit which was presented with the injunction. It describes the health risks associated with "improper handling of food" and charges those named in the injunction with breaking the law.

The incidence of hepatitis in the homeless has gone up tremendously in the past two years. "Lubell said. "We would love to see these people fed in an absolutely proper manner. That can be done by having steady premises where the food is cooked — every day if the week. There's a kitchen at River Street Shelter that s

administration that homeless people would be invited to this benefit on their behalf," Weiner said.

Another Alliance member, Michele Lifton, explained that "Cowell has been tightening up with dances." A recent Cowell dance, she explained, ended with a violent altercation involving military personnel.

"Our liaison specifically went to the student activities coordinator to make sure it would be okay to invite homeless people to the dance. He pointed out how weird it would be to have a benefit for the homeless and not allow them to come," said Lifton.

According to Lifton and Weiner, the liaison said he was assured by Cowell Provost John Lynch and Student Affairs coordinator Angie Christmann that arrangements for inviting homeless people would be left to the discretion of Alliance members. However, on the night of the benefit, Provost Lynch said he had made clear earlier in the week that only students would be allowed at the dance.

Though 50 special tickets were distributed at the Town Clock daily food giveaway, only about 20 homeless people and activists actually "crashed" the dance. "The homeless who did stay, even though they were asked to leave, were very helpful in setting up and breaking down the equipment and the tables and chairs. They were acting much more responsibly than most of the student

Chief of Police Jack Bassett said of the food served at the Town Clock, "Who the hell knows what's in it!" Bassett said he was not on the scene Monday afternoon.

A police official on the scene shouted at Morse from a car: "Robert, you're a sneak—and you can quote me! You ran! Be a man!"

At Tuesday's attempted meal, a man was arrested while carrying a box of styrofoam cups filled with soup to the Town Clock. Several other people were cited for providing soup, and police confiscated hundreds of soup cups before the eyes of hungry bystanders. Still others were served TRO's at their residences. "Frankly," said one of these, "I prefer soup!"

One man who claimed to be a Town Clock "regular" looked wistfully after the disappearing soup cups and said, "I guess they want us to go back to dumpster dining...."

### Homeless-lessness

On Friday, February 10, the Student Alliance with the Homeless sponsored a benefit dance for local homeless people at Cowell College dining hall. One thing was missing, however. The homeless. ALLIANCE member Brian Weiner

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People are the only ones that get bored easily; The only ones who say "I'm tired of what you're telling me."

People are bored and being tedious, all over the entire U.S.A. They're tired of their husbands, children and wives; They get to school and lead fast lives. Some get so picky, smug, and mean, that they act like a note machine.

They brag about their functionality, and that their friends are everything; But the real truth about teddy. The more you do, the more you say, "I don't want no appreciation"; This epidemic runs the nation. Diverse, estrangement via the rules; Americans are now quite cruel, they like to split their family and take to strangers easily; Their new responsibility is, "all I care about is me!"

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The benefit, which offered three bands for a meager buck, raked in a respectable haul of canned food donations for future distribution to downtown homeless people. Weiner reported, "Once we cover the expenses of putting on the dance, we want to use five or six hundred dollars of the money that we raised to donate goods directly to the homeless people down at the Town Clock. What we'd like to do is to buy, in bulk, good blankets, wool gloves, thermal underwear, in large enough quantities to distribute down at the Town Clock. That is not illegal."

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On Monday afternoon, activist Robert Morse was chased by officer Dave Townsend into the bathroom of Founders Title Company, where Morse was served with the TRO. Earlier in the afternoon, Townsend scored double by chasing down activists Linda Edwards and Malu Pinecraone. Pinecraone, loaded with her baby carrier, stopped after a short sprint to await the huffing officer. "I wasn't going to stop," said Pinecraone, "but I broke my ankle recently."

What all the shouting is about!

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

1430 FREEDOM BOULEVARD  
WATSONVILLE, CA 95076

HEALTH PERMIT

FOR SWAP  
LOCATED AT TOWN CLOCK

NAME: SOUP W/O A PERMIT  
DBA: RIVER ST. + WATER ST.  
ADDRESS: SANTA CRUZ, CA

HEALTH OFFICER: DIANE L. EVANS, Director Environmental Health

701 OCEAN ST. RM 400  
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

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Their new responsibility is, "all I care about is me!"

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# Homeless shelter fail women, kids, S.F. panel report

## Task force finds housing 'filthy' and 'abominable'

By Dexter Filkins  
San Francisco's shelter for the homeless is considered "abominable, filthy," and The City's program is failing to meet the needs of women and children, a Board of Supervisors task force has found.

There is not enough emergency shelter for the increasing number of homeless women, and job programs are geared mainly toward men, said a report by the Homeless Women and Children Task Force released last week.

Set up by the board in 1987, the task force interviewed homeless women between November 1987 and April 1988. Its report was said to be the first effort to comprehensively focus on the special needs of homeless women and children in the City.

There were an estimated 6,000 homeless people in San Francisco in 1987, about half of them women, children and youths. "Homeless families are the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population," the report said. "Between 1986 and 1987, their number doubled in San Francisco."

"Homeless women are ignored because care providers, public officials and the public at large have so far underfunded or have ignored their needs. What the report estimates is that, and what happens to women trying to overcome a personal crisis when they find themselves in a public institution," the report said.

Women's work needs neglected, it said.

San Francisco has no system of well-integrated programs addressing basic job, the task force said, from their structure, to that not have been child development, and bro support from employers via providers.

### TELFAIR'S TALES OF TERROR

(John Telfair, aka "Mad John T." is an unflagging fighter against forced drugging, forced incarceration, and forced treatment of any kind. Those interested in contacting him or his Mental Patients Liberation Front should give a call to 426-3201.)

There have been some interesting developments taking place recently in the struggle against governmental psychiatric oppression.

A long-time anti-war, anti-nuke activist was held 10 days at the Dominican psych unit (i.e. "psych jail"). She had been suffering from some severe physical ills, which were causing her much pain. So she called 911 and was taken to the lock-up instead of the emergency room—where she'd asked to be taken. Held and drugged, she lost her writ of habeas corpus hearing on Jan 27 before Judge Black in Superior Court, was held for 14 days in confinement, and narrowly escaped an attempt to put her under temporary 30-day conservatorship, a preliminary status preceeding permanent conservatorship (i.e. "psychiatric slavery"). In that case, she would have lost, during that 30-day period, most of her basic human rights—rights which most people take so much for granted. Of course eventually she would have had the right to a hearing before a jury—this before she could be placed under permanent servitude, but even a month or two deprived of one's freedom and at the mercy of the government "psych" system is a pretty grim prospect.

Judge Black also ruled that one could not have a writ hearing during the 7.2-hour period of initial psychiatric incarceration, as she had requested at the outset of her confinement. Steven Siegel, from the Public Defender's office, represented her; and we think he did a good job in defending her rights. So we have lost a battle, but not the war. The fight for freedom will go on.

Finally, we might add, in a few weeks a case will be coming up which could possibly be precedent-setting. A woman incarcerated by the system for nine long and tortuous years, who is now languishing in Harbor Hills, is at last going to have a real chance of obtaining her freedom. If need be, this matter will go all the way to a jury of her peers. The hearings will take place in San Mateo County, as that is where she was conserved (i.e. "enslaved") from. (Editor's note: the 2nd in a series of 3 hearings which will culminate in her jury trial will take place Monday, February 27. Watch these pages for further developments.)

It is a kind of miracle that this poor soul has not become a 'vegetable', as have so many other captives of this cruel and barbaric system. Or has not died, as a result of forced over-drugging or just plain dehumanization during her long ordeal of imprisonment.

It might be noted also that like the aforementioned Dominican captive, she too has long been a human-rights activist--in her case an activist in the psychiatric inmates' rights and liberation movement before she was locked up. Who says that we don't have political prisoners in this—"the land of the free?"

--John Telfair 1/30/89

### A STATEMENT OF FACTS by Guitar Mike

(Guitar Mike is an activist, musician, and Sentinel employee whose bearded face can be daily seen around the Town Clock at souptime.)

"How does it feel, can you tell me--how does it feel to be on your own./ No direction home, a complete unknown, just like a rolling stone, like a rolling stone."

Just finishing his song, the street singer pulls out a cigarette, lights it, takes a drag, then lets it out. He looks up and down the street, then at his watch. 8:30 p.m. "Well, time to quit," he sez out loud. Then to himself, "Gotta go to work in the morning." He picks up his hat containing the change he's received for the past 3½ hours, takes a quick visual count. Breakfast, cigarettes, and, oh boy!, a bagel and coffee before bed.

Now bed is a good 25 minute walk away. It's not what you might think a bed is-- unless you're homeless. All it is, a sleeping bag and foam rubber mat, are stashed in the bushes. That's all he can afford with his present part-time job.

Before he falls to sleep, thoughts race in his mind: Are the police going to find

me tonight? Maybe not. Are the troll-busting sadists going to find me? I hope not. I haven't encountered them yet, but the stories you hear send chills up and down your spine. How can a fellow human prey upon the weak? The answer: it's easy. Because that's the whole premise of our financial system! "Take advantage of the less fortunate." Of course, that's not what they meant. But those people justify their actions that way, I suppose.

Morning comes. No cops that night. No troll-busters. But morning brings another set of problems. Is my stuff going to be here when I return from work? I know they're only material things, but I don't need the hassle of looking for more clothes or another sleeping bag or a new guitar.

He hides them as well as possible, heads off to work thinking about it all the while. Only to be interrupted by his work. Work's done. Go back to the homestead--as he calls it. Everything's o.k. Thank God.

Now to think about his self-employment. Playing the guitar on the street is not only employment, but stress therapy, for he sings songs that say something and are a reflection of our times.

And he also thinks about others and what he can do to help. He participates in a feeding of the poor at the town clock. Whatever he can do: a soothing gong; pick up the trash; give whatever money he can; or just be there. But again he is troubled. Will I be arrested for serving food or some other charges to be thought of by the policy makers of the government? Who are they? Do they know what they are doing? Are they only concerned with themselves, the power of position and privilege?

What do they think of when they go to bed? I assume they think of their own survival and preserving the things that they have. So why can't they see what it's like to be on the low end of the totem pole? Why do they do their best to make it harder for people who are?

Yes--they come up with some solutions. But why do the organizations they come up with have a profit motive in the business of making money off the poor?

(to be cont. next issue)

"Captives of Society" by Bey Ruth Olive

(Bey is another mental-health casualty fighting back. Send her your reactions to this poem via John Telfair at 426-3201)

All people power seems to be,/ Is show superiority.  
So if you're slow or sick, like me,/ You're thrown out much too easily!!

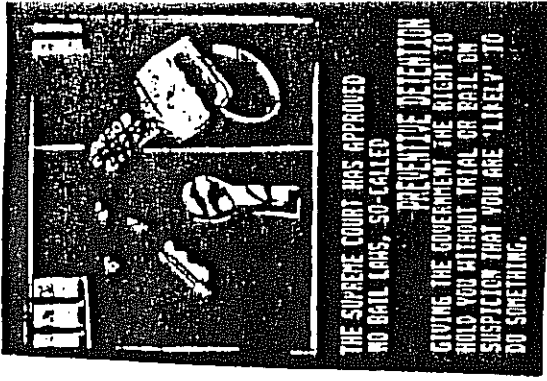
People need some new eugenics/ Especially the schizophrenics  
Casual sex/ Is too unfair:  
A genius here;/ a dummy there.  
Unfair genetic distribution/ Is sex and love's great contribution!

The purpose of a kook like me/ Is don't like 'now' society;  
It's not fun to be weak and frail,/ But bigot's social games are stale;  
And this may seem extremely funny,/ But they should send us lots of money!

Some handicapped folks/ Hold good jobs,  
And grow tired of the current mobs/ Of people who have lots of powers  
But run "dull" people down for hours/ At parties.

Yes, they are the smug, mean packs/ Who talk behind the sick folks' backs!!!

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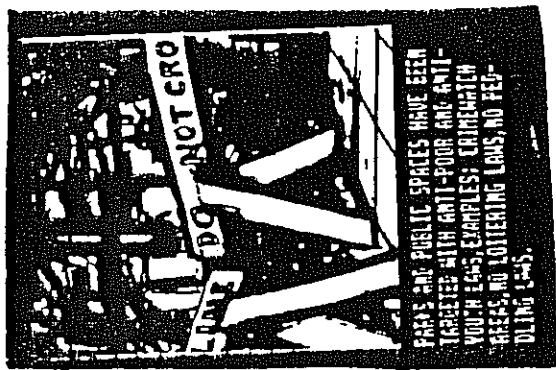


### Homeless Recall

Dear Staff,  
 Recall worker Steve Hartmann isn't the only one getting the finger Valentine's Day and every other day from City Council solons Reich and Yokoyama. Students and other citizens who believed the puff and clatter of their campaign promises last fall would do well to consider their unremitting hostility to the homeless when Hartmann's petition passes their door. Reich promised an end to ticketing sleepers; Yokoyama touted the Armory as a homeless shelter. After days of the coldest temperatures in years, with Armories open in other cities, the Armory here is still closed and the court dockets continue to swell with "camping citations." Jane and Mo—say it isn't so.

Wormhoudt's attack on panhandlers in collusion with certain downtown merchants nicely complements her "muzzle and ignore" policy at City Council meetings when it comes to homeless issues. And, not content with their January 10th tightening of the Sleeping Ban in Santa Cruz, the Mayor and her allies on the Council continue to collude with the Wormhoudt-initiated campaign to harass and close down the nightly meal for the poor at the Town Clock. Brian Staley is currently in jail for a month awaiting trial for having brought a box filled with cups of hot soup to the hungry earlier this week. Other activists face the threat of civil and criminal contempt charges under an injunction cooked up by Wormhoudt's pals over at the Health Department who seem to prefer dumpster diving over food cooked in the kitchens and restaurants of concerned Santa Cruz folks.

Hartmann's recall campaign against Wormhoudt, Reich, and Yokoyama should be supported until they come clean with their progressive constituency. They must open a genuine dialogue on homeless issues (like the Sleeping Ban, emergency shelter, police practices that target the homeless and their advocates) and reestablish the nightly meal available during December in back of the River St. mini-shelter. The particularly contemptible attack on the Town Clock meal, the only meal available without restriction to any hungry person should be cause enough to



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 letter to city  
 On A Hill  
 (2/23/89)

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### Soldiers vs. Homeless

Editor — As a visitor, but a former military officer who served in U.N. peace-keeping forces, I find it shocking that the homeless of the Bay Area are being turned into the

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## The Rise of the Homeless

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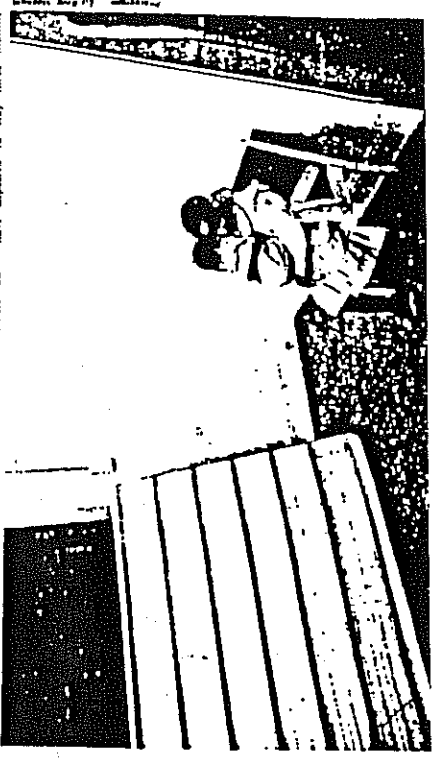
Richard and Her Children: Homeless Families in America by Jonathan Katz. (New York: Basic Books, 1988, 272 pp., \$8.95) (w/p)

The first time I went to the Marlin, the New York City welfare hotel that Katz wrote about in *Richard and Her Children: Homeless Families in America*, there was no fence around the entrance. Walking down from the tenth floor, I found a man and a woman leading into the basement to avoid the attention of the night-registered boys. I saw the bookshelves and the tables in the store at times and then walking past and hearing at gunpoint. I looked into the store, thinking well but thought, how easy it would be to fall in. I could recall being there some early one before—two hours before, in fact—when my companion, a lawyer, and I had taken the night train to visit one of her clients. The night before the 31st was quiet, and he had been around in the night, and he would have been and off. My ears the only ones that were open, and I thought I saw a man pointing a rifle. That was why, as my eyes, we had decided to take the stairs.

Richard and Her Children, the year I visited the Marlin, was a special year in the history of homeless families in New York

Back in the early 1980s, homeless families might have appeared occasionally in a construction in streets. Homeless people, by definition it seemed, were people without relations. They were solitary, displaced persons, street people, heavy on the streets, heavy on the streets. Homeless families were miniature precincts, captured in the photographs of Durkheim Large and Walter Evans and others who

Advocates for the homeless, even among them, contended that the city made these "litter" or "barren" shelters "possibly" uncomfortable to dislodge people from making further use of the emergency housing system. If that was the strategy, it failed, for the conditions in these congregate shelters were an ordeal that residents were even more apt to be placed in a welfare hotel than in a shelter. The city's administrative offices in the hotels, their employees of 125 or so, were "Temporary housing" because of their permanent housing when no title it available from the first priority system," observed a task force convened by the Manhattan Borough President's office. Families that would have expected to stay three months



U.N. peace-keeping forces, I find it shocking that the homeless of the Bay Area are being turned into the cold, at risk of their lives, so that the play soldiers of the National Guard can hold their training exercises — which are utterly meaningless compared to the alternative. Marching about, putting on uniforms and the like are silly 19th century notions which do little to improve effectiveness of troops. Surely, those exercises could have been postponed.

GUY MOREAUX  
Buenos Aires

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SF Chronicle

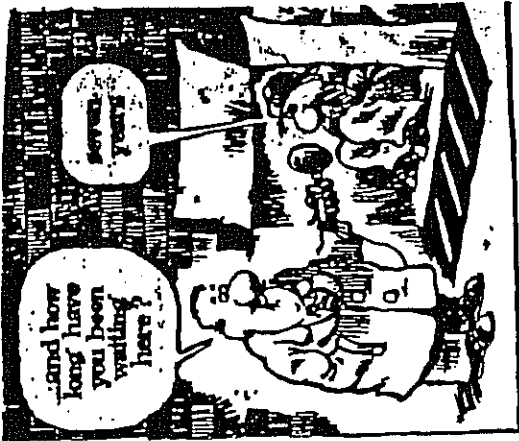


S.C. Comic News #107

In a letter to the editor, dated the end of December, New York City's most respected and widely read newspaper, the New York Times, published a 1,000 word article on homelessness that had every young, handsome, rich, well-dressed, and well-to-do man in the city looking for a date. The article was written by a young man named Tom Wolfe. It was a masterpiece of journalism, and it was a masterpiece of hypocrisy. It was a masterpiece of hypocrisy because it was written by a young man who had just been elected to the office of Mayor Koch, and it was a masterpiece of hypocrisy because it was written by a young man who had just been elected to the office of Mayor Koch.

Those students not interested in awaiting the outcome of an uncertain recall campaign, or unattracted to Hartmann's politics on other issues than homelessness might be interested in joining the Human Rights Coalition Sunday February 26 at the Town Clock for a festive demonstration and sleep-in. Call 429-1182 for details.

Sincerely,  
Robert Norse



City. That year, their number rose to 1,500 after having stood at about 1,000 through the previous decade, and the city, which had abandoned them in the 1970s, had again become a refuge for the homeless.

It was a moral statement to New York City that brought increasing numbers of homeless families to the attention of the city's politicians and the media.

Why the increase happened then, and how it was brought about, is a story that is still being told in the city. The years later found that the first families to be evicted from their homes were those who had been evicted from their homes in the 1970s. The increase happened then, and how it was brought about, is a story that is still being told in the city.

most homeless families who are in need of a place to live. The city's politicians and the media have been slow to respond to the needs of the homeless. The city's politicians and the media have been slow to respond to the needs of the homeless.

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A number of the most desperate of the homeless, a group of about 200, had been living in the streets since the city's politicians and the media have been slow to respond to the needs of the homeless.

In this, New York was not exceptional. A 1987 survey by the U.S. Conference of Mayors found that families with children in the nation's homeless population. Although the majority of homeless people in America are still individual men and women, families now account for about 34 percent of the nation's entire homeless population.

The New York Review

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(S.C. Comic News #108)





Even rolling up to 102,  
What are you doing about the heat and the bed.  
Lying down lying tell me what should we do.

Look at the homeless take a look in my eyes.  
We laugh the same tears and we have the same cries  
We deny our dead and the people still dies.  
After the rainbow we still wonder why.

Some old crazy mothers fathers and sons.  
Dead dumb and blind to the damage they've done,  
Ten million homeless people all on the run  
We're not gonna rest til the battle is won

Songster Nicki B. Wilde

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Early January reports from River St. mini-Shelter boss Grey to his superior Paul Brindel confirmed reports that homeless shelterseekers were being turned away in numbers on weekends from the satellite shelter program. Some weeks back angry demonstrators demanded opening the Armory, but were assured by the two homeless bureaucrats that the existing program was adequate. Reports reaching us this weekend indicate at least 4 turned away Sunday (February 26) and probably half a dozen Saturday (February 25). With the mini-Shelter's occupancy rate dropping to 10 for 3 months as of March 1, the situation will surely worsen unless something is done.

The immediate need is to legalize emergency shelter that the homeless themselves are able to create, and to demand that the city and county make full use of the resources the state has reluctantly released (the Armories). I.e. End the Sleeping Ban, open up an emergency campground, and open the Armory.

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(2/22/89: Town Clock)

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#### PROVISION OF SHELTER THROUGH INTERFAITH SATELLITE SHELTER PROGRAM

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The following represents the number of people taken, the number of spaces available, the number of people taken beyond capacity on some nights, and the totals in each category for the period 12-24-88 through 1-9-89.

As can be readily seen, many more spaces existed than were utilized during that period (161), a total of 8 people were taken beyond capacity, and a total of 17 people on the 7th and 8th were turned away, three of whom were turned away for being intoxicated and/or aggressively obnoxious.

DATE	#SPACES	# TAKEN	#Turned Away/ # Extra Taken or # Empty Spaces
1-9-89	55	45	10 Empty Spaces
1-8-89	45	45	10 Turn Aways
1-7-89	35	35	7 Turn Aways
1-6-89	80	50	30 Empty Spaces
1-5-89	65	49	16 Empty Spaces
1-4-89	50	49	1 Empty Spaces
1-3-89	50	43	7 Empty Spaces
1-2-89	55	48	9 Empty Spaces
1-1-89	45	48	3 Extra Taken
12-31-88	35	34	1 Empty Space
12-30-88	65	50	15 Empty Spaces
12-29-88	65	62	3 Empty Spaces
12-28-88	65	50	15 Empty Spaces
12-27-88	50	55	5 Extra Taken
12-26-88	55	50	5 Empty Spaces
12-25-88	80	51	29 Empty Spaces
12-24-88	55	35	20 Empty Spaces

On 13 of the 17 nights, we had extra spaces. On 2 of the remaining 4 nights we took extra people beyond our capacity. On the remaining 2 nights, we turned 14 people away for lack of space (unanticipated both nights... resulting from unexpected and uncommunicated changes in schedules at churches), and we turned away 2 people for being intoxicated or excessively aggressive.

*Fred Gray*  
Director, Interfaith Satellite  
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student activities coordinator to make sure it would be okay to invite homeless people to the dance. He pointed out how weird it would be to have a benefit for the homeless and not allow them to come," said Lifton.

According to Lifton and Weiner, the liaison said he was assured by Cowell Provost John Lynch and Student Affairs coordinator Angie Christmann that arrangements for inviting homeless people would be left to the discretion of Alliance members. However, on the night of the benefit, Provost Lynch said he had made clear earlier in the week that only students would be allowed at the dance.

Though 50 special tickets were distributed at the Town Clock daily food giveaway, only about 20 homeless people and activists actually "crashed" the dance. "The homeless who did stay, even though they were asked to leave, were very helpful in setting up and breaking down the equipment, and the tables and chairs. They were acting much more responsibly than most of the student guests," Weiner said.

The benefit, which offered three bands for a meager buck, raked in a respectable haul of canned food donations for future distribution to downtown homeless people. Weiner reported, "Once we cover the expenses of putting on the dance, we want to use five or six hundred dollars of the money that we raised to donate goods directly to the homeless people down at the Town Clock. What we'd like to do is to buy, in bulk, good blankets, wool gloves, thermal underwear, in large enough quantities to distribute down at the Town Clock. That is not *illegal*."

They're tired of their husbands, ~~crimes~~,  
and wives;  
They go to school and lead fast lives.  
Some get so picky, smug, and mean,  
That they act like a rote machine.

They brag about their functioning,  
and that their friends are everything;  
But the real truth about today:  
The more you do, the more you say,  
"I don't want no appreciation";  
This epidemic runs the nation.  
Divorce, estrangement are the rule;  
Americans are now quite cruel,  
They like to split their family  
and take to strangers easily.  
Their new responsibility is,  
"all I care about is me!"

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## Homeless shelters fail women, kids, S.F. panel reports

### Task force finds housing 'filthy' and 'abominable'

By Dexter Waugh  
of the Examiner Staff

San Francisco's shelters for the homeless are considered "abominable, filthy," and "The City's programs are failing to meet the needs of women and children," a Board of Supervisors' task force has found.

There is not enough emergency shelter for the increasing number of homeless women, and job programs are geared mainly toward men, said a report by the Homeless Women and Children Task Force released last week.

Set up by the board in 1987, the task force interviewed homeless women between November 1987 and April 1988. Its report was said to be the first effort to comprehensively focus on the special needs of homeless women and children in The City.

There were an estimated 8,000 homeless people in San Francisco in 1987, about half of them women, children and youths. "Homeless families are the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population," the report said. "Between 1986 and 1987, their number doubled in San Francisco."

"Homeless women are ignored because care providers, public officials and the public at large have no clear understanding of how women become homeless, what the experience is like, and what happens to women trying to overcome a personal crisis when they find themselves labeled a public nuisance," the report said.

#### Reasons for homelessness

Women told task force members they took to the streets for a variety of reasons — they lost their jobs, they were fleeing abuse in their home, they lost their savings, they were evicted, or they just couldn't make enough money to maintain a home.

Based on interviews with more than 60 homeless women, the task force said those surveyed rarely, if ever, chose to be homeless, but were forced into the situation.

The report cited the generally accepted belief that the broader causes of homelessness stemmed from the lack of affordable housing and adequately paying jobs.

Affordable housing for the low- and middle-income groups has declined — San Francisco lost 5,000 low-income housing units between 1978 and 1985 — while employment opportunities for these groups have also diminished.

Although there are 490 emergency shelter beds in The City for homeless women, children and youth, most aren't used by them. Homeless women also said they wouldn't use The City's "hot line hotel" rooms because, they said, they are "abominable, filthy, lacking in basic items such as running water and locks, and full of violence and drugs."

"The long waits to line to get a room and the deplorable conditions and lack of safety in the hotels prevented women from returning to the hotel system," it said.

#### Plight of women

The Examiner reported in December on the plight of homeless women, most of whom abuse the hotels because of fears of sexual assaults.

The task force said that hotels for families should provide adequate cooking facilities and safe areas for children to play. It said small-scale emergency shelter facilities with a home-like atmosphere, support services and 24-hour access for women alone and women with children were needed.

Women's work needs are often neglected, it said.

"San Francisco has seen a succession of well-intentioned job programs addressing homeless people," the task force said. "Missing from their structure, more often than not, have been child care, skill development, and broad-based support from employers and service providers."

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Group. If you are homeless, have been, or might be in the near future, or otherwise would like to share information, support, and friendship with other women, please come to San Lorenzo Park by the fenced in play area (mothers--bring your children) every Tuesday at 2 p.m. For further information, call Malu at 458-9367 or find her at the Town clock most days at 4."

....."Unruly Assembly" bill raises its shaggy head: Reappearing for its 2nd and Final Reading Tuesday night at City Council meeting is the questionable ordinance introduced some meetings back, then reworded and reworked. According to city attorney Rod Atchison, the law has been modified so that there would not be an automatic "unruly assembly" if the police found violations of the open container or curfew laws. (Such a finding would allow victims of these police expeditions to be billed for the officer's time, court costs, and collection costs.) However an unruly assembly determination would be automatic if there were a determination that the "amplified sound" ordinance was being violated. (Also if the police are visiting a private party or an assembly that needs a permit and find that it is "an unruly assembly.") Why increase more chances for SCPD mischief? Strike the "amplified sound" provision and think on the bill. Speak on it too. Tuesday nite.

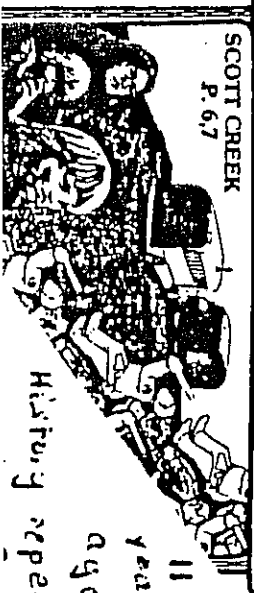
.....Controversy over Street Sheet Editor's Call to Recall: Several homeless activists have taken issue with Robespierre Robert's letter to the City on a Hill urging support for Steve Hartmann's recall effort against Mardi Wormhoudt and Jane Yokoyama. Sez Bittersweet Bert, "Hartmann backed the Larouche amendment for interning AIDS victims; on his doggone recall, count me out!" Sez Bubbah Bryan Koepke: "Mardi, maybe, but Jane? She supports people of color, speaks up on those issues." Sez jailed activist Brian Staley: "Recall Wormhoudt and Yokoyama? No way! The guys supporting that stuff are fascists!" (All quotes are indirect, inexact, and probably inaccurate. Apologies and retractions forthcoming on request.) Undeterred, Robespierre Robert still feels a second go-around with the voters might force the gruesome twosome to get a little more honest and a little more relevant on the homeless issue. Your thoughts?

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History repeats

## ARREST OF SCOTT CREEK BLUFF

by Laura Breslaw

It began last December as a hard luck story for the 11 men and women of the Scott Creek Bluff community who were arrested and had their buses, vans, and cars impounded on charges of illegal camping and trespassing. But two and one-half months later the melodrama continues, as new controversies arise, and the people's Fourth Amendment right "to be secure in their persons, papers, houses, and effects against unreasonable search and seizure" is set to be tested in court March 9. Behind the numerous issues now surfacing in this case, a highly chronology dates the struggle back to December 9 when Dick Burns, a member of the "gay camp," was arrested for trespassing on the Scott Creek Bluff property. Two weeks later...

More Arrests  
Resolved not to abandon their fight to determine the owners of the property and the location of their confiscated homes, 23 homeless campers and their supporters rallied together for another informational sit-in outside the county building two days later. Later that day, 21 protesters found themselves in the same "holding tank" they had visited earlier that week. This time the conditions were far more insufferable. Thirteen men were crowded into a 5'x11' cubicle with poor ventilation. All but two arrested victims were denied a phone call. No one was fed, and the men received blankets only during the last two hours of captivity.

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observed by supporters Calamity Jane, Free-Heart Fran, Bittersweet Bert, and others parked outside the jail. 3 were willing to sign their tickets and avoid the lock-up; 23 were not. Kim the Sparrow, barred from the mall on a trumped-up charge of having assaulted two officers twice her size, was seized on a warrant.

Still the prisoners sang--old songs, no longer fashionable in a time of fear and apathy, but a promise of things to come: "WE SHALL OVERCOME," "All we are saying is give sleep a chance," and other spirituals, sung by earlier fighters for human rights in other eras. When the dawn came, 19 people refused to sign their tickets or to accept release on their own recognizance. 19 men and women demanded that the city look to its looney "lock up the homeless" law. 19 gave notice that they were foregoing their own liberty and comfort so that other cold lonely souls might sleep in the nights ahead unmolested. The 19 were also--many of them--refusing to give names other than "John" or "Jane Doe." Due in Muni Court tomorrow at 8:30 a.m., this mixed coalition of vulnerable homeless citizens and angered college students was a new warning to the cynical and the indifferent that the right to sleep was not to be denied without a fight.

Folks interested in supporting those in jail or obtaining more information should call Jane at 429-9801, or Sandy at 462-9219. Inquiries to the City Council as to why they continue to support this cruel law can be made at 429-3550. You may also speak your piece at Oral Communications Tuesday night 7:30 p.m. Feb 22 at City Hall when the Gang of 7 (City Council) meets yet again.

ENDNOTES.....

.....Another Mother for Homeless Rights Heard From: "Homeless Women's Support Group. If you are homeless, have been, or might be in the near future, or otherwise would like to share information, support, and friendship with other women, please come to San Lorenzo Park by the fenced in play area (mothers--bring your children) every Tuesday at 2 p.m. For further information, call Malu at 458-9367 or find her at the Town clock most days at 4."

....."Unruly Assembly" bill raises its shaggy head: Reappearing for its 2nd and Final Reading Tuesday night at City Council meeting is the questionable ordinance introduced some meetings back, then reworded and reworked. According to city attorney Rod Atchison, the law has been modified so that there would not be an automatic "unruly assembly" if the police found violations of the open container or curfew laws. (Such a finding would allow victims of these police expeditions to be billed for the officer's time, court costs, and collection costs.) However an unruly assembly determination would be automatic if there were a determination that the "amplified sound" ordinance was being violated. (Also if the police are visiting a private party or an assembly that needs a permit and find that it is "an unruly assembly.") Why increase more chances for SCPD mischief? Strike the "amplified sound" provision and think on the bill. Speak on it too. Tuesday nite.

.....Controversy over Street Sheet Editor's Call to Recall: Several homeless activists have taken issue with Robespierre Robert's letter to the City on a Hill urging support for Steve Hartmann's recall effort against Mardi Wormhoudt and Jane Yokoyama. Sez Bittersweet Bert, "Hartmann backed the Larouche amendment for interning AIDS victims; on his doggone recall, count me out!" Sez Bubbah Bryan Koepke: "Mardi, maybe, but Jane? She supports people of color, speaks up on those issues." Sez jailed activist Brian Staley: "Recall Wormhoudt and Yokoyama? No way! The guys supporting that stuff are fascists!" (All quotes are indirect, inexact, and probably inaccurate. Apologies and retractions forthcoming on request.) Undeterred, Robespierre Robert still feels a second go-around with the voters might force the gruesome twosome to get a little more honest and a little more relevant on the homeless issue. Your thoughts?

# City on a Hill



## ARREST OF SCOTT CREEK BLUFF

by Laura Breslaw  
It began last December as a hard luck story for the 11 men and women of the Scott Creek Bluff community who were arrested and had their buses, vans, and cars impounded on charges of illegal camping and trespassing. But two and one-half months later the melodrama continues, as new controversies arise, and the peoples' Fourth Amendment right "to be secure in their persons, papers, houses, and effects against unreasonable search and seizure" is set to be tested in court March 9.  
Behind the numerous issues now surfacing in this case, a lengthy chronology dates the struggle back to December 9 when Dick Burns, a member of the "avoyv camp," was arrested for

**More Arrests**  
Resolved not to abandon their fight to determine the owners of the property and the location of their confiscated homes, 23 homeless campers and their supporters rallied together for another informational sit-in outside the county building two days later. Later that day, 21 protesters found themselves in the same "holding tank" they had visited earlier that week. This time the conditions were far more insufferable.  
Thirteen men were crowded into a 5'x11' cubicle with poor ventilation. All but two arrested victims were denied a phone call. No one was fed, and the men received blankets only during the last two hours of captivity.

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DEMONSTRATORS MEET THE JUDGE; 14 ARRAIGNED IN ATACK'S COURT;

D.A., CITY COUNSEL DEMAND \$1000 FINE FOR SLEEPING OUTSIDE; COURT DOESN'T BITE

In a frenzied reaction to homeless advocate Raucous Rocky Stone's delay in removing his political button-covered cap, Judge Robert Atack ordered the tall protester bodily removed from Dept. E this morning. As the bailiff over-forcefully attempted to shove Rocky through an unaccommodating doorframe, others in the small jailhouse courtroom began to shout, "police brutality!" "For some, the experience of deliberate and systematic police abuse was still fresh in their minds from Sunday night," explained Calamity Jane Imler--who was one of the many ordered from the court when Judge Atack then lost his temper and told sheriff's deputies to clear the courtroom.

After being ejected subsequently from the jail lobby itself, spectators were finally allowed to return to Atack's domain to witness the pleas of 6 men and 8 women--nearly all of them UCSC students--being held in custody for sleeping out at the Town Clock Sunday night in solidarity with homeless campers. All of the women pleaded "Not Guilty," their trial date set for 10 a.m. in Judge Kelly's Dept. C. on March 31. The men, who had been separated from activist Brian Staley and not contacted student organizers outside, pleaded mostly "No Contest,"--meaning they did not contest their guilt. They were immediately sentenced to "time served" which the Judge described as being "three days." Actually, the men had been in less than 36 hours since their midnight arrest, but prosecutors were demanding \$1000 fines for those found guilty or admitting guilt, and perhaps Judge Atack was attempting to credit the prisoners with as much time as possible in order to pacify the Sleepbusters.

13 more were due to be arraigned separately at varying dates in the days ahead, but with the jail computer again "down," organizers had no information on this at the present time. Also in the wings waiting for those practicing repeated Civil Disobedience to assure the right to sleep for all: the threat of immediate revocation of "O.R." and return to jail for folks currently awaiting trial on other charges. Friday March 3, Judge Kelly would decide if this latest turn of the screw on homeless and their advocates would receive judicial sanction. (Demonstrators are usually released on their own recognizance (O.R.) if they sign a paper promising to appear in court for arraignment and to obey all laws; the D.A.'s office is now claiming that participation in continued civil disobedience is a violation of the promise to obey all laws, even though no such violations have been proven in court.)

In other news, Bathrobespierre Robert, still facing D.A. harassment for using his own rather than his family name, got a continuance on his jury trial, originally a scheduled for February 27 to May 4. SCPD officials had so far declined to produce documents ordered handed over by the Court that would tend to show a political motive in the prosecution of Robert. Judge and defense counsel, Grinning Ray Grueneich, were reportedly both hoping that a spring thaw would wash away the spurious charges and possibly allow for a broader political settlement on the Sleeping Ban generally.

CALVALCADE OF COURTS

#####March 2 Superior Court Judge Marlo holds an 8:30 a.m. hearing on whether the Temporary Restraining Order becomes an Injunction. This monstrosity bars Calamity Jane, "Slkshoes Sandy", Soupshaman Malu, and 17 others (so far) from sharing and/or preparing food for others within the city and unincorporated county.

#####March 9 Misdemeanor soup ticket arraignments for Calamity Jane, Robeespierre Robert, and others at 10 a.m.

#####March 9 Trespass<sup>pre-</sup> trial for 6 of the Annex 8, who occupied the Annex to the River St. mini-Shelter in order to demand its opening New Year's Eve. 10 a.m.

#####March 16 Pre-trial for trespass at the City Council Meeting when Naval Ned, Robert, and Free-heart Fran sat in to protest the continued enforcement of the Sleeping Ban, the failure of the city to provide emergency shelter, and the lack of any forum to discuss the issue.

#####March 20 Jury trial for Edwardian Ed Teal and 3 others accused of "disrupting a legal assembly" for speaking at City Council last November. 10 a.m.



Backyard Brian

# STREET SHIT SHEET

Bittersweet Bert



Frecheart Fran

"Thou hast been called, O sleep! the friend of woe,  
But 'tis the happy who have called thee so."  
--Robert Southey

## OCEAN ST. DENNY'S OFFERS MORE HUMANE LATE-NIGHT SERVICE POLICY HUNGERSTRIKER STALEY TO STAY IN JAIL UNTIL D.A. DROPS HARASSMENT "TRESPASS" CHARGES

5 of the 6 arrested Tuesday night defending the right of street people and homeless to routine treatment in Denny's were released on their own recognizance by Thursday evening. Barbara Hagelund, whose ~~Tuesday evening cup of coffee at Denny's~~ was rudely interrupted by manager Eric Dorner and five uniformed SCPD Sleepbusters, regained her freedom <sup>around 10 p.m.</sup> after another of many jailhouse snafus. Robespierre Robert, Sardonic Sue, and Linda the Lark had been released early Wednesday morning after O.R.-ing out with a promise to appear in court for pre-trial hearing March 28 at 10 a.m. on misdemeanor trespass charges that could jail them for 6 months and cost them \$1000 apiece.

Calamity Jane, Blackbird Barbara, and Backyard Brian declined to sign O.R. papers, and began hunger fasts in protest of the Denny's policy of ousting shabbily dressed customers--even into the pouring rain. Not to be outdone by manager Eric's feat of turning a simple order for coffee into a major police incident, D.A. Ally Whitman demanded \$20,000 bail for the release of Calamity Jane Imler when she appeared in court dressed in crimson prison p.j.s Thursday morning. Imler's attorney Paul Meltzer attacked the D.A.'s motion as absurd, and Imler was eventually released O.R. with no bail later that afternoon. In court, Imler revealed that the infirmiry had refused to allow her physician-prescribed Vitamin C, essential for her health since she has only one functioning kidney, and had suggested she "sign the papers and get out" or suffer the medical consequences. A similar refusal to allow Hagelund her phenobarbital medication resulted in Barbara's having a seizure in jail and collapsing. (At presstime she was reported in good health.)

Muni Judge Kelly remanded Backyard Brian Staley to jail again after the activist refused on Friday to sign O.R. papers (which included the stipulation he "obey all laws.") Brian reportedly felt that to do so would be to cooperate in an attack on his civil liberties and on the right of homeless people to fair and equal treatment in local restaurants. He said in court that he felt he was innocent and to sign the document presented him would be to acknowledge criminality. Kelly added a clause to the O.R., stating that the prisoner was not admitting guilt, but Brian declined his signature, though agreed to appear in court for arraignment and trial.

Staley had previously had a similar dispute with court and sheriff's deputies over his February arrest for carrying a carton of cups filled with soup over to the Town Clock. On that occasion, he was jailed for 10 days, fasted during that period, and was finally released by the jail without an O.R. signature. (Staley too noted unusual medical procedures in jail--he claims they denied him bronchitis medication for 3 days.) In the wake of continued D.A. harassment prosecutions of S.W.A.P. (Soup Without A Permit) servings, Slyshoes Sandy, Calamity Jane, and Robespierre Robert also declined to sign formal O.R. papers in early March, but Kelly, convinced they would appear in court and aware the legality of the nightly homeless meal was still in dispute, accepted their oral assurance. Since then, his attitude seems to have hardened. (The delayed Superior Court hearing on the County of Santa Cruz v. S.W.A.P. comes up 8 a.m. on March 15; the Health Dept. no longer alleges that the threadbare soup servers are "a public nuisance," just that they have no permit. [Where are your papers?!"])

HUFFF (Humans Uniked For Friendship and Freedom) activists and other interested folks met with Denny's District Manager Richy twice last week in hopes of resolving differences without court or publicity. Richy agreed to more closely supervise the activities of his nighttime staff, to afford homeless folks the same courtesies and service given to more affluent customers, and to ask the D.A. to drop charges against the 6 arrested Tuesday night. Hagelund, charged with panhandling, using the restroom



to wash her hair, and an unscheduled epileptic seizure, agreed to a deal: she would not enter Denny's for 90 days and then be admitted without prejudice. A hastily-called HUFFF meeting Friday night tentatively ratified this agreement, though Calamity Jane expressed reservations and a desire to meet with the management separately before surrendering her option to picket, sue, and/or sit in again. Backyard Brian, calling from jail, expressed enthusiasm at Denny's offer, but decided to continue his fast in jail until the D.A. actually dropped the charges against him and his fellows.

Reports from Denny's nightowls Friday and Saturday night were mixed. Apodictic Adam reported Saturday that he and 3 friends had been evicted from a fairly empty Denny's near dawn that day, though all 4 of them were drinking coffee. Fran and her group of observers were given courteous treatment the same night and heard no tales of unjust eviction. Robespierre Robert's dawn raid on Denny's today netted no sure news of management hankypanky, though a visiting trio from Cupertino did observe one man being told to leave earlier. HUFFF will be meeting at 5:345 this afternoon to consider whether Denny's has changed its stripes and urges anybody with information or an interest in the subject to attend. (Cavalry Episcopal Church at Front and Center Sts.--the "Red Church.")

Folks not able to meet but with tales of discrimination at local restaurants, grocery stores, etc. should give a call to Robespierre Robert at 458-9648. Try to note down details such as time, place, witnesses, who did what, and why it all happened. Homeless folks and their sympathizers should also be advised that Denny's may indeed be moderating its "dump the homeless" policies; late-night coffee drinkers might consider staggering their time between Denny's and other places to show willingness to meet the nervous management halfway. (Still under discussion with Denny's--what to do about backpacks and dogs. Stay tuned.)

COUNCILMEMBER LANE FIELDS QUESTIONS FROM HUFFF MEETING IN DEBATE OVER RECALL DECISION ON WHETHER TO INCLUDE LANE IN RECALL EFFORT TO BE MADE TONIGHT

Late but unruffled, Councilman Don Lane kept his date with HUFFF members Tuesday evening and entered into a free-wheeling dialoggue with the dozen or so folks present over homeless policies, past and proposed. Filming some of the discussion were KRUIZ cameramen in a segment to be aired tonight and tomorrow night on cable tv. Lane had been included as a target for unseating when HUFFF had previously voted to support Steve Hartmann's "recall the progressives" petitioning drive in a prior meeting. HUFFF had voted at that time to support the recall effort unless and until Gang of 7 (Council) members Wormhoudt, Yokoyama, and Lane took concrete steps to (1) end the city's Sleeping Ban, (2) secure emergency shelter by opening the Armory, and (3) move to end prosecution of the SWAP Team and set up an alternate meal.

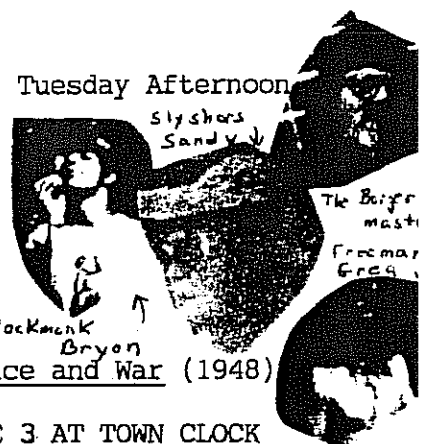
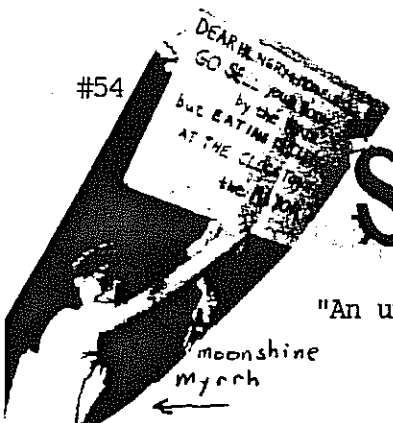
Lane explained that the recall would involve two simultaneous ballots: one asking whether he, Yokoyama, and Wormhoudt would be recalled, the second listing candidates to take their place in the event that any of the 3 were recalled. Such a set-up<sup>1/2</sup> would allow opponents of the Sleeping Ban to place a "real" progressive candidate on the ballot (or 3 of them) rather than the current Sleepbusting majority that runs City Hall. Lane reminded activists that he had always had an "open door" <sup>policy</sup> faithfully returned calls, had a genuine interest in the homeless question (he said it was one of two issues he was committed to: <sup>as</sup> his first priorities, the other being economic development.) Moreover, he agreed to work with homeless folks in screening applicants for the currently vacant council seat of Mo Reich and to let his office serve as a clearinghouse for homeless proposals. He declined to agree to lobby progressive organizations on behalf of ending the Sleeping Ban, stating that he had his own way of proceeding. He did suggest he would discuss upcoming agenda items with homeless activists before each Gang of 7 gettogether and possibly try to provide some response to homeless speakers during Oral Communications.

Those urging that Lane be separated from HUFFF's support for the recall effort (and possibly Lord Laird substitute in his stead) included Linda Lemaster (who spoke similarly for Wormhoudt and Yokoyama), Bubbah Bryan Koepke (who favors ousting Wormhoudt but not Yokoyama and Lane), and others. Bring your views and votes tonight.

# STREET SHIT SHEET

"An unjust law is itself a species of violence. Arrest for its breach is more so."

---Mohandas K. Gandhi, Non-Violence in Peace and War (1948)



## RETURN OF THE BLUE-BELLIED FOODSNATCHERS: TIGHT-LIPPED SCPDs SEIZE 3 AT TOWN CLOCK SWAP TEAM FOODSERVERS RESPOND TO FIRST INJUNCTION ARRESTS WITH MARCH ON D.A.'s OFFICE

Though local cable channel newscaster Lisa Burkhardt had predicted a lull in police harassment of the nightly SWAP (Soup Without A Permit) meal at the Town Clock just last Sunday on Santa Cruz Reports, beefy Santa Cruz police took time out from their work on 4 murder cases to protect the dietary demands of the hungry folks lining up to be fed on Monday afternoon. Before Slyshoes Sandy Loranger had ladled her 8th cup of soup, motorcycle bull O'Connor planted his bulk before her and commanded her to stop the feeding. Protecting the food with her small but furious body, Slyshoes demanded of the armed behemoth, "where's your warrant?" Backpedaling, the human hungerhelper grunted that further criminal ladling would have to wait until the arrival of his "super visor."

~~Still blinking from their release from the prison infirmary~~ last week, Calamity Jane Imler and Blackbird Barbara Haglund reportedly palmed boxes of food off to a crowd of supporters before Barbara was seized, battered, and handcuffed. (She reported visible bruises on her in a phone call from the holding cell at County Jail last night.) Next to be captured was Sandy, whose right foot was showered with hot soup--whether at the hands of a righteous officer or a food-crazed passerby is still in doubt--and her repeated request to be told the charges against her met only stony silence. (Later she was informed that she and Barbara were charged with both unlawful distribution of food (a violation of the infamous State Health and Safety Code §27551) and violation of a temporary restraining order.)

The TRO will surface again in Superior Court tomorrow morning at 8:30 when Judge Stevens will decide whether to grant a preliminary injunction to Health Dept. Honchess Diane Evans and County Gungsel Harry Oberhelman III in their 3-month old effort to stamp out the SWAP Team. With more than 20 individuals having felt the clammy jaws and smelt the fetid breath of the monstrous Injunctabeast (created by crazed Superior Court Judge Marlo on Feb. 10), the Town Clock meal has been under official county interdict as one after another of the fearless chefs was served with the slimy papers of the far-ranging beast (aka the TRO). But up to yesterday only Backyard Brian Staley had actually been clapped in irons for "criminal food-serving." (Staley, who refused to sign any papers because he regarded the whole episode as a shameful charade, was held in jail 11 days and released with 27551 charges pending; he was rearrested a week ago while supporting a homeless woman's right to fair treatment at Denny's and remains in jail as of this writing.)

In addition to Barbara and Sandy, Injunctabeast piglets seized Warmwahl William for "interfering with an officer," by seeking to escape with a box of food before it could be seized and deposited in a locked distant dumpster... The charges against the two women carry \$2000 fines and 1 year in jail maximum, that against William, half of that. Blackbird and Slyshoes, reached in their holding cell, confirmed that they were on hunger strike, in solidarity with the hungry outside.

An impromptu march on the D.A.'s office organized by Calamity Jane and Robespierre Robert shortly after the city-funded food fight netted an interview with Grand Inquisitor Art Danner, who patiently heard out the demonstrators, but declined to reduce prosecutorial pressure against the homeless advocates (see story following). At press-time today, SWAP Team survivors were reportedly planning to continue the nightly meal, and urged sympathizers and circus fans to get front-row seats each day at 4 p.m. for the "only in Santa Cruz" spectacle of a "progressive" police force violently tearing food away from hungry people. The overseers of these costumed and armed clowns--the

Gang of 7 (aka City Council)--meets tonight at City Hall in yet another of its fabled "ignore the homeless" gettogethers at 7:30 p.m. Some of the public may have a chance to speak during the Oral Communications period from 7:30 to 8:30. Bring thoughts, feelings, and hearing aids for the Gang to waken them from their self-satisfied slumber.

D.A. HIGHERUPS REJECT DENNY'S PLEA THAT SPURIOUS "TRESPASS" CHARGES BE DROPPED  
GENTLE TROUBLESTERS LEAVE HOMELESS DEMONSTRATOR TO ROT IN JAIL ON 7TH DAY OF FAST

Written appeals, personal visits, and on-site demonstrations were insufficient to move D.A. Art Danner to drop trespass charges against Brian Staley and 5 others arrested at Denny's Tuesday March 7. Denny's District Manager Tim Richy's signed agreement to drop charges against the 6 was dismissed the next day by D.A. underling Gary Fry with the comment that "those violating the law must be prosecuted, regardless of the rightness or wrongness of their cause." Staley, now in the 7th day of a hunger fast that included a complete abstinence from any food or water, had declared he would not resume eating or drinking until all charges had been dropped.

Yesterday, Richy had met with Robespierre Robert and signed a statement agreeing to drop all charges <sup>and</sup> allow <sup>also okayed</sup> homeless woman Barbara Haglund back into Denny's after a 90 day cooling-off period; He humanizing the previous "no homeless here" policy at Denny's that had been the subject of continued complaints from nighttime homeless customers, particularly those with backpacks. Richy promised to keep a closer eye on arbitrary evictions, though he confirmed that the management has not yet adopted a clear policy on backpacks and dogs and would still reserve the right to oust folks whose behavior frightens the customers or alarms the horses. He agreed to keep a specific log of any such incidents, so that there would be a clear record of the reasons for any expulsions. Should you be told to leave, ask why and ask to leave a written statement of your position on the matter for the management to consider later.

Concerned with forestalling unfavorable publicity against Denny's as well as correcting injustices against the homeless by overeager counter-bosses, Richy spoke at length with Fry yesterday, but came away empty-handed. Demonstrators acknowledged, however, that Denny's had gone half-way to redress the grievances raised, and deleted that restaurant from yesterday's march route (targeting only the D.A.'s office). Folks interested in encouraging the county to shift its attention from homeless activists back to murderers and rapists are urged to call the D.A.'s office at 425-2071 and ask them to drop charges against the Denny's 6. After all, if it was Denny's that made the complaint and Denny's that resolved it, surely the good prosecutors have better things to do than empanel juries to rule on issues already settled.

SATELLITE SHELTER PROGRAM SPILLING OUT LEFT-BEHINDS AS BOSSES COOK BOOKS  
FREEHART FRAN'S LATE NITE PICKUP PROGRAM NEARS BURNOUT AS GRAY NIXES EXTENSION

Responding to homeless demonstrations some weeks ago that the nightly Interfaith Satellite Shelter program was leaving behind homeless people to the tender mercies of the ongoing 11 p.m. Sleeping Ban, Fred Gray and Paul Brindel agreed to seek out additional transportation, mats, and blankets for the existing 50-70 bed program. Their refusal to open the 100-150 bed Armory, however, provoked anger and skepticism from folks monitoring the program. One of the complaints was that the 6 p.m. pickup time at the UPS yard precluded participants from any involvement in City Council meetings, homeless gettogethers, or after-5 jobs. To remedy this, Freehart Fran Rizzo agreed to pick up homeless folks nightly at the Cafezinho and transport them to a church for shelter.

Fueled by Fran's generosity and dwindling financial resources, her sturdy camper ferried 3-15 people nightly for the last two weeks. On at least five of those nights, Fran had folks in excess of 7 and relayed that information to program boss Gray. Gray and Brindel had previously demanded evidence that folks were being turned away from the UPS line, claiming that there was no need for the Armory. Fran presented that evidence--the folks who showed up nightly at the Zinho (some of whom were from the earlier satellite line--having been told there that there was no room and they should go with Fran later). Gray replied that the maximum number of folks that could be accommodated per night in the late pickup (which Gray refused to finance or run) would be 7, presenting clear proof that he is prepared to see some folks go without shelter nightly rather than take additional action. What, me worry?



# STREET SHIT SHEET



"Patience, n. A minor form of despair, disguised as a virtue."  
 —Ambrose Bierce, The Devil's Dictionary (1881-1911)

## POLICE CIRCUS SLOWS TRAFFIC, INCITES NEAR RIOT AT TOWN CLOCK AS GUMSHOES GRAB GUMBO ROVING FOODSNATCHER SQUADS ARREST 4 IN 1 1/2 HOUR STATE-OF SIEGE IN DOWNTOWN SANTA CRUZ

Unwilling to await ~~Victory~~ Superior Court ruling on whether the hideous Injunctabeast (the ill-conceived Temporary Restraining Order) and its foul progeny should be put to death or made master of the county, <sup>Tuesday, 3/27/89</sup> A SCPD Troopers backed up by PSI guards staged their biggest show since the infamous January 3 Stormtroopers On Parade calvalcade. In that earlier melee, robocops in full riot gear with body-length shields and drawn batons surrounded table after table of food and removed it for destruction, while arresting 8 foodservers and onlookers on charges of violating the state health code, by serving food without a permit.

On Tuesday afternoon as the Town Clock struck 4, no less than 4 squad cars and 8 officers were lounging nearby awaiting the arrival of food to steal under color of law. Roaming the streets in unmarked cars were the local heads of the bullyboy troupe—Lt. Larsen and Deputy Chief Belcher; the first boxes of food came in under ragamuffin cover 20 minutes later, one of them seized by an eager beaver officer. Upon learning that his meal had been taken and dumped, Moonshine Murphy added his curses to those of others in the crowd, whose patience with official food thieves was at an end. Peppery outbursts from adolescent agitators mingled with cries of rage from normally taciturn oldtimers.

For the first time, police gained on-site fans: a pair of older women offered to gather "supporters from the neighborhoods" to help beleaguered bluecoats counter the sinister "bread for bums" conspiracy. Raising high an "Arrest Hunger not Food" sign to passing cars, Warmwaly William fielded epithets from two beer-bellied barhoppers who emerged periodically from Bei's gin mill to voice their inebriated views. (Note: William's soupduty surname comes from his refusal to walk to a squad car Feb. 25: night of the MegaSleep In wh Sgt. St. Onge and his kinky cronies used pain-stabbing "come along" holds to force those who had gone limp to walk to their captivity—brief curbside torture to elicit obedience. William, however, shook the clock with his screams of anguish, but refused to rise to his feet, his huge fram requiring the attention of 3 or 4 sturdy officers. Hence "Warmwaly"—"warm lusty cries of exclamation, usually grief"—for William's sobriquet, earned in non-violent combat with city-sanctioned injustice.

Nabbed bringing in a box of beans 'n rice in cups was Blackmonk Bryan Weiner, organizer of the Feb. 26 event and UCSC scholar, whose lengthy thesis on the River St. mini-Shelter is nearly finished after a year of research and intern work at the shelter. Blackmonk was roughly grabbed, handcuffed in pincer fashion that left visible cuts on his wrists, and treated to a five-minute diatribe by a sheriff's deputy at the jail for wasting his time "feeding bums" and taking up jail space. Sharpeyed bagelbuster Bunche, spotted Soupshaman Malu unloading criminal cups from her backpack and moved in to counter the threat; not content with his game, Bunche then went out into Pacific Ave. to tackle Danton David, who, furious with Bunche's interference in the homeless feeding, had aimed a spitball at the haughty officer which fell short. The scuffle set off a new round of rage from the crowd; cries of "\$3000 for each arrest, but not a penny for food," filled the plaza. Top gun Belcher threatened curbside shyster Grinning Ray Grueneich with a declaration of an illegal assembly and a police sweep if he didn't "take control" of the situation. Grueneich countered by advising the crowd that they should be aware of police intentions and make their own decisions, but as the minutes passed it became clear that there was no "illegal assembly" just a crowd of 50 enraged but nonviolent citizens whose food had been stolen by stocky creeps with guns and whose only recourse was verbal anger.

By 6 p.m. the SWAP (Soup Without A Permit) Team had outwaited the dwindling number of officers. Warmwaly William had been served (faultily it came out later) with the infamous Injunctabeast excretia, the TRO (Temporary Restraining Order). Most everyone had been fed, from small food shipments smuggled past the police picket line. And the city had expended another sum in the thousands for "police protection" against the dumpster-dodging wiles of the "feed 'em at any cost" SWAP Team.

COURT GRANTS PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AGAINST TOWN CLOCK MEAL: NEW TRO LAUNCHED  
"PLAY IT SAFE" DECISION OKS DUMPSTER FOODSHARING, PROMPTS CREATION OF "SLOP"

Coming down predictably on the side of authorities intent on smashing the SWAP (Soup Without A Permit) Team's 4 p.m. supper, Superior Court Judge Stevens ruled Wednesday morning that the group was indeed a "food facility" within the meaning of State Health and Safety Code §27551. As such, its food servers were required to have a permit from the county Health-and-Hunger Dept. Outlaw chefs had been doling out hot food without one since January 3 when the city-sanctioned but federally-funded meal back of the River St. mini-Shelter had abruptly ended.

Preliminary discussions led underground cooks to several conclusions. (1) The requirement of a certified (i.e. institutional) kitchen would be difficult if not impossible to attain. If met, the centralized facility would make cumbersome and unworkable the nightly provision of food from private kitchens. Parents preparing food would need to find childcare and transportation to cook food away from their own homes. (2) The San Francisco-based free-food group Food not Bombs has been serving more elaborate meals than SWAP's for 9 months and to a larger clientele (though only 5 days per week). They have operated through the entire period without a permit, though they have sought earnestly to get one. Their efforts, according to one of the organization's chief activists, Keith McHenry, entangled them in an application process that was used as a bait and a labyrinth. The organization became enmeshed in time-consuming and fruitless attempts to meet layer upon layer of additional Health Dept. regulations, less concerned with protecting the health of the homeless than in cutting off their food altogether. (3) Both in San Francisco and here in Santa Cruz, the demand for a "health permit" was sparked by political pressure from conservative groups hostile to homeless people. Up North it was the Cole Valley Improvement Association that sought to drive Food not Bombs out of Golden Gate Park at Haight and Stanyan Streets because their meals "attracted the riffraff." In downtown Santa Cruz, Mayor Mardi Wormhoudt called out the local stormtroopers two days after Thanksgiving to drive the SWAP Team's food operation out and away from the Town Clock to pander to the holiday fears of edgy merchants who worried about a drop in their Xmas-time profits.

Both SWAP and FnB have sought to work with their respective Health Departments agreeing to meet any legitimate concerns about food preparation and distribution (the wearing of gloves, the washing of hands, the need for individual containers, the importance of avoiding foods that spoil quickly, etc.). No complaints have been aired in either city of any kind of sickness stemming from any of their meals. Authorities here and there are uncomfortable with the free-wheeling clientele they attract, the outspoken and frequently scruffy appearance and demeanor of the people there, and the locally radical causes both groups espouse. "Liberal" S.F. Mayor Art Agnos and "progressive" mayor Mardi Wormhoudt feel much more at ease championing rights for El Salvadorans and Nicaraguans 3000 miles away than in listening to the needs of their own homeless 5 blocks from City Hall.

After agreeing to allow Street Sheet reporter Robespierre Robert to tape record the proceedings (a right denied him in the recent trial of the City Hall 6 before Judge Watt), Stevens encouraged SWAP and its ponytailed lawyer Grinning Ray Greuneich by agreeing that all Temporary Restraining Orders (TROs) served after February 15 were invalid. That meant that Slyshoes Sandy and Calamity Jane, among others, were free to continue their subterranean soupmaking and serving until given proper legal service. (The two women had previously burned their legal papers publicly at the Town Clock when officious constables finally tracked them down in late February.)

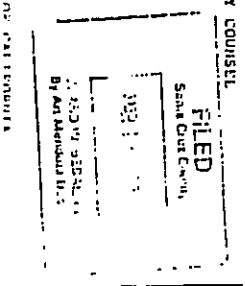
In the hour that followed, however, Stevens upheld County Gonsel Oberhelman and Health Dept. Queen Bee Diane Evans on the narrow grounds that the SWAP operation was "a food facility," was a non-profit association not a cooperative, was "open for business," and did require a permit from the County. He did not find that SWAP was a health hazard, a public nuisance, or an unsanitary operation. The Preliminary Injunction issued later that day specified that food operations could continue if meals were prepared in a certified kitchen (such as those donated from restaurants would be).

It allowed organizers to continue to encourage people to attend and support the afternoon meal. And, most important to some, it excluded from its penalties those forming a cooperative arrangement where members only were served. Amused observers

noted that this interpretation allowed and even encouraged poor folks to bring food of their own, possibly taken from dumpsters, to share in "cooperative arrangements" so that folks trying to give away clean healthful food prepared in their own kitchens could do so without being arrested. Thus, if everyone brought food, the food-sharing would magically become legal. (At presstime police at the Town Clock were apparently pursuing a policy of arresting everyone seen ~~delivered anything edible~~, even items that came from legal food facilities and certified kitchens, but police are not acting within the strict terms of the injunction.)

Law-loving humanitarians not named in the previous Temporary Restraining Order (which covered SWAP and many of its people) announced the formation of SIOP (Soup Lovers Outdoor Potlucks) to be able to carry on food-sharing and stay within the terms of the Injunction. At presstime, the organization had not announced its first potluck (at which folks would have to bring their own food and share it), but ~~was~~ waiting in the wings. If unremitting police pressure or exhaustion claimed SWAP militants—who continued to serve their nightly meal at the Town Clock at 4 p.m.—a second gang of merry generous gourmets would arise to take over the trail earlier pioneers had blazed.

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1 trial in this action, that defendants LINDA LEE EDWARDS; ROBERT  
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4 HURRAY STONE; PAUL STAPLETON; ORAH HOPEI; EDWARD VALKENBERG;  
5 DOROTHY GRANADA; NANCY SPARKING; TIMOTHY HACHAOURIANI; BRIAN  
6 STALEY; JIM SATERFIELD; BARBARA HADLUND and JEFF PALMER, and each  
7 of them, and their agents, servants, employees and  
8 representatives, and all persons acting under, in concert with or  
9 in aid of them, are enjoined, either: (A) individually and/or (B) ...

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**Agnes Signs Law Curbing Vendors**  
Mayor Art Agnos signed legislation yesterday aimed at controlling street vendors while protecting their constitutional rights.  
The ordinance requires vendors to carry certificates of registration and nontransferable identification cards.  
Complaints from local merchants and street artists, particularly in the Fisherman's Wharf





# Court expands cities' liability

## for rights violations

New York Times

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that a city can be held liable for some injuries that result from its failure to train police officers or other employees adequately to handle foreseeable problems.

The unanimous ruling was a significant, if carefully circumscribed, expansion of municipal liability under one of the most frequently invoked federal civil rights laws, the Civil Rights Act of 1871.

As the Supreme Court has interpreted that law, individuals can sue cities for damages when a municipal "policy or custom" results in a violation of constitutional rights.

### Struggling

For the past decade, lower federal courts and the Supreme Court have been struggling with how to apply the law when the relevant municipal policy is constitutional but city employees nonetheless have violated someone's constitutional rights.

In earlier decisions, the court made clear that negligence or misconduct by individual employees would not lead ordinarily to municipal liability. But the court had not resolved the question posed by the case it decided Tuesday, a lawsuit by Geraldine Harris of Canton, Ohio, charging that police officers who arrested her failed to give her adequate medical attention despite a city policy requiring them to do so.

The woman argued that the police had received inadequate training in recognizing and dealing with the symptoms of emotional illness she exhibited at the police station and which eventually required her to be hospitalized.

### Section 1983

In an opinion written by Justice Byron R. White, the court ruled that failure to give adequate training can be the basis for municipal liability under the law, which usually is referred to as Section 1983. The decision was a restricted

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that the training failure was not simply negligent but that it amounted to "deliberate indifference" to constitutional rights. Further, White said, a plaintiff would have to prove that the training failure, and not some other factor, was responsible for the harm that occurred.

Continued as it was, the decision pronounced a somewhat surprising rejection of an argument put forth by the City of Canton and by a nationwide coalition of government organizations that supported the city's appeal.

Those groups had asked the court to rule that a city could be liable under Section 1983 only if a city policy was itself unconstitutional.

In White's opinion in the case, City of Canton vs. Harris, he indicated that plaintiffs often might not be able to meet the standard of "deliberate indifference" that the court set Tuesday. He said the court had chosen such a rigorous standard to avoid engaging the federal courts "in an endless exercise of second-guessing municipal employee-training programs."

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**TRANSFUSION DECISION:** An adult's right to refuse medical treatment in the face of death was upheld Thursday in Tallahassee, Fla., by the state Supreme Court in a case involving a Jehovah's Witness who was forced to accept blood transfusions. Privacy rights and religious freedom supporters

## Packed Hearing On Plans for People's Park

By Debra Leal Holtz  
Chronicle Correspondent

Twenty years after violent protests led to the creation of People's Park in Berkeley, tensions continue to run high as the University of California finishes plans to build a dormitory on the site.

More than 250 people packed a Berkeley City Council meeting that lasted until yesterday morning to express anger over the university's large-scale expansion plans and to debate the fate of People's Park.

During four hours of often emotional testimony, most of the more than 100 speakers demanded that the square block area just off Telegraph Avenue remain a community park in the densely populated south side neighborhood.

Speakers recalled clashes between protesters and heavily armed police on May 15, 1969, that made People's Park a symbol of the free speech and anti-war movements.

"All should understand what the struggles of the 60s were about and, in particular, why one student died and others were mutilated for a piece of land in Berkeley," said UC Berkeley student body president Jeff Chang in a written statement. "I believe the park should stand as a testament to the vitality and idealism that social movements are all

## Restaurateur arrested in SC soup giveaway

The co-owner of a Santa Cruz restaurant was cited yesterday for handing a cup of soup to a homeless activist near the Santa Cruz Town Clock.

Police handcuffed Joseph Schultz, co-owner and chef at the popular India Joze restaurant, and took him to the police station, where he was cited for serving food without a health-department permit.

The arrest came at the regular afternoon soup-serving that has become commonplace in Santa Cruz as part of homeless protests.

This week a Santa Cruz Superior Court judge issued an injunction forbidding 11 people to serve food unless they had obtained permits. Schultz was not one of the people named in the injunction, however. And Schultz told police he has permits, both for his restaurant, where he said the soup was prepared, and as a caterer, allowing him to serve food throughout the county.

overrun by drug dealers and dealers and would be better used for badly needed student housing.

The council voted 6 to 3 to urge the university to transfer ownership of the park to the city and to work together to improve conditions at the park by installing recreational equipment and offering counseling services to the homeless.

"We also share the concern of many people who pointed out that the park is an important historical site, but we're also looking at a massive development plan," Mayor Lon Hancock said yesterday.

The university's plan to build a

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## Granston bill to aid homeless

MCCLENDON NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., unveiled a massive overhaul of the nation's housing programs Wednesday that is designed to attack the problem of homelessness and bring home ownership within the reach of many Americans.

The \$1.1 billion "National Affordable Housing Act" would expand the nation's supply of affordable housing and provide special services for the elderly, handicapped and homeless.

Cranston, chairman of the subcommittee that will act first on the measure, and co-sponsor Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., said the bill would create 520,000 units of affordable housing over two years for moderate- and low-income people and help 70,000 to 80,000 low-income people pay their rent.

"The object of the bill is to provide more housing within the financial reach of the average-income American," Cranston said.

The measure would increase rental assistance, make loans with low down payments more widely available, allow first-time home buyers to use retirement accounts as down payments and provide incentives for local and state government to expand the supply of affordable housing.

Cranston's measure would help low-income renters who are having a hard time paying for food and housing, by providing vouchers that would cover rent bills in excess of 30 percent of their income.

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SF says 'yes'!

The sleeping and feeding B.A.S. or pay later! 5/3 Mercury News 3/77

**TRANSFUSION DECISION:** An adult's right to refuse medical treatment in the face of death was upheld Thursday in Tallahassee, Fla., by the state Supreme Court in a case involving a Jehovah's Witness who was forced to accept blood transfusions. Privacy rights and religious freedom supersede the medical profession's interest in saving lives, the justices ruled 6-1. The decision was a victory for Norma Wons, who sought care for uterine bleeding in April 1986. During her treatment she fought against receiving transfusions because Jehovah's Witnesses believe they defy a biblical passage.

Hunger strikers took note

# Food Not Bombs wins fight to feed homeless in Park

Food Not Bombs, the controversial group feeding local homeless people in Golden Gate Park, won its fight to continue its work despite strong opposition from local residents' groups.

At a meeting on January 25 attended by over 300 people, commissioners of the Recreation and Park Commission voted five-to-one in favor of allowing the distribution of free food in San Francisco parks.

The issue over whether Food Not Bombs should be allowed to feed homeless people at the entrance of Golden Gate Park at Stanyan and Page has divided the Haight (please see "Food Fight," *The Street Newspaper* November/December issue). Organizations such as the Cole Valley Improvement Association (CVIA) had a well-organized campaign against the food distribution that also involved other local

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lated south side neighborhood. Speakers recalled clashes between protesters and heavily armed police on May 15, 1988, that made People's Park a symbol of the free speech and anti-war movements.

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Many of those who helped create the park 20 years ago told the council that support for the park is as strong as ever.

"If you want it back now you will have to fight for it again," said park veteran Mickey Tannenbaum.

Others testified that the park is

many former student housing.

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"We also share the concern of many people who pointed out that the park is an important historical site, but we're also looking at a massive development plan," Mayor Lou Hancock said yesterday.

The university's plan to build a 200-bed residence hall, dining facility and parking garage on a portion of People's Park will be included in a campus expansion blueprint expected to be released next month.

In a letter to the council on Tuesday, University Chancellor Ira Michael Heyman urged the city to delay action until after the university releases its long-range development plan for public review.

Editor, Santa Cruz Sentinel

Dear Sentinel,

Thanks to the Sentinel for noting, however, briefly, the jailing of Brian Staley and 4 other activists in support of the right of a homeless woman to enjoy a cup of coffee at Denny's. The management of Denny's has been forthcoming and agreed to review and humanize its previous "heave-ho to the homeless" policies as well as to urge the D.A. to drop charges against the 6 charged with misdemeanor trespass. All-night restaurants do bear the brunt of the pressure from homeless folks seeking a dry place to sit (yes, and even sleep) unmolested since the City Council rejected without debate any liberalization of the after-11 Sleeping Ban.

It is unfair to expect private businesses to serve as defacto shelters because "progressive" downtown politicians lack the sense or courage to decriminalize (in one location or another) sleeping outdoors or in vehicles, or to open the Armory for needed shelter space. Nor is it a pretty sight to see the D.A.'s office spending hundreds of taxpayer dollars to prosecute these protest cases, which could have been resolved months ago through reasonable compromises. Meanwhile, Brian Staley has declared he will stay in jail on hunger strike until this latest round of harassment charges on the Denny's "trespass" are dropped, as Denny's management has requested.

The D.A.'s office sought \$20,000 bail for Jane Imbler. We urge citizens to keep their eyes open for instances of homeless baiting to contact the City Council person of their choice and urge a homeless person or student be appointed to the vacant Council seat, and to raise homeless issues in the current recall debate to remind the challenged Councilmembers of their November promises.

Sincerely,

Robert Norse  
HOFFF (Homeless United For Friendship and Freedom)

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QUAKER MILITANT LEADS "PARADE OF THE EMPTY BOXES" TO BREAK POLICE BLOCKADE WEDNESDAY  
CITY-SANCTIONED FOOD THIEVES LEAD OFF RESTAURANT OWNER IN HANDCUFFS. THURSDAY

On the heels of a hostile court finding (see story above) SWAP (Soup Without a Permit) Team sympathizers huddled, muttered, and finally met in a large circle at the Town Clock Wednesday night to come up with a plan to feed hungry folks there. Encouraged and facilitated by Quaker activist Barbara Riverwoman, the previously dissipated crowd adopted a consensus plan to flow along the sidewalk in an orderly parade in search of the interdicted food. Newspaper stories in the Santa Cruz Sentinel and the San Jose Mercury-News recounted the next day how the procession of soupseekers filed past photographers and killjoy constables (to be followed by some of the latter), marched several blocks, then circled back to return with the forbidden soup. The only casualty: an earlier arrest of elder Richard Kattala, one of the granddaddies of the Sleeping Ban struggle, whose public protest predated the current round of public Sleep-Ins against the city's "no rest for the poor between 11 p.m. and 8:30 a.m." law. Way back in June of last year, Richard had plopped down on a bench between City Council chambers and the police station after the first large gathering of homeless spoke their piece at City Council; ironically, he slept undisturbed that Tuesday night. At the Town Clock, Rouseabout Richard was not so lucky; his offense: a warrant on an outstanding Sleeping ticket.

Thursday's chuckwagon potluck saw the arrest of three more foodslingers. Empyrean Eric and Omar the Magnificent spotted Warmwally William in trouble: while crossing Water St. with a blanketful of bread, the long-limbed activist had stumbled, and his concealed loaves spilled out for all to behold in the middle of the road. They raced through the traffic to him, gathered up the damning evidence, and carried it to the waiting empty bellies at the Clock, only to be confronted by bread burglars in blue. Eric was hauled away on misdemeanor charges; the offending victuals confiscated, and Eric's two companions in crime left angry and bereft, though free.

Raucous Rocky Stone, hearing rumors of a treasure trove of food to the East, led a pilgrimage of sustenance seekers down north Pacific Ave., closely followed by concerned officers. After wandering for some blocks in the wilderness, the crusade found the holy grail in the form of bag lunches left in a parking lot. Frustrated cops arrested Linda the Lark Edwards on charges of carrying empty paper bags (decoys to throw Bassett's hounds off the scent). She was later released without charges. Making the front page of the Sentinel the next day, however, was the final SS (Soup Snatchers) target of the afternoon—Jacobin Joseph, part-owner and master chef of India Joze restaurant. To honor recently-released hunger striker Backyard Brian Staley and to express his contempt for police food seizures, Joseph made a special trip to his nearby restaurant to present Staley with a hot cup of hand-delivered soup. Officers idling nearby swung into action under Sergeant "Why, me?" Sanders, quickly cuffing and removing the uncowed cook; they took no heed of angry protests from Grinning Ray Grueneich, people's lawyer on the plaza, that Joseph was serving his own food from a licensed kitchen that had a Health Dept.-blessed permit. "We arrest 'em all," responded one of Sanders' sidekicks; "let the courts sort it out."

On Friday San Jose's Channel 11 showed up at the Clock and stayed for over an hour, ~~their presence~~ serving to reduce the magnitude and intensity of the police response. Ever vigilant, hold-the-line patrolmen Clark and Raynor nobbed an unscrupulous doughnut "bag man" seeking to peddle his wares free to unsuspecting homeless folks. "Travelin' Matt", as the shameless scalawag called himself, was deposited in a paddywagon, to be shortly followed by young Michael M., who was caught just in time as he handed Linda the Lark a gallon of uninspected milk. (Linda refused to give up her booty, leaving red-faced lawmen abashed and helpless in the face of the latest crimewave.) To add insult to injury, a triumphant parade up and down the mall by dozens of Linda's cohorts carrying empty boxes, returned with more uncertified bag lunches, wantonly distributed among the hungry hoards.

But official retribution was stirring down at the D.A.'s office and the courts. A soured Ray Grueneich reported that Backyard Bryan would be facing a probable 6 months in jail and \$1000 fine if a jury trial, scheduled to begin 2 p.m. Monday



in Dept. D (McAdams' Court) found the soup-carrying activist guilty of violating §27551. Preliminary rulings by McAdams Friday afternoon seemed to give the D.A. clear sailing in his plan to sweep the SWAT Team and its free food from the streets of Santa Cruz. Apparently local police highrups had been expecting surrender without fuss from the soupsewers, once Superior Court granted the Preliminary Injunction Wednesday morning. Instead, the limited scope of the Injunction and the defiant determination of the chefs prompted a vengeful response from the closet homeless-haters: drown the SWAT Team in criminal prosecutions, sentence the leaders to maximum jail terms if they would not accept stringent probation (up to 6 months per count), and intimidate the public generally into accepting the peace of the grave at the Town Clock. The only stumbling block to this noxious plan: the threat that juries, repelled at the spectacle, might refuse to convict, and the chance that the public, appalled at the crazy police actions, might descend in force on the Town Clock and City Hall to serve food and risk jail.

# Mealtime: Food still served at clock

By Bob Levy  
Mercery News Staff Writer

Ignoring a court order issued a few hours earlier, advocates for the homeless continued serving food at the Town Clock on Wednesday afternoon.

The injunction, forbidding the giving away of food without a permit from the Santa Cruz County Health Department, was issued by Superior Court Judge Sam Stevens after a hearing.

However, the meal of soup, bread and other items was distributed clandestinely

On Wednesday, the soup was dispensed from a car parked about a block away. Word was passed among the people gathered at the clock, the back of the car suddenly appeared open, and the group marched past the unattended vehicle and got a cup of soup.

Some of the other items, such as bread and hard-boiled eggs, were placed at the clock itself without fanfare.

On Monday and Tuesday, police had interrupted the meal and arrested several people for violating an earlier order.

## Homeless fed despite court order

He said police don't want a confrontation "because that serves no one's purpose, (but) there's a point where you have to draw the line. You can't let anarchy take over."

He said enforcement can be accomplished either through direct arrests, or through observing what's happening and

health department request for the injunction, which extended an order handed down last month banning the food giveaways.

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However, the meal of soup, bread and other items was distributed clandestinely to 75 people as police watched from across the street.

Normally, people have been required to pick up the food at the base of the clock, where servers would drop it off — and sometimes get arrested.

and hard-boiled eggs, were placed at the clock itself without fanfare.

On Monday and Tuesday, police had interrupted the meal and arrested several people for violating an earlier order prohibiting serving food to the public without a permit.

While the food servers welcomed the police restraint Wednesday, Lt. Dave Larson said enforcement of orders banning the meal giveaway would continue.

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He said enforcement can be accomplished either through direct arrests, or through observing what's happening and filing a complaint later against those involved.

Larson said officers were photographing Wednesday's activity with an eye toward taking the complaint route this time.

In the court action, Stevens granted a

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While acknowledging that it was a "mechanical way to deal with a social problem," Stevens said he could not accept arguments that under a strict reading of the law a permit for serving the meal was not needed.

Ray Gruenich, attorney for some of the homeless advocates, had insisted that be-

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# Homeless still fed at Santa Cruz clock

## Many get food while police photograph actions

**HOMELESS, from Page 1B**

cause no one is charged for the food, it was not being served through a "food facility" — for which a permit is required.

But Stevens said he found the meal activity did constitute a "food facility" and that a permit is required "if there is anything other than an occasional provision of food."

The meals have become the focal point of an ongoing battle between homeless advocates and Santa Cruz city and county authorities.

The city has been unhappy since last fall with the highly visible gatherings for the meals at the clock, a key downtown intersection.

Around Thanksgiving, the health department moved in and declared the meals illegal because the servers did not have a permit. Health officials said the food was potentially hazardous because it was not being prepared in kitchens that

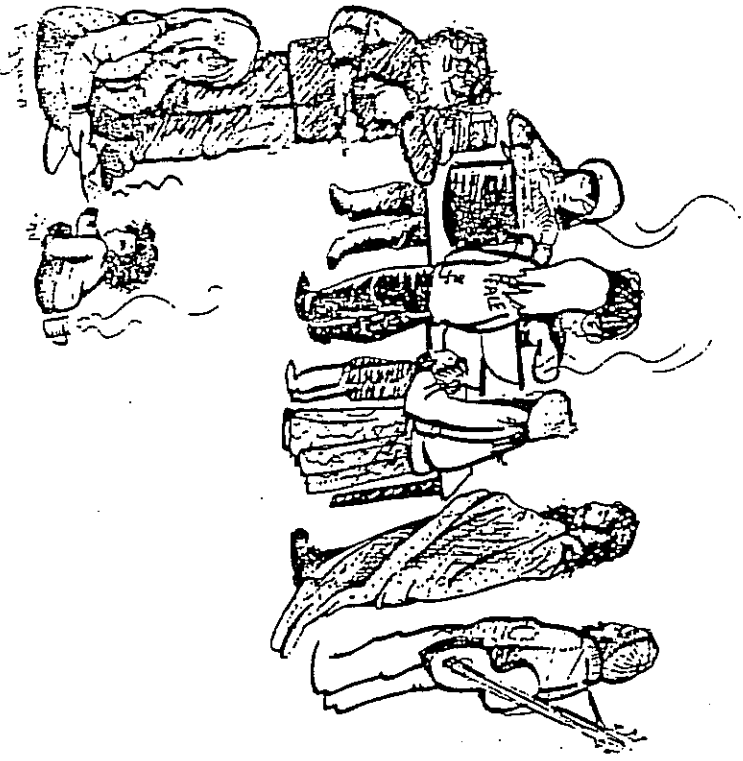
could be inspected.

The food giveaways at the clock stopped during the holiday season when the city helped organize a mighty meal at its River Street shelter for the homeless.

When that program ran out of money in January, activity returned to the clock. It has continued there despite numerous arrests, last month's order and Wednesday's court action.

Mayor Mardi Wormhout of Santa Cruz and county Environmental Health Director Diane Evans have charged that the organizers of the food giveaway seem more interested in confrontation and following a political agenda than in actually serving food to the poor.

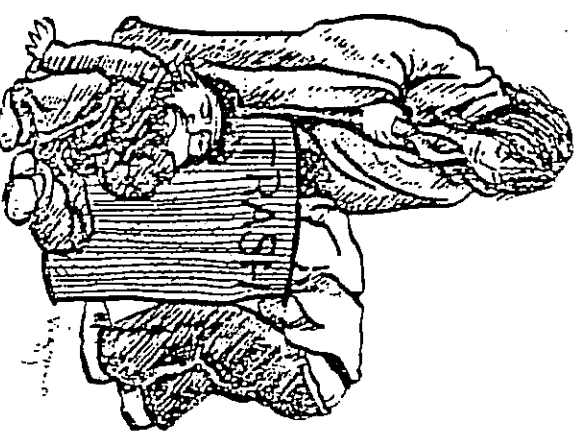
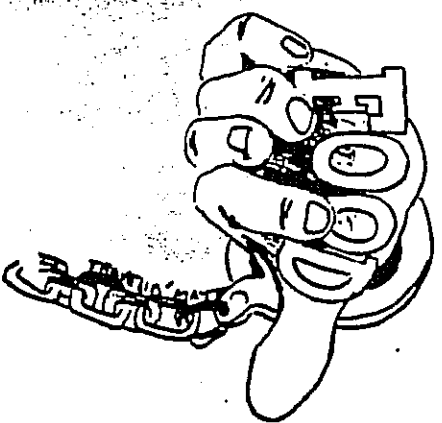
The homeless advocates have responded that they do not want confrontations and that it seems all officials want to do is make the homeless invisible, hoping that will make them go away.



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"An unrectified case of injustice has a terrible way of lingering, restlessly, in the social atmosphere like an unfinished question."

--Mary Mc Carthy, "My Confession," On the Contrary (1961)

## SOUPCRIME AND CITY COUNCIL GAGGING COURT CASES MAY BE QUIETLY BURIED

### MUNI COURT JUDGE POSTPONES MOST COURT ACTION IN THE WAKE OF LEGALIZED SOUPSERVING

Jubilant activists emerged from Judge Tom Kelly's Muni Court Thursday with good news for the many "illegal" SWAP (Soup Without A Permit) Team members who had faced up to 6 months in jail and \$1000 fine for unauthorized ladling at the Town Clock and elsewhere. Ongoing negotiations involving city and county officials and aides to write and sign a contract with the newly-organized but as yet unnamed homeless mealproviders influenced an already sympathetic judge to kick the threatened prosecutions far down the road in hopes that political solutions would preempt judicial ones. Judge Kelly had for weeks been complaining that his court was being overloaded with protest cases involving issues that really belonged before legislative bodies (such as the Gang of 7-- aka City Council--and the Board of Sleepers).

At the Thursday pretrial hearing for the "soup arrests" of Dec. 13 and Jan 3 (see story elsewhere in this issue), Kelly ordered all parties to a lengthy back-chambers discussion in search of a compromise that would satisfy the D.A.'s office with its thirst for jailtime and the unbowed defendants, who hoped that a jury would quickly acquit them for sharing food with the poor. Newspaper accounts of the previous evening Community Action Board meeting gave unusual and lengthy coverage to Calamity Jane Imler and Backyard Brian Staley's application for legalized feeding status. After nearly an hour in the judicial catacombs, Grinning Ray Grueneich, notorious punster and legal linebacker for the criminal chefs, informed his waiting mob of clients (9 defendants had been charged) that the new political opening had given Kelly the necessary leverage to postpone the Alice-in-Wonderland jail-for-charity cases to mid-June at which time they would hopefully be given a swift cheap burial.

Also set ahead into the future: the ancient City Council Gagging case from last October 24 when then-Gangleader (aka Mayor) John Laird had four homeless advocates forcibly removed from City Hall rather than afforded the 3 minutes of Oral Communications time guaranteed them by the Council rules. With Laird currently abroad in Argentina, the case must await the return of last year's Grand Inquisitor before proceeding--and even then may be quickly dismissed unless Laird can show statutory authority for his high-handed muzzling of the homeless.

Meanwhile, homeless chefs are scrambling to organize into a recognizable legal entity so they can sign the necessary contract with the city to "legalize" their early afternoon suppers, reportedly at a location other than the Town Clock. Back downtown, unsung heroes continue to bring home the grub to the nightly clientele at the Town Clock each afternoon at 4, still under the watchful eyes of SCPD Sleepbusters, currently held in check by Joseph Schultz's well-thumbed Food Permit. Organizers are shooting for an agreement with the city in time for the next Gang of 7 Gab--about April 25, but back at the Clock, the nightly meal and vigil continues--awaiting a deeper and fuller response to the still-unresolved issue of criminalized sleeping.

## KOEPKE'S CLAMOURINGS

I am writing about the homeless issue because a lot is being said about the issue, but not much of this dialogue is presented by people who are homeless. And none of you know the issue as well as we the homeless do.

A lot of time is spent talking about the camping ban, and much of it is confusing, uninformed, or simply not true. After the camping ban is repealed and legally designated camping areas have been assigned and implemented, the law will not be much different. It will still be illegal for anyone to sleep in your back yard, your front yard, or on your doorstep. But, maybe, it will be legal for someone to pull over in their camper and sleep for the night. It will still be illegal for people to sleep on the sidewalk, in a doorway, or in the middle of the street. But someone will be able to roll their sleeping bag out in an out-of-the-way place in the woods, sleep peacefully for the night, and not have to worry about going to jail for it.

The present system of enforcing a law which makes it illegal for the homeless (all homeless people) to sleep at night (every night, including Christmas) is unjust, unfair, and most probably a violation of our constitutional rights. We are normal everyday people. We have all the rights everyone has. We work and not. We go to school and not. We get married, have children, go to the movies, and open our mail. Many of us are women or children. Many of us are older people.

As a member of the "street" community, I hope Santa Cruz will repeal the camping ban and establish camping areas for the homeless. Then maybe I'll be able to get some sleep at night.

(Brian D. Koepke is an ex-City Council candidate, Chairman of the Committee for Impeachment, and a member of the Coalition to End the Camping Ban, the Homeless rights Coalition, and HUFF--Homeless United For Friendship and Freedom. He can be reached at P.O. Box 7772, Santa Cruz, CA 95061 or awakened from his slumbers at the Town Clock vigil.)

#### PAVEMENT POETRY ON PARADE

"Street People" by Captain John the Leprechaun

The way of the streets is part of the whole.  
Beggars and losers playing the leading role.  
I don't know your name, but I see your face;  
I know how you feel; we're from the same place.  
So cut those cards and split that deck.  
And it's dealer's choice: call, raise, or check.  
Queens back to Aces, Jokers is tame.  
But beating the odds is the name of the game.  
The streets is the classroom of hard knocks school.  
And the man with the beard is both teacher and fool..  
He speaks of the good times, of war and of peace.  
And tells how the squeaking wheel never gets the grease.  
Street people stalk the concrete rose  
Sowing the seeds  
Of the dollar sign weeds.  
And green is the color the soulman shows  
And green is the color of the snake.  
The rhythm and song heard on the street  
Is the cry of the loser missing his beat.  
It rings in your ears, and it sounds in your sleep.  
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(Captain John is a shadowy figure known only to oldtimer "Beam Me Up" Scotty, who transcribed the Captain's latest poem for the inspection of our readers.)



ANDERS CORR ARRESTED EARLY SUNDAY MORNING ON CRIMINAL LITTERING CHARGES  
JAIL-FOR-SHELTER ACTIVIST SEIZED NEAR LIGHTHOUSE FIELD IN HOUSING PROTEST

Last seen emerging from Judge Kelly's Municipal Court back in November after more than 45 days in jail, an eloquent court trial at which he was found guilty of trespass in the Pogonip for sleeping there, and a lengthy sentencing hearing which resulted in a rare "no probation" sentence, 19-year old Anders Corr returned to jail April 16. During his previous incarceration, Corr had refused to sign an O.R. (Own Recognizance) release form, preferring to stay in jail instead as an act of conscience against the trespass laws (public land, he believes, belongs to all and should not be a privileged sanctuary barred to the homeless).

Taking several months to recuperate and prepare after his release from stir, he reappeared during the City Council Lockdown trial a week ago to lend his support and announce plans for a new action the following Sunday. Foreshadowing his reinvolvement with the police, Corr was unexpectedly ticketed for trespass by police up in the Pogonip a day later--a misdemeanor offense, which may net him a longer jail term, given his prior records as a master criminal sleeper. Undeterred, the activist sent out letters to neighbors, the police, and the planning dept. to announce his intention to take wood onto city property adjoining Lighthouse Field and construct a modest but serviceable place to live...without a permit. Having debated the matter with family, friends, and neighbors as well as spoken to city bureaucrats, Corr felt ready.

Shortly after 8 a.m., Sunday April 16, the slender youth arrived on his bicycle, hauling several long boards, carefully tipped with a red flag for safe transportation. City officials, concerned about Anders' fate--and perhaps about the critical publicity that might result, quietly urged him to be content that his story would be published in the papers (your faithful Street Sheet reporter was on the scene), to try lobbying "through proper channels," and to desist from his planned direct action that sought to dramatize the housing crisis. Looking on were his mother Barbara Riverwomon and several wellwishers. Soon after two squad cars--one from each end of the street pulled up and waited.

Anders listened respectfully to arguments from the officials that he was being "arrogant," acting "like a vigilante," and in violation of Chapter 18 of the Uniform Building Code #305A if he were to drive as much as one nail through a piece of wood on the public but forbidden property. He replied that though he wanted to consider how his actions might be unfair to others, he could not let the mere prospect of jail stop him. "That threat appeals to my fear, not my reason."

"Land is for all of us to use," he continued. "You don't need a whole community's approval to live on the earth. And I haven't heard much objection anyway on that score in my conversations." Shortly afterwards, Anders, aided by the newly-arrived Calamity Jane Imler and Slyshoes Sandy Lorranger, carried three or four pieces of wood into the forbidden zone. Officer Bunche and Sergeant Sanderson--supervised from afar by Lieutenant Larsen--followed the criminal woodbearers into the undergrowth and cited Anders for misdemeanor littering. When he declined to sign the ticket, he was arrested, handcuffed, and taken off to a cell. Jane and Sandy avoided a similar fate by removing the pieces of wood they'd carried back to the road.

Arraigned Monday, Anders declined O.R. release and is scheduled for jury trial in Kelly's Muni Court (dept. C.) May 9 at 10 a.m. for violated PC 374b--the littering law. Letters urging his release should be sent c/o the D.A. at the County Building or to City Council, urging a reexamination of a city policy that forbids its citizens to provide for their own shelter and then arrests them for sleeping outside after 11 p.m.

SAGA OF THE SAN DIEGO SLEEPER: REPORT FROM THE SOUTH by Mike Whitefoot

This is what happened to me in San Diego. I was sleeping in Marian Bear Park, which is a safe place in the north part of town. It seemed to be a much better place than Balboa Park, where many homeless people slept, because someone had recently

killed three sleepers there, and also the sprinklers in Balboa Park woke people in the middle of the night.

So I slept peacefully--and awoke to find two policemen walking toward me. Something told me I was going to be late for work. One of them asked me for identification. Because I had previously gotten several citations for riding the trolley without a ticket, I told them I wasn't going to cooperate with them; rather, I would just pack up my gear and go. These words were spoken in a reasonable tone of voice while I was on my back and in a non-threatening way.

I started to do just that--packing up and leaving--by picking up my wallet, which was beside me and putting it in my pocket. Imagine how I felt then as the older of the two officers jumped on me, rolled me over, and handcuffed me, pinning my head down in the dirt. I was too surprised to struggle and just tried to keep breathing. He left me lying face down and went through my wallet. His young partner just stood there, but two more officers shortly showed up and started interrogating me.

Partly because my face was still in an awkward position and partly in protest, I spoke no more to them. They ran my name through their computer. The trolley citations didn't show up. One of the newly-arrived officers asked if any of the others felt threatened or could he take my handcuffs off? He let me get up and took me aside to tell me that I must sign the ticket being written up or I would go to jail. He called me "Sir."

Well, I still had some hopes of making it to my job as a researcher, so I signed. I was cited for "Resisting Arrest" and "Sleeping in the park", but at this point the oddness of the charges didn't occur to me. I just wanted to get out of there. But on the bus later, I thought it strange. All that I resisted was their request for identification. I didn't physically struggle or even know that I was under arrest. Nobody read me my rights. I kept seeing the rookie cop's face--that of the young partner of the one that jumped me--saying as I walked away, "This is the first time we've done this."

The court date came and went. I had torn up the citation and written a letter to the Mayor about what had happened, but I didn't have any more incidents with the police because by now I had a room in Tijuana. But--stranger and stranger--on calling my mom in Seattle, I found that the San Diego Sheriff had sent me a notice, which she'd opened because it looked so official. She was upset. My bail was set at \$2000! It was no small matter to calm her down and reassure her that I hadn't turned into some kind of desperado. As a result of this ordeal, I decided to give into the pressures of "the law" and leave that beautiful area to those that can afford it. But I left with the belief that poverty should be decriminalized.

(Migrating Mike is new to the Santa Cruz area, but handy with a typewriter. He may have future stories to tell about San Diego's use of the 1872 state "illegal lodging" law to drive the homeless into the bushes and beyond.

#### ROUND-THE-CLOCK VIGIL DOWNTOWN INTO 10TH STRAIGHT NIGHT IN CONTINUING PROTEST CANDLELIT HOMELESS TABLE SERVES AS BEACON, SLEEPWALKER'S SANCTUARY

The dawn-to-dawn Homeless Vigil was born Tuesday night April 11 after a routinely disinterested Gang of 7 (known to its fans as City Council) declined any helpful response to the April 10th closing of the winter-long Satellite Shelter program, which had lodged and fed 50-60 people per night. Though many wanted to sleep-in outside the indifferent "progressive" Council, Downtown Dino, familiar with the San Francisco AIDS Vigil outside the Federal Building there (continuously present since 1985), suggested an ongoing 24-hour presence at the Town Clock to focus the pitiless glare of publicity on the Gang of 7's policy of "benign neglect."

Shamash<sup>1</sup>Sue had earlier urged the Gang to transfer funds from the on-going renovation of the River St. mini-Shelter to the dying Satellite Shelter program; her proposal was greeted only by silence, not even so much as a move to have the Council's staff investigate alternatives. (The River St. mini-Shelter itself until its kitchen is completed in mid-summer will be housing only 10-15

<sup>1</sup> Shamash: the chief sun god, a beneficent power which drives away winter and brings the earth with green growth.

people.) With the Sleeping Ban in full force, 50+ have now been added to the roster of Sleepsuspects, who must dodge police as well as trollbusters and the elements, in the nighttime hours.

Sentiment quickly crystallized around Dino's Vigil proposal, though for a time, those gathered outside the City Hall spoke of an immediate sleep-in outside Council chambers or a reactivation of the Do Droppe Inn--last autumn's encampment back of the River St. mini-Shelter, which lasted 10 nights and 10 days before being uprooted by police. The Vigil would provide a non-violent but dramatic and visible reminder of the need for legal sleeping space.

For the last week and a half, different bands of vigilers have clustered at the Homeless table throughout the day and night sporting signs; "Shelters Closed--Where do we go now?" "\$10 a day to feed us, \$1000 a day to prosecute us; your money, your choice!" etc. Police have already issued more than a dozen "sleeping" tickets, and arrested Blackbird Barbara Hagland and Warmwahl William for oversleeping. Last night (April 21) around 4 a.m. Officer Harn and two cohorts attempted to scatter the Vigil with the threat of a mass arrest, which scattered 4 people, but 5 others remained firm and accepted tickets rather than flee. Lionheart Louis, Jacquerie Jennifer, Strugglin' Steve, Antifascist Andrew, and "Alias Smith and Jones" reported they plan to fight the citations in court--since they were neither asleep nor camping, and file complaint charges with the very SCPD colossus itself.

Adding a little urban color to the proceedings a few days before was Gravel Gertie--whose laundry line slung across the area to the South of the Town Clock <sup>police</sup> gravely took down and confiscated (along with the women's clothes hanging there) earlier in the week. The dorny Dick Tracy that solved this case announced that the criminal laundress could reclaim her property down at the station--along with a ticket for "felonious garment suspension."

Ever on the alert for infractions against tourism, Sagacious Sergeant Sanderson directed Bubbah Bryan Koepke to remove the Table from its post between the Town Clock and Water St., lest he and it be charged with "blocking the view to a public monument." The reluctant Bryan complied, but subsequent scofflaws returned the traveling table back to a more visible spot some hours later. Also ticketed for leaving an inflammatory sign leaning against the Clock early in the Vigil <sup>was</sup> Rustic Robert--recent consort of Linda the Lark. Grumbled Robert, "the damn thing wasn't even taped down, just propped up against the Clock. Since when is that a crime?"

THE PEOPLE SPEAK:"1776 at the Town Clock" by David Salomon

Just as the Town Clock represents our forefathers, those who take part in the stand for sleep represent the freedom our forefathers fought and died for. They are not asking for a fine house or a fancy car. All these Soldiers of Freedom want is a place in the sun to sleep.

It seems funny that some can be arrested for giving away food. A basic right is the right to live. You must have food to live. And, yes, you must have sleep. There are the sweet sounds of horns, as some people support the stand for freedom. Yet some yell out "Get a job, Bum!" Bum? Who knows? Ask Harry, who has a PhD in Math. Or Ruth, who was president of her own company at 23? Myself-- a college-educated person. These are just a few.

Some are homeless by choice and some have none. As we look out across America, we see a growing number of people becoming homeless. Wake up, America! Your children are calling you. Where has our freedom gone?

(Saloman's comments were received at the Homeless Table some days back. We invite any interested readers to contribute their thoughts and experiences to the Street Sheet via the Homeless Table at the Town Clock or call Robert at 458-9648.)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL Robert Morse, 458-9648, or leave a message for Jane Isler, 429-9801.

Why recall? ↑

P.O. Box 1735 Santa Cruz, CA 95061 April 18, 1989

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With defendants and judge due to confer in the weeks ahead on a joint project to address their concerns for the homeless, onlookers wondered if the next round of sleeping-without-a-license trials might not have a different disposition-- particularly if the necessity defense could be presented more fully.

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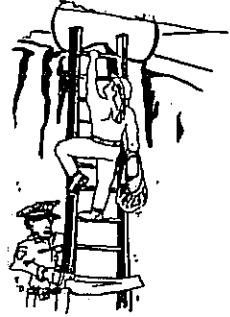
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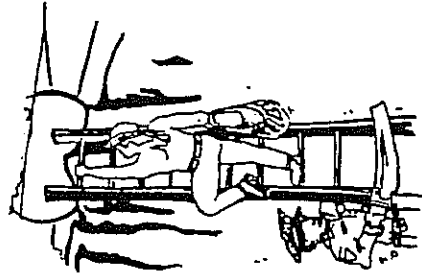
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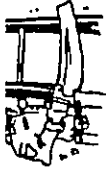
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On April 13, after a trial lasting 8 days and costing more than \$20,000, a friendly jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty" for defendants Freeheart Fran Rizzo, Naval Nemesis Ned Van Valkenburgh, and Bathrobespierre Robert Norse. Jacked up by testy police on charges of "trespass" for lingering 2-5 minutes after the end of a Gang of 7 (City Council) meeting Jan 24-25, the 3 persuaded the jury there was reasonable doubt that the Council chambers had been "regularly closed" as required by state trespass law 602(p) under which they were charged.

The 3 testified they were discussing a possible Sleep-In in response to the Gang's continued harassment of homeless speakers at Council meetings and the Gang's refusal to criminalize sleeping somewhere within city limits. A particular focus of concern was the January 10th tightening of the Sleeping Ban, which the Gang rammed through with minimal debate within a shortened discussion period at the end of a long agenda during the previous meeting. Police apparently planned and carried out an unusually rapid clearing of the room, interrupting the legitimate discussions of the defendants in the traditional lingering period after Council meetings. Resisting the police demand for immediate exit, the 3 were speedily cuffed and coralled by Sgt. Sleepsmasher Sanderson and Officer "Pinocchio" Bunche<sup>1</sup> (see Street Sheet #48). Reached afterwards, jury members admitted they were more struck by the prosecution's failure to prove a clear violation of the law, but also indicated dissatisfaction with police behavior and sympathy for the defendants' situation.

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<sup>1</sup> The dashing officer cut a magnificent figure in MacAdams' court during the Staley trial, neat as a pin in his royal blue dress uniform. He won his nickname then in testimony there, widely regarded as fanciful, in claiming he saw Staley lifting up cups of soup from the sidewalk and serving them to two people. Whether the armed soupnabber imagined these details or specifically fabricated them was still a matter of debate between interested spectators.

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Also dying with a whimper were spurious harassment charges against India Joze master chef Joseph Schultz for personally delivering one (1) cup of soup from his restaurant to hunger striker Backyard Bryan Staley March 16th at the Town Clock. Since then, chefs from India Joze have regularly provided tasty sustenance to hungry soupslurpers, though not without superfluous demands from the uniformed Hunger Gestapo to "examine" the food permit, day after day. Mother Therasas of tomorrow--be ready to show your papers!

(Schultz's account of his actions can be found in this week's Sun under the title "Why I served Soup at the Town Clock.")

MORE POETRY FROM THE PAVEMENTS:

"The Ballade of Brian Staley"  
by Winston Webber Jr.  
*(edited and amended)*



At the city clock tower  
Where none may speak ill of God  
Brian Staley conquered death's power  
And his light cut through death's fog.

His face was seren and placid  
His manner unruffled, not scared  
But the cops were trembling and shaking  
While Brian was fully aware.

The souptakers were crowded around him  
As cops pushed Brian, the soupserver, down  
Into a squadcar prison  
(Will a prison become our town?)

The police fumbled with their notebooks  
They looked to heaven for a sign  
But they had placed Brian in prison  
(Better they'd desisted from this crime.)

A cop asked me point-blankly  
"Would you like to be arrested too?"  
I cowered politely,  
"I have not been serving soup."

The air was clear and cool  
The sky was open and blue  
The copcar engines were grumbling and grating  
Besides Brian's love that was true.

The squadcars' red flashing lights  
Blinded my eyes to love  
The cops with their pistols and might  
Made me deny my God up above.

He sat in a squad car peacefully  
As the cop prepared to take him away  
They searched the crowd for more victims  
But none other stood up to their play.

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As the cops slammed the door on Brian's face  
The cop's muscles rippled like hatred  
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(Winston is a homeless poet, whose "Free Brian Staley" cry at Brian's sentencing hearing for serving soup at the Town Clock, earned him swift ejection from McAdams' Muni Court back in March and the threat of contempt.)

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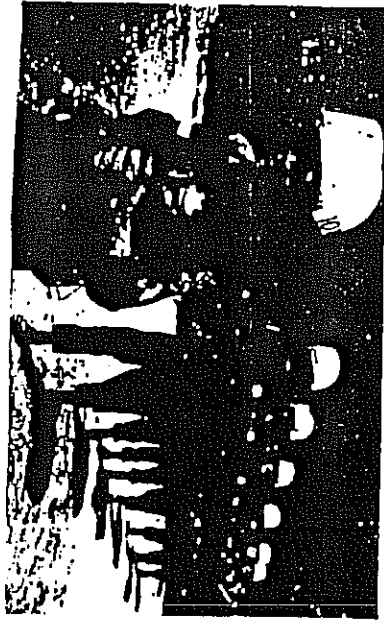
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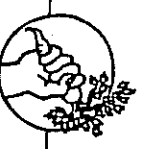
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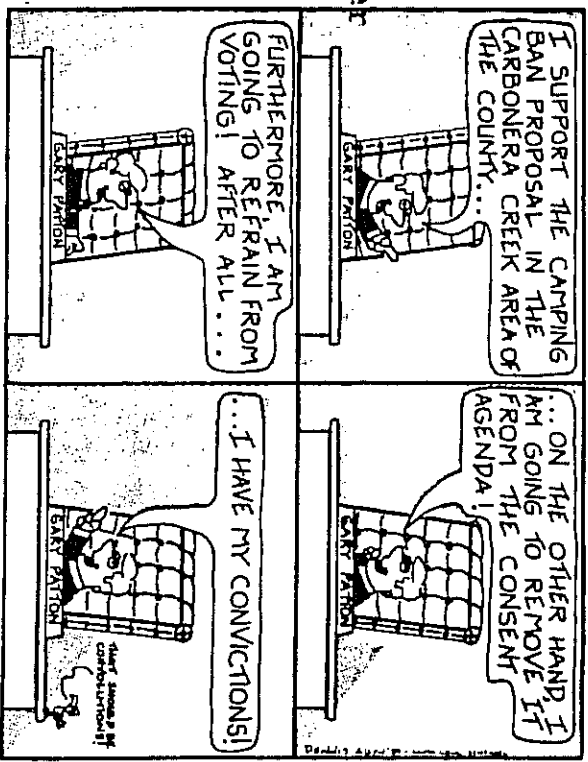
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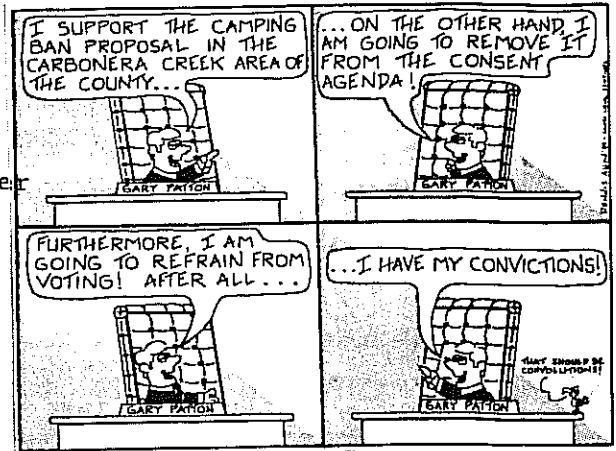
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HOMELESS TABLE BACK ON MALL WITH NEW PETITIONS, OLD COMPLAINTS

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SIDEWALK CHEFS STAND OFF UNIFORMED FOODNABBERS ON MALL  
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Pedestrians nervously circled past the cop and the cluster of civilians at the Homeless Table, avoiding the scene until the eventual arrival of Sgt. Crane. As relayed by Bracher, Crane's orders were a part-time reprieve for the bread distributors. Crane had apparently instructed his patrolman that the Food Menace was insufficiently severe at the moment to require immediate handcuffs and pain-holds. Bracher let loose a final blast before departing, telling the tablers that the SCPD would be watching, recording, and photographing the underground soup syndicate and turn over all incriminating evidence to the D.A.'s office for prosecution.

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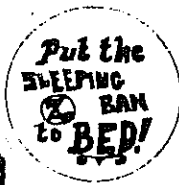
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# STREET SHEET

SATURDAY EVENING



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## HOMELESS PROSECUTIONS CONTINUE: D.A. TO TRY 5 FOR OPENING UP SHELTER MONDAY'S JURY TRIAL TO COST TAXPAYERS ANOTHER 10 GRAND

Hungry for more convictions now that Sandra Loranger and Brian Staley are safely behind bars for distributing forbidden food to the homeless downtown, the District Attorney opens its case Monday July 17 at 10 a.m. in Muni Court B against the Annex 5. Calamity Jane Imler, Soupshaman Malu Pinecrone, Robespierre Robert Morse, Slyshoes Sandra, and Linda the Lark Edwards all face up to a year in jail and \$2000 fine for entering the annex to the River St. mini-Shelter last New Year's Eve and demanding it be opened for homeless use <sup>its funds</sup> as intended.

Reports from the Interfaith Satellite Shelter's winter program showed over 20 people turned away from churches serving as temporary shelters over the holiday weekends as temperatures dropped. SCPD "anti-camping" patrols were continuing to enforce the city's 11 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Sleeping Ban with citation and arrest. City authorities and Shelter Project overlord Paul Brindel refused to open the Armory for homeless shelter as was being done in neighboring counties and as had been done in Santa Cruz County the previous winter <sup>City stayed a secret</sup> (in spite of campaign promises by newly-elected 'Progressives' on the City Council). After exhausting administrative channels to open the building--ready for use since early November--the homeless activists went to the Annex in New Year's Eve party hats and set down. (See Street Sheet #46)

Arrested for "trespass" and "refusal to disband an illegal assembly," the defendants will begin what may be the largest and longest homeless trial in a decade here. (11 years before in December of 1977, 10 vandwellers faced misdemeanor trespass and camping charges in a case at Scotts Creek Bluff which lead to the longest misdemeanor trial in the history of the county--9 days--and resulted in acquittals and dismissed charges.) 8 originally were arrested at the Annex; Bubbeh Bryan Koepke and Barbara Riverwoman accepted a plea-bargain (Brian getting a suspended fine; Barbara getting probation for a year). The 8th defendant, Omar (the Magnificent) Mukri had charges dropped in connection with another case.

The mini-Shelter's Annex was opened to the homeless in mid-January, expanding River St.'s bed capacity from 14 to 25. The move was made partially in response to pressure created by the demonstrators according to Brindel. Taking this into account, at a February executive meeting, the Citizen's Committee for the Homeless sent a letter to the D.A.'s office urging that all charges be dropped. The Committee is an advisory group overseeing operation of the mini-Shelter; its fundraising activities back in 1986 were responsible for the acquisition of the \$600,000 14-bed building; and many of its members sit upon the governing Shelter Board. The D.A.'s office refused to drop the charges.

More than 6 months after the charges had been filed, an impatient Calamity Jane withdrew her "time waiver", forcing the D.A. to dismiss or go to trial. The authorities have decided to proceed with the \$2000/day trial (costs include 5 attorneys charging at least \$50/hr) with jury selection to begin Monday or Tuesday. Judge McAdams, infamous among activists for outbursts against homeless spectators and Draconian harshness towards homeless defendants, has been disqualified by pre-

emptory defense challenge. Those interested in registering their views with the D.A.'s office (425-2071) and the City Council (429-3550). If you do, call up the Coalition to End the Sleeping Ban at 458-9648 and let us know how your comments were received.

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Free from custody and back at the stove again, Food-Not-Bombs's cheery street chef Keith McHenry, who twice visited Santa Cruz last winter in support of criminal cookouts here, reports that regular meals for folks at "Camp Agnos" (also known as "Tenement Square," and the San Francisco Civic Center park) will continue despite the interdict of the San Francisco courts. In a phone interview, McHenry detailed the dozen or more arrests made by blueclad food bandits Thursday and Friday. (See following Chronicle and Examiner stories)

One arrest Thursday and another Friday were made on unclear "food without a permit" charges. On Friday when an otherwise innocent passerby turned felon and picked up an apricot to eat, police seized him on suspicion of distributing fruit. Food-Not-Bombs workers then unfurled a banner behind the unlucky fruitmuncher. Police quickly arrested the 10 holding up the 30' long flag, charged them with "refusing to obey an officer," "resisting arrest," and other fanciful constructions, and removed them from the steps of City Hall.

According to Keith, police politely tapped the criminal flagwavers on the shoulder to announce their arrest. But on reaching him, they threw him down and dragged him by his heels across the City Hall rotunda in full view of cameras and press, reducing his battered leather jacket to rags. He was later taken from his jail cell to court, served with an court injunction to serve no more food in San Francisco, and finally released at 10:30 p.m. Friday night.

Keith notes that the Police Activities League's Emperor Norton Carnival, also camped at Civic Center, provided a little lighthearted help to homeless jobseekers by sending a load of them to a distant town with a false promise of carnival jobs. Others were actually employed for 4-hour shifts at minimum wage.

Mayor Art Agnos, whose liberal administration oversaw the citing and scattering of folks living in their vans and cars in the Haight last summer is trying to repair his liberal credentials and stated he will not drive the homeless from the park "with stormtroopers," but will rather strip them of all "unnecessary and unsightly" possessions (such as furniture and tents). Agnos has installed some portapotties, but initially insisted that all "excess homeless baggage" be removed by July 14.

At the end of June, Keith reports, city garbage pickups at Civic Center were suspended, adding fuel to hysterical demands that the "dirty smelly homeless" be deported forthwith. Keith's own attempts to haul away trash using his own truck resulted in his being cited by police for having an "overweight vehicle" there. (Shortly thereafter carnival big-rigs whose size dwarfed that of his truck showed up in the same spots but were ignored by the police.) City homeless workers, directed to inform the homeless to move out two weeks ago, chose instead to join them and have been camping out with them ever since. A round-the-clock food distribution program by Food-Not-Bombs, HUD gadfly Dorothy King, and others began around the same time.

The sudden arrival of dump trucks, tow trucks, and garbage trucks with workers who began dismantling people's tents and trashing their possessions sparked a spontaneous non-violent occupation of Agnos's office. Max, a homeless woman, angered at the death of a homeless friend over the weekend, refused to leave and was the only one arrested in demonstration Tuesday July 11.



News reports on the homeless encampment have varied greatly in accuracy, impartiality, and length. The San Francisco Examiner has given the demo front-page coverage and printed in-depth interviews on a daily basis. The San Francisco Chronicle, however, has trumpeted complaints about "physical filth," (with no mention of suspended garbage collection), highlighted Agnos's "surrender to the homeless" and omitted information about the dangerous and dirty "Patel hells" which initially prompted the encampment. (Patel hells are profiteering skid row hotels that the city funnels money to as its solution to "the homeless problem.") Radio station KCBS (74 AM) recently made and aired an hour-long "Night with the Homeless" documentary by an on-the-spot reporter. KGO (81 AM) made due with an unceasing clamor on its daytime talkshows for an immediate and final eviction of the "homeless bums."

Santa Cruz oldtimers who have been following local demonstrations to legalize homeless sleeping and eating will find many of the anti-homeless arguments familiar: "Food will only encourage them," "a few worthy ones perhaps, but mostly bums," "why don't they go to other cities?" "they're filthy, abusive, dangerous," "our city was once a paradise," "outside political groups are just exploiting them," etc.

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# Homeless Storm Agnos Office

# What S.F.'s Homeless Want



Max Ventura of Food Not Bombs shouted for Mayor Agnos to come out of his office and was arrested.

## Crowd Angry At City Move To Clear Plaza

A shouting mob of homeless people and supporters stormed the mayor's office yesterday, angered by new attempts to clear up a squatters camp in Civic Center Plaza.

The protest erupted about 2 p.m. after four police officers warned that they would issue citations to plaza residents who did not clear out the mattresses, shopping carts, furniture and other large objects from the encampments in the four corners of the park.

After shouting down the officers in the plaza, about 100 people swept across the street and up the steps of City Hall, chanting, "Housing, not harassment."

Inside the mayor's wood-paneled outer office, the crowd demanded answers from Mayor Ari Agnos about what would happen to them.

"Agnos, why don't you come out and talk to people!" screamed Max Ventura of Food Not Bombs, a group that distributes free food in the plaza. "You're sitting back comfy in your office. You don't want to come out and take the flak," she yelled, pounding on the door to Agnos' inner office.

Police arrested Ventura for disturbing the peace.

Agnos did not emerge from his office, but his press secretary, Eileen Maloney, said he stands by his

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decision to riddle the park of the clutter.

"There is still no intent to try to roust the people," Maloney said.

Agnos has said people may not keep more than they can carry. Although plaza residents filled one dumpster during the last week, "there is still too much there," Maloney said.

The confrontation was defused by Josh Brandon, a member of the mayor's homeless task force, who told the crowd that he had just met with the mayor and that they had agreed to several emergency measures.

Brandon said that police would give only warnings yesterday, not citations, and that the mayor would release funds to rent nearby storage space for the homeless to use for 30 days.

Despite the calm ending to yesterday's outburst, observers said the homeless encampment remains an explosive problem and a political albatross for the mayor.

"You could have a very violent, ugly incident," said Public Defender Jeff Brown. "It's an extremely difficult situation."

On one hand, Supervisor Bill Maher is leading the call for swift removal of all the homeless from the plaza. "It's very clear to me we should tell people we'll help them out to find other accommodations but they can't live in a public park," he said.

But Agnos has refused to do that. According to Brown, "if he moves against that encampment it could make San Francisco look like Tiananmen Square," where Chinese troops killed pro-democracy demonstrators.

Meanwhile, the mayor's policy that clutter must go but people may stay has enraged the very group he is trying to help.

"Agnos doesn't understand that the wind out here gets really nasty," said 21-year-old Bill Woods, who camps in the plaza. Without tents or some sort of shelter, he said, people cannot survive.

## Changes in Strategy

The nature of the problem and constant negotiations have forced Agnos to often change strategy.

For instance, yesterday morning, spokesmen for the Police Department and the mayor said officers would begin citing plaza dwellers for not removing the clutter. That plan changed after the city attorney's office said officers should videotape warnings before actually issuing citations.

But the video cameras, too, were called off after homeless representatives told the mayor that rangers would remove the mattresses and furniture by Friday, according to police Captain Dennis Martel.

If they do not, Martel said, "it could be as early as Friday, it could be at some point in time thereafter" that officers will show the videotaped warnings that prohibited belongings must be removed or people will be cited.

"At that time, if no one claims property that's in the plaza, it will be deemed abandoned and the property will be hauled off to the dumps," he said. Anything of obvious value will be stored at the police department.

Despite the agreement to stall action until Friday, Andrew Hayes, a social worker with the city-sponsored Health Care for the Homeless, predicted that many of the plaza campers will continue to resist the removal of their shelters.

"These people have nothing to lose," Hayes said. "They're not afraid of the police."



Wayne Huston (left)

By Kathy Bodoritz  
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Portable toilets, storage lockers and showers were among the items on a 12-point wish list delivered to the Board of Supervisors yesterday by a group of homeless people who camp in Civic Center Plaza.

"Our main point is affordable housing for the homeless," said Steve Abbott, spokesman for two dozen homeless people and campaigners for the homeless who appeared before the supervisors.

They also asked for cleanup equipment, detoxification and medical centers and a table with information about city services.

Also on the list were jobs and participation by homeless people in reaching policy decisions that affect them.

In response, Supervisor Doris Ward set up a meeting on the jobs issue for today between the mayor's office and representatives of the homeless.

"I think that everybody who wants to work... we ought to find something for them to do," Ward said. She suggested that the departments of public works and recreation and parks may have job openings that the homeless could fill. Or perhaps they could wash graffiti off buses or work at the port, she said.

Ward said she supported many

of the requests from the homeless but opposed those — like providing locker space for personal belongings — that would make their residence more permanent.

Yesterday's wish list said that a particular sore point — should be allowed at all times because "that area would appear neater, people would be safer and people would have some privacy that is need for their own human dignity."

The mayor has issued a set of rules for the Civic Center homeless camp: no tents, no defecating at no harassing passers-by. He said he will not remove the people.

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# SF Chron Plaza Rally for the Homeless

## Agnos' Move To Clear Park Is Deplored

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"It's an important part of living in Civic Center to have a way to keep the wind off you," said Food Not Bombs leader Keith McHenry.

Food Not Bombs set up a table in the plaza about a week ago and has been distributing free food there to the homeless. Using the group's public address system yesterday, a dozen homeless people and advocates for the homeless spoke to a small crowd about the problems of life in the plaza.

A flyer signed by Agnos and distributed in the plaza Thursday reiterated the rules for residency there: "Tents and other permanent structures are not allowed; Personal property in excess of what can be carried, such as couches and mattresses which interfere with others' right to use the park is not allowed; accumulation of garbage, urinating, defecating, lighting fires and the unauthorized use of city electricity is prohibited."

The flyer also said that people unable to make other arrangements for their personal property may store it in lockers next to the library, across the street from the plaza. But anything that is not claimed by July 14 will be considered abandoned.

Although anything left in storage after next week will be thrown away, the mayor has not set any deadline for ridding the park of whatever furniture, mattresses, shopping carts and other items may remain. And Agnos has said the people may stay.

"Nobody wants a confrontation out here," said Bob Prentice, the



Brian Buck (left) and Michael Canright helped serve food to homeless campers around the Civic Center Plaza.

mayor's coordinator for aid to the homeless. "There are not going to be police sweeps."

Agnos was out of town yesterday, but his press secretary, Eileen Maloney, said, "Our assumption, until proven otherwise, is that people will comply voluntarily."

Perched on the arm of a sofa bed in the southwest corner of the plaza, 18-year-old "Attitude" said his camp has met the mayor's request, at least in part way.

"We moved massive quantities of stuff" in the last couple of days, he said. "Motorcycles and eight cartloads worth of stuff. We're trying to make it look nice, yep."

But the sofa bed, the mattresses and the sleeping bags will stay. "That's people's needs," said the young man, who said he has been

living in the plaza off and about a month.

Andrew Hayes, a social worker with the city-sponsored Health Care for the Homeless, said the first step toward solving the problem is to recognize the needs of the homeless who live the

"What's going to do them?" he asked. For some, "They have to be able to have here at night time."

Moreover, said Hayes, it must take a whole new approach to the homeless problem, setting such services as a day labor program where people could sign work for one day at a time perhaps even a sanctioned te

"The policy of the past is wrong," he said. "We've tried to fit the homeless into the welfare model and it hasn't worked."

of 15 homeless people who lined up to speak at the hearing

# Plaza homeless rally to stay put

Agnos' new rules fail to move camps at Civic Center site

By Katherine Seligman  
THE EXAMINER STAFF

The two men lounging on a brown couch in their makeshift living room at San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza had not yet heard about published rules for park dwell-

The list of rules, drawn up by Mayor Agnos and distributed Friday, said there could be no tents or permanent structures, no cooking, no personal property, no alcoholic beverages, no pets, and no use of public areas as bathrooms.

"They'd have to throw me out," said one of the men on the couch when asked whether he was going to ditch his possessions in the right yellow dumpster placed in the middle of the plaza.

Homeless activists staged a rally today to reaffirm their right to live in the plaza, where as many as 150 people have been camping on recent nights. About 50 people listened to speeches and ate food provided by the organization Food Not Bombs as they read the rules issued by Agnos.

The rules were the latest attempt to deal with the growing controversy surrounding the plaza. Homeless activists and workers in city buildings have complained about the tents, plastic dishes, furniture arrangements and the ripe stench of defecation. In response, City recently installed portable toilets.

"This is the first shot over our heads," said plaza dweller Wayne Mann after the rules were de-

clared. Mann said he believes that he will gradually step up their demand of park residents. In past few weeks, police have driven some campers to dismantle tents.

Agnos has met with representatives of the homeless to discuss alternative housing, but no agreements have been reached. He has said he won't kick people out of the plaza until he has found their place for them.

Bob Prentice, the mayor's homeless coordinator, said the rules were merely a formalization of existing policy. "We're not telling you to leave," he said. "If you tell us to leave, they'll just move to their park. . . . The idea is to let people know the rules and let them change on their own so enforcement won't be necessary."

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the next week. Police will check packages in and out of the facility. Park dwellers will have to reclaim their-checked possessions by next Friday.

Prentice said he hoped the homeless would begin cleaning up the park on their own, but added he didn't think the plaza controversy would be solved that easily.

"The problem is that the mayor is trying to please all sides without taking a stand," said Andrew Hayes, a social worker with Health-care for the Homeless.

# Arrests break up noisy row at plaza

150 demonstrate on behalf of homeless campers

By Amy Alexander  
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Police in riot gear made arrests Friday on the steps of City Hall after a noisy lunch-hour demonstration by about 150 advocates of homeless campers across the street in Civic Center Plaza.

Several protesters were surrounded, handcuffed and hustled into police vans at the Pulk Street entrance to City Hall.

Across the street in the back of a pickup truck was a 20-foot papier mache statue called the Goddess of Liberty, holding a carrot in the right hand and pushing a shopping cart in the other.

It failed to impress police. They ordered the shouting demonstrators to disperse, then arrested anyone who failed to get off the steps just below the office of Mayor Agnos.

His spokeswoman, Eileen Moloney, said the demonstrators were from Food Not Bombs, which she described as a political group trying to exploit the homeless.

This was disputed by Andrew Hayes of the Tenderloin Self Help Center. He said Food Not Bombs includes a number of homeless people who have every right to protest changes on their own so enforcement won't be necessary.

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# CARNIVAL AMID HOMELESS



Police confront Food Not Bombs workers as they serve food in Civic Center Plaza.

# City closes soup kitchen at fair

By Craig Marine  
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

If they've saved, stolen, borrowed or begged the money, the homeless in San Francisco's Civic Center can buy a corn dog or take a chance to win an oversized, stuffed Gumby doll.

What they can't get anymore, thanks to the Public Health and Police departments, is a free cup of soup or plate of rice.

The 100 or so residents of the plaza have a carnival in their front yard, celebrating Emperor Norton and the Police Activities League, complete with kiddie rides and cotton candy.

A huge Ferris wheel, bumper cars and teddy bears form a jarring juxtaposition with the soiled sleeping bags and Safeway shopping carts filled with entire worlds of goods.

As the carnival was setting up, the soup kitchen was shut down.

It had been set up two weeks ago by the Food Not Bombs organization — just a table across the street from City Hall, a place where there was always something to eat — carrot cake, bread, rice, tomatoes — whenever someone got hungry.

It lasted until Thursday evening, the eve of the carnival, when the Health Department informed the organization it was in violation of

The City's health code. Among other things cited were the lack of hairnets for food servers and pots that weren't covered tightly enough.

Police officers took away two buckets of soup intended for Thursday night's supper, and arrested one man for ignoring the warning to stop serving food.

A second man was arrested after bumping roughly into Deputy Chief Frank Fife as he stood observing the action. Fife said the man could face charges of assault on a police officer.

The confrontation closed with Keith McHenry of Food Not Bombs coveting the food server's would resume and Deputy Mayor Gayle Orr Smith promising more arrests should the rain return.

The homeless headed back to their camps, where survival demands more than the ability to go a night without food.

## Drugs, alcohol prevalent

Most in this makeshift slumtown are intelligent and articulate, many are addicted to drugs or alcohol, some long to find work and escape the streets. Some claim to enjoy the out-of-doors experience.

The people of the plaza police themselves. Their laws may differ from those in the penal code, but they try to prevent violent confrontations and thievery among their own.

Drug use — particularly intravenous drug use — is prevalent.

"A lot of people offer me drugs," said Bill Woods, 21, whose cocaine addiction led to the felony conviction that landed him in state prison for a year and a half. "There are a lot of drugs out here, a lot of needles. But I can't go back to that, and so far I've been good about it."

Woods got out of prison six months ago with \$200 and a family in Los Angeles that wanted no part of him. He drifted to San Francisco, his money slipped away, and he is now living in the plaza.

He says he's looking for work, that he has experience as a cook.

## Not looking for work

Lisa White is not looking for work. At least not at the moment. White is immaculate, dressed in a pantsuit that would look appropriate in any corporate board room.

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Editor — I am a social worker who works daily with the homeless. Your editorial (Friday, June 16) on the "Eyesore at Civic Center" was a textbook case of blame the victim. Conspicuously absent in your litany of complaints were the lack of affordable housing, the increasing incidence of physical, sexual and emotional abuse endemic to American family life, the toxic, processed, poisoned environment we are forced to survive in, not to mention the official currency of drugs, guns and violence on our streets, and their relationship to public and corporate policy in the Reagan-Bush era. Who benefits from these inhumane policies? Not your average working person, not the poor and homeless person!

# The City's 'Eyesore'

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I suppose you and the rest of the unelected monied elite are in favor of a "dynamic" Tiananmen Square police-action fix so we can return the square "to whom it belongs." Another violent solution to poverty and injustice in our economic, political and social value system will not return the public spaces to the housed and well-fed treadle who have so cavalierly excluded those of us who deviate from your racist middle-class credo. Homeless people are organizing, and will define their own problems and solutions in their own language, not the false language of the oppressive institutions of social control. Until the city of San Francisco can provide affordable housing for all of its citizens, adequate drug treatment and mental health programs, and dignified work, homeless people have a right to be in any public space or vacant building in this city. They will not go away.

Your editorial is irresponsible in that it reinforces the dangerous impulses in our society of violence and hatred towards poor, minority and homeless people. Only through dialogue, mutual respect, compassion and love can we resolve the Civic Center "Eyesore."

ANDREW HAYES  
DIANE CRAWFORD  
San Francisco

She is 27 and has worked with computers in the past. She spends much of her time picking up trash from around her new in the camp at Balkans Grove.

"I can't stand dirt," she said. But she does like to drink at least for the time being.

"The alcohol is keeping me from working," she said candidly.

"Drinking never made me lose a job, and I don't want to get a job while I'm still drinking and screw up my record."

She talked of entering detox with her common-law husband, Donald Love. But she said she needed to tie out this last drinking streak until she knew it was time to quit.

"I'm getting tired of it, but sometimes living out here can be fun," she said. "The homeless help the homeless — there is a true community out here. It's more of a family than many of us have ever had."

White and Love sleep in a tent, one of many that dot the plaza. Without it, she said, they would freeze at night. Tents and other "permanent" structures will soon be disallowed in the City's continuing attempt to rid the plaza of the encampments.

## Chill on the plaza

When the fog rolls in, as it did after midnight Thursday, it feels a lot colder than the thermometer would suggest. The temperature at dawn Thursday stood at 51.

To beat the chill, some of the residents take to their tents and

sleeping bags soon after sunset. Some light illegal fires. Others stay up all night, wandering the streets to stay warm, sleeping during the day, when the sun may be out.

Thursday morning, the sun rose over the plaza and revealed carnival attractions — a "Town A Round," a "St. Petersburg Sleigh Ride" and a host of booths, still and cold from sleeping on benches or hard ground.

Thursday was different, not just because of the rules and the crowd that would soon descend on the carnival.

Thursday brought the hope of a job.

Dressed as Emperor Norton Ron Exley of the Police Activist League had descended from 1 steps of City Hall Wednesday, distributing applications and proposals like a benevolent monarch.

A deal had been struck with Ron Hassett and Larry Davis, the carnival organizers, to employ the Civic Center homeless.

## The hiring line

By 8 a.m. Thursday, more than 40 people were lined up in front of the carnival's office waiting to be interviewed by Hassett. Some were

hired to do labor. Some were to they might even get to travel with the show. Others may be given a shower, a meal and a bus ticket to the Salinas (Redwood or the Merced County Fair to look up with it carnival in those places.

By 5 p.m. Thursday, when Emperor Norton again wanders through the festivities in full regalia, he could watch from less, manning barricades and helping assemble booths and tables.

Ralph and Deborah Jones were working hard. To them, this was merely a chance to earn a few dollars to spend on drugs or drink.

"Last night, I heard some people talking about staying in the park to make some kind of political statement," said Deborah. "Well, I made my statement by sleeping on the cold ground."

"We're not homeless because we want to be," she continued. "This is our ticket out of here, and we're taking it. This feels great. I finally have some feeling of self-worth again."

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# 10 Arrests at Civic Center Protest

# City sets camping rules

## Homeless Group Faces Riot Squad

By Thomas G. Keane  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Ten advocates for the homeless were carted off to jail Saturday, while others brought 15-foot papier mache representation of the Goddess of Liberty holding a carrot — all part of the wackiest day this week at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco.

The police tactical squad in full gear arrived about noon to keep order after officers began arresting members of Food Not Bombs, the militant group that has been prohibiting food from dotting out meals to the homeless.

"Housing, Not Harassment!" dozen members of the group yelled at the grim-faced officers, flanked the Polk Street steps of Hall.

Meanwhile, late yesterday afternoon, San Francisco Superior Judge Ollie Marie-Victoire issued a temporary restraining order prohibiting Food Not Bombs from handing out food to Civic Center Plaza homeless residents.

Police Captain Dennis Martell those arrested yesterday were charged with serving food without a license, assaulting police officers, and interfering with the entrance of City Hall.

It was the most volatile confrontation yet in the plaza, which has become a cause celebre for the homeless, a tourist attraction and a city's carnival all rolled into one.

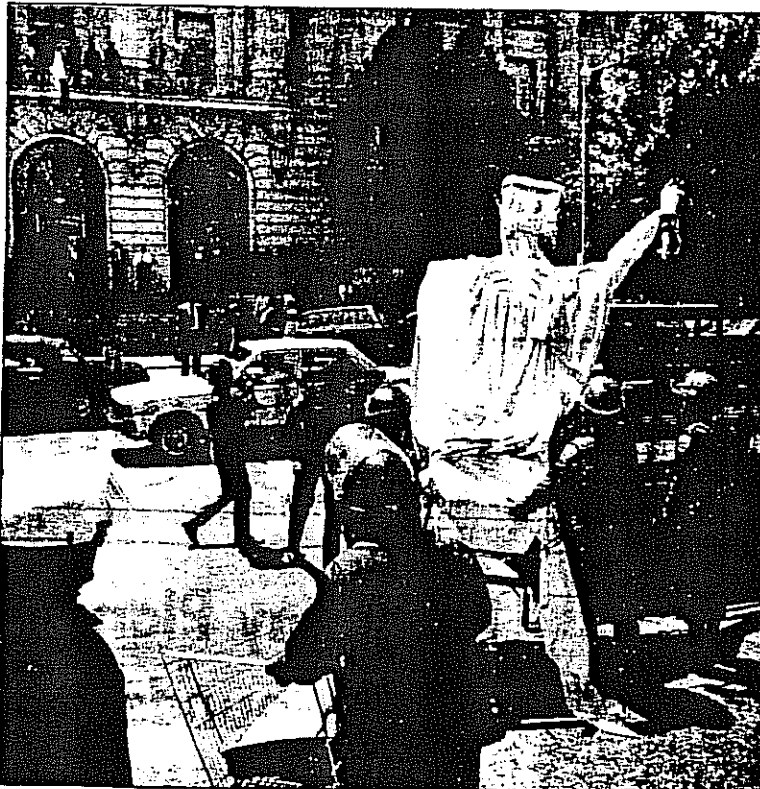
### and Carnival

Ready, bumper cars and ring booths for Emperor Norton the weekend carnival sponsored by the Police Activities Bureau are set up next to homeless tents curled up in solid blankets.

Dozens of people were milling about — carnival goers, children, and newspaper people, and civil service workers, the cops, and tourists — and watched the standoff.

It took BART all the way up the hill to see the excitement," said Stoddard, 62, of San Jose. "Somebody isn't it?"

Everyone visiting the carnival at Civic Center Plaza was fascinated by the spectacle.



Police moved in to confiscate a copy of the Goddess of Liberty parked across from City Hall

BY ERIC LUSE/THE CHRONICLE

"I think it's good that they're finally taking some action to get them out — they could do more," said Sita Benatatos, 18, of Marin.

She and her husband Mike, 23, said the presence of the homeless in front of City Hall gives the city "a black eye."

### Work for Homeless

Larry Davis, who owns Carnival Time Shows, said when the carnival ends on Sunday, about 80 people, mostly homeless, will be leaving the city with the carnival.

"Around the carnival, these people fit in fine because we have all kinds of jobs," Davis said.

Davis said he has hired eight full-time workers Tuesday evening during preparation for the show, 20 on Wednesday and 13 on Thursday. On Friday afternoon, he sent 40 people to work with his son at the Merced County Fair and 15 to 20 more to the Salinas Rodeo.

The Food Not Bombs group refused to stop serving free food to the homeless, despite orders from the Health Department and the police to shut down because of health and safety code violations.

When Food Not Bombs leader Keith McHenry pumped his fist into the air on the steps of City Hall, after unrolling a banner bearing the group's name, he was arrested for disturbing the peace. His supporters cheered him and jeered at police.

### Statue and Carrot

Food Not Bombs member Jess Grant brought the papier mache copy of the Goddess of Liberty to the plaza in the back of a yellow pickup truck. The figure, meant to recall the goddess made by students in Beijing for pro-democracy demonstrations, held a papier mache carrot above its head.

"This is meant to show that freedom and liberty are meaning-

less without food and shelter," Grant said, adding that several "artists and activists" constructed the statue.

### Hollow Promise

He said he brought the statue to "Tenement Square" to remind people that America's promise of economic opportunity is empty.

About 3 p.m., the tactical squad removed the statue and took it away without incident in a flatbed truck.

Most of the homeless people living in the plaza kept their distance.

"I back Food Not Bombs 100 percent," said homeless camper Ralph Jones as he sat on a broken, three-legged chair and drank a can of Budweiser. "I've got respect for them. They're here out of love to feed the people."

Asked why he was not out demonstrating with the group, he said, "It's laziness."

Chronicle staff writers contributed to this report

SANTA CRUZ — Special-event groups will be able to get a permit to camp in city parks under an ordinance adopted by the City Council Tuesday.

The permits will grant an exception to the city's general camping ban to groups that apply in advance and meet seven requirements. To get a permit, a group must provide parking and traffic control, toilets, security, liability insurance, garbage collection and cleanup, security and clean-up deposits, and any other public health, safety and general welfare matters "as may be raised by the camping application."

Campers granted permits will be allowed to stay no more than three nights in any 12 months in the improved areas of Harvey West Park, lower DeLaveaga Park near Branciforte Drive, and San Lorenzo

Park benchlands. According to a memo from City Parks and Recreation Director Jim Lang, the camping permits are intended to be associated with special events, such as "dog shows, scouting events, softball tournaments and summer day camp sleepovers." The general camping ban, which has been vigorously opposed by street people and their supporters will remain in effect. No camping ban opponents stepped forward to speak about the matter when the council took it up Tuesday night. Robert Norse, who has acted as a spokesman for street people in downtown Santa Cruz for the past year, arrived at the meeting about a half hour after the council's decision, and did not speak.

— Jamie S. Cackler

dogs OK, homeless go home!

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Agnos may be doing inside City Hall to solve the problem, they say, it appears to the public that he is doing nothing.

"If the mayor would just come out and speak with these people for five minutes," said Andrew Hayes, a social worker active in the plaza. Supervisor Terence Hallinan talked with the homeless campers last week. Hayes noted, and "it really made them feel like, hey, City Hall has taken them seriously."

In private, Agnos has met with advocates for the homeless to discuss rules for the camping in the plaza, and his staff is drafting a "homeless master plan" that will recommend services and programs. He has also proposed spending \$1.5 million to create a facility with phone showers, mailboxes and job counseling for the homeless.

Agnos' approach also draws praise.

"This whole problem in Civic Center Plaza is an opportunity to educate people, to wake people up about homelessness, in a way that hopefully is going to lead to the political will that is going to be necessary to make this a top priority," said American Civil Liberties attorney John Crew, who supports the mayor's refusal to roust the homeless.

"It might be useful to go a little more on the offensive and expose the arguments" of the people who favor a sweep but offer no specifics on where the homeless would go, Crew said.

Some homeless advocates said the mayor has bowed at least part way to political pressure by telling the campers they cannot have tents and other shelters.

"The people out there are upset because they consider it somewhat hypocritical," said Josh Brandon, a member of the Homeless Task Force, made up of current and formerly homeless people.

"He just doesn't really fully understand what it means to sleep outside in the Civic Center area," Brandon said. "To him it seems reasonable to just wrap yourself in a blanket and sleep on the ground."

The situation in the plaza has taken on a much higher profile this week thanks to the group Food Not Bombs, which set up a table in the plaza and served free food to the campers. The march into the mayor's office was led by members of the food group and its blond-bearded leader, Keith McHenry, was among the dozen people arrested outside City Hall yesterday.

Despite orders from the city health department to get a permit or stop distributing food, the defiant group has vowed to stay.

Among those frustrated by Agnos' policies are some police officers. "I wish they were caught in the mid-

dent of the Police Officers Association.

"Our position is, hey, you've allowed them to stay there and break the laws, fine. But then when people complain, we get called to the blue meanies and come in and arrest these homeless guys," Key said. "We're just saying, hey, don't put us in the middle. Don't let it go out of hand and then start blaming us."

People who live in apartments near the plaza are also angry that the encampment has been allowed to remain. "Agnos goes home" night, said one neighbor who asks to remain anonymous. "He doesn't know what it's like... the physical filth that we have to deal with."

Merchants in the area are up as well. "Most of them are sympathetic with what the mayor's facing but they're dealing with the reality," said Carolyn Diamond, associate director of the Market Street Association. "They're begged from spit on, if they don't give me they get pushed, and the bum waste down there is just terrible."

Many of the people who were in City Hall are joining Supervisor Bill Maher in calling for action.

"You don't even want to walk through there," complained Eng, a committee clerk for the Board of Supervisors.

Despite the criticism, the mayor said he is still committed to solving the problem his way. "I have very firm, clear understanding what the plan is and what I'm doing," Agnos said. "I'm going to satisfy my conscience and not editorial boards of newspapers, supervisors, or columnists."

The mayor said that despite the commotion this week, his job has proceeded on schedule and improved the condition of the plaza. First social workers spent weeks helping those homeless could take advantage of available services. Then beat off joined the social workers in identifying people who needed help.

In the meantime, the camp has removed truckloads of city from the plaza.

Now officers will begin culling people who do not remove tents, furniture and other structures, which Agnos said not needed if people wrap themselves in tarps and blankets to sleep.

"If I'm going to be critical because it took me three or four weeks, five weeks" long clean up the plaza, he said, "I live with that."

"As soon as I have alternatives which are human and decent are going to insist that people longer sleep there."

"In the final analysis I live myself and my principles are not going to compromise the

## Both Sides Want Action

# Agnos' Crisis on Homeless

By Kathy Rodolitz  
Chronicle Staff Writer

As the police gear faced protesters this week with militant advocates for the homeless, Mayor Art Agnos was under criticism from all sides for his handling of the problem in Civic Center Plaza.

Despite his insistence that he is all he can do to resolve the problem, many people are unhappy with the way that allows the campers to stay and insists that their clutter

"It is ridiculous that what we are doing is allowing our city to turn into... a health hazard," said prominent fund-raiser Ann Miller. Frustrated by the city's slow progress in solving the problem and thinking more should be done, Miller started a private group that is working to set up a day facility for the homeless.

"I think one of the pathetic things that's happened is that the mayor is not being forceful enough and saying this is too bad, but the

### The Carnival Scene At Civic Center Plaza

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streets of San Francisco belong to all of us."

Even some of the homeless people Agnos is trying to help stormed his office Tuesday. "You're willing to spend millions of dollars to keep the Giants here, the tourists here. What are you willing to spend to keep your own residents here?" asked

21-year-old Bill Woods, who camps in the plaza.

The mayor insists that the situation in the plaza is improving, and said, "We're working it out the way I always intended in order to avoid a bloody confrontation."

Agnos prides himself on being a behind-the-scenes consensus builder, but critics say the city needs strong leadership to deal with the problem. Regardless of what

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# 'An expression of love'



Michael Bannou - Mercury News

In her living room, Sandra Loranger reflects on the Santa Cruz food controversy

## Activist admired for choosing jail

By Bob Levy  
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Sandra Loranger, who will go to jail next week for serving food to the poor in Santa Cruz, is described by her attorney as a woman "driven by spiritual compulsion."

Indeed, Loranger talks about love being "all that is needed to change anything we see to be a problem. . . . It takes many forms, and to me, the sharing of food is an expression of love."

Asked if she's been called a "starry-eyed idealist," she smiles and says that's one of the nicer things people

**'She's someone who really cares about these people.'**

— Peter Leeming, lawyer

have been saying about her in recent months.

But there is another side to this slight woman, the tough side that is landing her behind bars rather than accept pro-

bation for the crime of handing out food at the city's Town Clock without a permit.

People who know Loranger, and people who have only observed her, express respect and admiration for her willingness to follow her convictions.

Peter Leeming, the court-appointed lawyer who represented her before the jury that convicted her last month, said Loranger is different from some of the activists working on behalf of Santa Cruz's homeless population in that she essentially is apolitical.

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## Activist wins respect for choosing jail in free food flap

LORANGER, from Page 1B

"She's someone who really cares about these people in a very sincere way," Leeming said. "She's not someone who's out to cause trouble at city hall or kick dirt around."

Leeming added, "I've never had a client who I have found so sincere or who I believe had a better reason to break the law."

Santa Cruz Mayor Mardi Wormhoudt does not know Loranger personally, but has seen her at city council meetings. Wormhoudt, although considered a liberal by most standards, is no friend of some of the activists for the homeless, who frequently have reviled her for lack of action on their behalf.

Yet, speaking of Loranger, she expressed "enormous respect for people who take the path of direct service (including civil disobedience)." Wormhoudt said that Loranger "seems to play a valuable role in society" but said she was sorry Loranger had chosen jail.

Loranger, 49, moved to Santa Cruz County from Long Beach nine years ago. She lives in a mobile home on the east edge of Santa Cruz and earns what she indicated was a small income from a partnership in a downtown antique business.

### Began as kitchen volunteer

The business doesn't demand a lot of her time, she said, and about 1 1/2 years ago she started volunteering at the St. Francis Catholic Kitchen, a rather strictly run feeding program for the poor.

From there, she turned her volunteer efforts to the city's homeless shelter on River Street. Her first arrest took place last New Year's Eve at the shelter when she and others were taken in for staging a protest at an unopened shelter annex.

Three days later, she began serving soup at the Town Clock — and was arrested again. She has been involved in feeding programs, and with legal issues surrounding them, ever since.

Loranger said it was on Jan. 3, when the first arrests involving serving food were made, that she decided, "I wasn't going to back down . . . that what they were doing was a crime against humanity."

What they were doing, said

Wormhoudt and Santa Cruz County District Attorney Art Danner, was upholding a law aimed at guaranteeing that food served regularly to the public is clean and safe.

City officials worked with the county environmental health department earlier this year to declare the meals served at the Town Clock illegal. The meals, generally soup and bread, were prepared at home by volunteers and brought to the clock in cars or trucks.

Loranger and other activists argue that the crime they are accused of — serving or distributing food without a permit — prevents people from handing out home-baked chocolate chip cookies to friends outside the home.

"I can't believe that's constitutional," Loranger said. Leeming agreed, and said he hopes to file an appeal of her conviction.

But Danner and Wormhoudt insist the law only is aimed at preventing the regular serving of a meal, at a regular place, without a permit or without the food coming from a certified kitchen.

### Action questioned

Danner said he can't understand Loranger's attitude. "If she really wanted to serve food to the poor . . . why stand on these principles when she could accomplish her purpose (simply by getting a permit)," he asked.

The activists have complained that when they tried to get a permit from the county health department, they received a bureaucratic runaround and gave up. And they have argued that it is simply wrong to say that giving away food, whatever the circumstances, is a crime.

"I feel a sense of responsibility, when somebody is suffering, to at least offer help or a possible solution," Loranger said Friday. "While we're limited in what we can do, the one area where I feel responsible is acknowledging them as human beings. . . . It's time we started recognizing our common bond with all of creation."

To those who decry helping people who sometimes appear not to want to help themselves, Loranger said: "A good portion of the homeless population isn't asking for anything except to be left alone . . . to be allowed to sleep under a tree in the woods without being hassled, or to accept a cup of soup at the Town Clock."

MEANWHILE: BACK IN SANTA CRUZ...

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## Food activist sentenced to jail

By MARK BERGSTROM  
Sentinel staff writer

SANTA CRUZ — A Santa Cruz woman was sentenced Thursday to 45 days in jail when she refused to accept probation for serving soup without a permit at the Town Clock.

Attorney Peter Leeming told Municipal Court Judge Robert Atack that Sandra Sue Loranger, 49, would not accept probation because she does not believe what she did is wrong.

Outside court, Loranger demonstrated why she could not agree to stop giving food away. She reached into a bakery box and

pulled out a cookie, offering it to a reporter. "I could not even do this if I were on probation," she said.

Loranger, who owns a small antique store on the Pacific Garden Mall, is to report to jail July 13.

Maximum sentence could have been six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine, according to Assistant District Attorney Paul Marigonda.

Atack did not fine Loranger, but he ordered her to pay \$400 toward the cost of her court-appointed attorney.

The court had appointed Leeming to represent Loranger at her trial two weeks ago. The jury found Loranger guilty as charged.

Loranger was cited Feb. 21 at one of last winter's soup giveaways at the Town Clock.

Atack said he was puzzled why some of the cups in the back of Loranger's pickup truck contained lint and cat litter.

Leeming explained that the homeless activists used litter and other materials to make "decoy" soup because the police were seizing the cups.

"I don't understand the logic. If she was only seeking to feed people, why would she even put those substances in the cups?" Atack asked.

Loranger is the second activist to be convicted by a jury of distributing soup

without the required health permits.

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Seeking bail for his appeal: Backyard Brian Staley. Currently cooling his heels in jail for sinister soup serving in February, Staley was the first person convicted. He will defend himself: a jury trial 7/17 for trespass at Lockheed last month. Info: 458-9648

returning next issue (if we ever get it out): the missing months; crazy clippings from our filed-out not forgotten drawer; the City's upcoming Sleeping-permits-for-dogshows debate (City Council meeting July 25); guerrilla food and gorrilla police; the City Council Gag case hits the courts; and more...maybe.

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Santa Cruz Deputy City Attorney John Harrison said the trials are aggravating, especially when city officials are subpoenaed.

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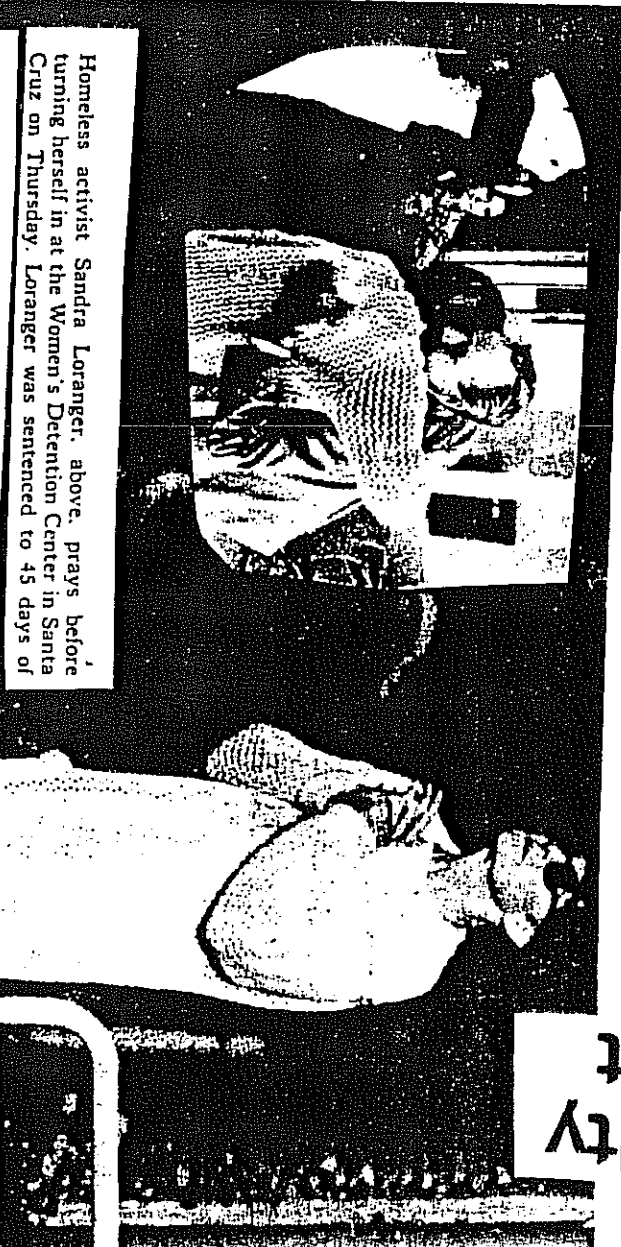
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 And all I ask  
 Is a merry yarn from a laughing rover.  
 And quiet sleep and a sweet dream  
 When the long trick's over."

---"Tewkebury Road" by John Masefield (1878-1967)

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"SWAP" CHEFS FACE SEPTEMBER TRIALS ON MID-WINTER SOUP SERVING AT TOWN CLOCK  
LORANGER SUPPORTERS AND FREE FOOD FANS TO RALLY MONDAY AT PICNIC POWWOW

Fresh out of the slammer August 4 after 23 days in jail for bringing seup prepared in a restaurant kitchen to the Town Clock back in March, "Sly-shoes" Sandy Loranger faces more creative criminology in the form of additional "food without a permit" charges from well-fed D.A.s. Spotted on the mall last week up to her old criminal tricks, Loranger has apparently learned nothing from her stay behind bars and may need another lesson; informants were clear in their testimony that the hard-baked hashslinger was again flooding the streets with unauthorized sandwiches. While waiting to be arrested for reentering the "lunch without a license" racket, the elfin jailbird will soon be served cooked-up charges in early September. She and 3 others are charged with felonious feeding at the Town Clock last January 3 in a case to be set for trial September 4.

Soupshaman Malu Pinecrone, Bathrobespierre Robert Norse, and Smile-Awhile Dan Johnson will be Sandy's fellow prisoners in the dock. These four are what remain of a larger group seized with soup in hand when the SWAP (Soup Without A Permit) Team picked up a nightly meal for the homeless that the City had abandoned the day before. Unwilling to plead guilty to lesser charges, the 4 have suggested a public apology from the police department and a city-initiated free meal for the hungry might be adequate to forestall a false arrest suit, once the trials are over. Meanwhile, the D.A.'s office has been offering face-saving deals to remove the bizarre case from public view, but defendants note that there is still a Preliminary Injunction that prohibits picnics-without-a-permit: an Injunction that must be lifted before sanity can return to Santa Cruz.

Observers are already weary from the expensive 10-day trial of last July (which cost taxpayers over \$20,000 and ended in 8 dismissals and 1 conviction) where homeless advocates were hauled into court on "trespass" charges for sitting in to open the Annex of the River St. mini-Shelter. Courtwatchers are wondering if the prosecution will again slap the county's taxpayers in the pocketbook with another courtroom carnival. Already delayed for nine months, the trial will force the prosecution to present proof that the four slaphappy soupslingers tried to push criminal food on an unsuspecting populace more than 3 times in 90 days. (The arcane law dusted off for this attack on politically unpopular homeless activists has been stretched and strained to bear this interpretation in local court decisions; it has been used in no other jurisdiction that we know of, though it is a state law: Health and Safety Code §27551). Since the SWAP Team officially came together on January 3 (and was busted at its first meal), establish<sup>ing</sup> evidence of "continued feeding" may prove difficult.

As documented in the June trial of Calamity Jane Inler, who was acquitted, the Health Dept., urged on by the SCPD, denied a permit to the gypsy chefs, who were then forced to choose between law without conscience and conscience without law. The jury too will have choices to make.

Colorful photos and contemporary videotape of uniformed Dick Tracy's wresting hungry picnickers from their styrofoam cups of soup may provide comic relief on the 5 p.m. news as Santa Cruz relives those jolly January days. Festivities are due to begin September 4 in Muni Court, Dept. C. when newly-seated

Judge H. Morse will hear Tortthraser Tom Walraff, (public defender for Soupshaman Malu) move to dismiss the entire proceeding as unconstitutional. Shortly thereafter, People's Pugilist Grinning Ray Grueneich (attorney for Bathrobespierre) will introduce a Murgia motion to disclose the political background of the case and reveal the D.A.'s unhealthy interest in jailing homeless activists while church programs, charitable potlucks, and daily doughnut dunkings at the police station continue to blight the city without permits.

On Monday afternoon at 5 p.m. (August 28), those who signed the "Pardon Sandra Loranger" petitions (tireless circulated by Katerwauler Kate and Warmweather Wes outside the County building) and anyone interested in the fate of free food are invited to attend a rally and gab-about at the Town Clock. There former members of the SWAP Team, the SLOP (Soup Lovers Outdoor Potlucks) Collective, and just about anyone who wants to will, lay plans to find a way to ferry food to the hungry of Santa Cruz by fair means or foul. Bring food for thought and food for feasting!

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Mental patients may refuse drugs

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The state Supreme Court unexpectedly reversed course Thursday and reinstated a ruling allowing thousands of involuntarily held mental patients to refuse treatment by mood-altering drugs.

Five of the seven justices had voted in March 1988 to grant review on an appeal by a San Francisco hospital. But the court unanimously dismissed the hospital's appeal Thursday and restored a lower-court ruling in favor of a patient's rights.

The ruling, binding on courts statewide, allows patients committed involuntarily for three or 14 days refuse medication, with two exceptions: a medical emergency; or a finding by a judge that the patient is not competent to make a decision.

"The forcible administration of powerful mind-altering drugs... involves moral and ethical considerations not solely within the purview of the medical profession," said the

1st District Court of Appeal in the December 1987 ruling that was reinstated Thursday.

State law gives mental patients "the same legal rights and responsibilities" as other persons and does not presume them to be incompetent to make their own decisions, said the appellate decision by Presiding Justice J. Anthony Kline.

State and local mental health officials had protested the decision, saying the court's restrictions were unworkable and would be disruptive to hospitals and harmful to patients.

The court's requirements "would have patients who refused antipsychotic medication confined involuntarily with physical restraints and without treatment pending a judicial hearing," said San Francisco Deputy City Attorney Julia Ten Eyck in papers filed on behalf of 13 counties.

Officials predicted a flood of time-consuming hearings and complained about judicial interference in medical decisions.

Lawyers for Eleanor Riese, a San Francisco woman who protested her medication, were backed by state and national groups of patients-rights advocates and psychologists. They said procedures for patients' consent and judicial review have worked well in five other states and the District of Columbia.

Studies in those states show that "few people refuse medications for more than short periods, that definite gains accrue from the accompanying negotiations (between doctors and patients), including better care for people such as Eleanor Riese, that patients do not become more violent as a result, and that no deluge of cases or delays has resulted," wrote Morton Cohen, a lawyer for Riese.

Riese admitted herself to St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in June 1985 with a flare-up of chronic schizophrenia, a condition she had suffered since childhood.

The appeals court said she agreed to take the anti-psychotic drug Mellaril, but later objected to the side effects and refused further medication. She was forcibly injected, and hospital officials then committed her involuntarily for 14 days, saying she was violent and actively psychotic.

She was given additional medication during that period, over her objections. She was later placed under a conservatorship and eventually discharged from the hospital.

Her suit, on behalf of all short-term involuntary mental patients medicated against their will, was rejected by San Francisco Superior Court Judge Raymond Wilkerson, whose ruling was reversed by the appeals court.

- thanks to free wheelin' Fred for this important story!

SHAPES IN THE FOG.....

.....Continuing Reports out of Carota's Soup Kitchen show his "attitude interviews" are still a prerequisite for the lunchtime meal, but there is much less (if any) discrimination against Deadheads for their colorful costumery. Additionally his 20-25 person Shelter provides morning and nighttime meals for those lucky and/or needy enough to get in, provided they're willing to bend an ear to a compulsory religious service. Still his noon meal and shower facilities continue to be just about the only solid sustenance and washup in town for the moneyless. Keep it up, Peter!

.....UTE Greybeards to Reappear on Radio Show: Bubblemaster and sometime Puppeteer Tom Noddy and his 1977 attorney, Grinning Ray Grueneich, will be exchanging potshots on homeless issues on KUSP next Monday, August 28th, from noon to 1 p.m. Grueneich defended Noddy and over 30 other Undesireable Transient Elements (as folks living in their cars and vans were then called), against charges of trespass and illegal camping. It's a call-in show, so tune in and find out how far we've come since the bad old days.

.....Rumblings from Rocky: Low-profile but still plain-spoken, Raucous Rocky Stone left greetings for Bubbah Bryan and Linda the Lark on Calamity Jane's message phone. He also warned Calamity against backroom dealings with Mayor Mardi, with whom Calamity's been discussing a new food program. Rocky's advice: "No deals!"

.....2500 Signatures Can't Be Wrong! Katerwauling Kate and Warmweather Wes braved the heat from 8 to 5 daily outside the county courthouse, rounding up signatures for the pardoning of "Slyshoes" Sandy Loranger. Inside, Loranger was sitting out yet another trial--the Annex "trespass" sit-in, but she was apparently still "beyond rehabilitation" (as the t-shirts and buttons Kate and Wes were selling clearly stated) because the jury found her (alone of 5 defendants) guilty and sentenced her to a concurrent 45-day sentence. On August 2, Kate and Wes turned over the petitions to State Assemblyperson Sam Farr; and on August 4, Sandy was released, some days early because of jail overcrowding and good behavior, still unrehabilitated.

.....Ratman in the Claws of the Law! Stephen the Ratman, known also in these pages as The Unknown Juggler, is a closet expert on Sleeping Ban defenses and a long-time vehicular resident of these parts. Surreptitious Steve has finally been snatched by rogue lawmen. The charge? Having rats in his vehicle and "threatening a witness." Steve tells us this cat-and-mouse game will hit court August . Bring popcorn and cheesebits for the judicial jackals and, of course, Steve's tiny friends.

.....Grateful Dead Foundation Sends Chicken Dinners to the Fox's Lair: Word has reached us that \$2000 somehow made its way from the Dead to SCAN. The Santa Cruz Action Network is the political machine that elected the current roster of pretend-progressives warming chairs in City Hall. The money, supposedly earmarked to feed the hungry, hasn't yet brought any victuals to the meagre table of the Santa Cruz homeless. Meanwhile the SCAN-backed "Progressive" Gang of 7 (4 out of 7 SCAN-endorsed) continues its discrete silence as its police force continues busting houseless locals for sleeping where they must. And, of course, keeping steady watch for any "illegal feeding" going on downtown.

.....Permit, permit, Who's got the permit? Calamity Jane made another trip to Ray Toshitsune last week at the County Environmental Health office in search of a permit to distribute fruit and vegetables from her private garden up Zayante way. After some murmuring and bobbing of heads, the Dept. sent Jane a letter clearing up the whole situation. Test your Political Hackery I.Q. and see if you can guess what Health czarina Diane Evans wrote Jane. (Letter reprinted below)

.....The only Criminals in Town? Asked if SWAP was the only free food operation that had ever been targeted by his Dept. during his 4 years there, Ray T. was forced to admit he'd never heard of anyone else getting cited for a similar operation, much less arrested and jailed. A court injunction, three trials, and two jail terms (Backyard Brian Staley and Slyshoes Sandy--Calamity Jane was acquitted) seems pretty strong medicine for the health hazard of feeding the unsightly homeless. But then, as Ray amiably concluded with a regretful smile, that's the law.

.....Carson comic salutes the Chefs: Jay Leno, aspiring funnyman on nightly network TV, gave a garbled salute to Sandy on Johnny's show a few Mondays back. "You heard about this woman who was jailed for feeding the homeless in San Diego [sic]. Who's next--Mother Teresa?" Thanks, Jay. Sort of.

.....Gangleader Wormhoudt Gavels Hobos and Friends to Silence: Not contenting herself with her customary aristocratic interruptions from the chair during Oral Communications at last City Council meeting, Mardi set a new speed record in rushing through the 2nd reading and Public Hearing of a change in the Sleeping Ban law July 25th. Ignoring the nemesis homeless hobo band in the back of the room, the speedy mayor reconvened the meeting with only 6 Councilpeople present, passed her pet bill without debate (on an ordinance generating public interest, an hour's hearing is not unusual), and smiled at her smooth undemocratic coup. The law now allows favored groups such as boy scouts, dog shows, and traveling carnivals to acquire "camping" permits in city limits, but ignores the nightly rousts of homeless sleepers under the infamous 6.36 Sleeping Ban ordinance. Two Councilmembers later apologized to the angry Bathrobespierre, who was out of the room when the ordinance was rushed into law. Calamity Jane, however, had little to say about the irregular proceedings other than a faintly-heard "zzz."

OCEAN ST. DENNY'S RENEWS HOMELESS-HEAVE-HO! POLICIES OF LAST SPRING  
ACTIVISTS MOUNT PICKET, DISCUSS CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT, URGE CITIZENWATCH

Enraged homeless activists launched new flyers last month with all-night Ocean St. Denny's restaurant the target. Responding, they said, to a new shotgun anti-homeless policy overseen by day manager Amin Garrish, HUFF (Homeless United for Friendship and Freedom) activists spoke of a steady stream of shabby but paying customers directed to the door and the cold streets beyond, without explanation or apology. Whether the bigoted policy was receiving tacit approval from higher levels of management was an open question at press time when no response had been received from district manager Tim Richy. As of early July, night personnel agreed that Denny's was now "throwing out" homeless without ceremony.

On hearing that Bubbah Bryan was denied a late-night seat at a nearly deserted Denny's early Wednesday, July 12th, HUFF voted to look into current housekeeping procedures at the all-night restaurant. A contingency of activists including Calamity Jane, Bogtrotter Bill, Robespierre Robert, Blackbird Barbara, and Streetsong C.J. successfully broke the blockade against street people and homeless citizens the next night with tape recorder and camera. Planted witnesses observed the scene ready to testify to the management's calculated indiscretions.

Outfitted in her Belligerent Baglady best, Calamity shuffled in the door of the cafe unrecognized and unmolested, even securing a booth to sip coffee without incident. Waitresses and night manager instead focused on Blackbird and Streetsong, claiming the two had been barred from Denny's for unspecified "prior incidents" (a charge completely untrue in the case of the latter and mistaken as well in the case of the former). Streetsong sat for half an hour unsuccessfully seeking coffee, finally leaving in frustration and rage. Blackbird, calmer and more canny, continued to politely request the service to which she was entitled, finally being joined by Calamity, Robespierre, and Bogtrotter. Joel, the substitute manager, carrying out the regular manager's policy, threatened to call police if the menacing Coffeecup Cartel did not vanish into the night.

Ready to face jail, the homeless hit squad were threatened with same, but saved at the last minute by Joel's anxious (and ultimately well-intentioned) multiple calls to different higherups. Disgusted at Denny's narrow escape from judicial judgement, Calamity castigated soft-hearted Robespierre for dropping Richy's name and so warning Joel that these midnight marauders were more than passing vagabonds, subject to the usual contemptuous boot out the door. In the end, Joel instructed hostile waitresses to serve the raggletaggle group. "We had a \$1 million lawsuit," exclaimed an exasperated Calamity afterwards, "if they'd had us arrested. Next time I come here without Robert!"

The Homeless Table, picket signs, and flyers appeared outside Denny's the next day, but expectations that the management would tone down its "no service to streeties" stance turned out to be false. On Monday July 17th, Bubbah Brian, this time with a small knapsack slung over one shoulder, again got turned away at the door for refusing to leave the pack outside unattended. "Are women forced to leave their purses on the sidewalk?" asked Brian dryly.

Activists continue good-will caravans to Denny's to observe, record, and challenge its antebellum antics first-hand. They invite folks who never made it to the lunch counter sit-ins in North Carolina in 1960 or the voter registration campaigns in Mississippi in 1964-5 to check out hometown discrimination and show solidarity with a human being of their choice. Also suggested: a phone call to Denny's urging a fairer policy, the name of a higherup, and perhaps a promise to boycott the restaurant until it enters the 20th century.

LATE FLASH: Is Denny's coming around? Linda the Lark, Vagabond Vic, and another companion received correct and courteous treatment in the wee hours of July 19th when they arrived with backpacks in tow. Whether this was a flash in the night or a new dawn remained to be seen: keep your eyes on the next shabby stranger whose silver is refused.

LATEST FLASH: Either because of homeless avoidance or quiet change, we've received no recent reports (8/16) on Denny's moral etiquette these last few weeks. Enter at your own risk and keep a sharp watch on those that shuffle sadly away.

The Sacramento Bee

An idea for Santa Cruz

CAPITOL / STATE NEWS

# Serve homeless, then serve time

## Food giveaways, law often clash

By Bill Walker  
San Francisco Staff Writer

SANTA CRUZ — Sandy Loranger is in jail. For feeding people. During the long days and nights at the Blaine Street Women's Detention Center in Santa Cruz, where she has been held since July 13, Loranger has had plenty of time to consider her crime and its consequences. She has not repented.

"It doesn't feel like punishment," she said, "because I've done nothing wrong."

What she did, at least three times this year, was serve hot soup to the homeless people of downtown Santa Cruz. Because she had no food-service permit, she was arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to 45 days behind bars for violation of the city health code. She was offered probation on condition that she stop giving away food. She refused.

"How could I relinquish my right to offer you a cup of soup?" she asked a visitor last week. "It's not just a right, but a moral obligation."

Loranger, 48, a quiet and gentle woman who keeps an antique shop in this seaside city, may be the first Californian sent to jail for feeding the homeless. She is not likely to be the last.

Throughout Northern California, activists for the rights of homeless people are coming into conflict with authorities over the feeding of the thousands who congregate in the region's parks and other public places.

Some activists are motivated by politics, some by religious faith and some — like Loranger — by personal conviction alone. They share a readiness to defy the law if they feel they must, and they signal a tactical shift by the homeless-rights movement toward an increased use of civil disobedience.

"Every movement needs a Gandhi or a Martin Luther King," said Robert Hays, chairman of the National Coalition for the Homeless. "And I can't imagine a better way to do it than by giving away food. The moral imperative of feeding people is overwhelming."

In Santa Cruz, Loranger is one of several people arrested this spring for serving food at the Town Clock

on the downtown Pacific Garden Mall.

City officials, concerned that the meab were encouraging the homeless to gather at a shopping and tourist crossroads, banned the giveaways by invoking food-service laws usually applied to restaurants. All the others arrested were ticketed and released, acquitted in trials or convicted but given probation, said Loranger's lawyer, Peter Leeming.

"Some people involved in this have a political motivation," said Leeming, "but that's not Sandy. She has her antique shop on the mall, she sees a lot of homeless people and she simply cares very deeply about them."

San Francisco officials also applied health regulations to fight food distribution at Civic Center Plaza, where about 100 homeless people had established what officials feared was becoming a permanent tent city in the shadow of City Hall.

Three weeks ago police swept the plaza, confiscating food and utensils from Food Not Bombs, a leftist group whose agenda combines social justice and pacifism. Nine servers were arrested, although charges later were dropped.

The city obtained a court order barring the group from the plaza unless it obtains a food-service permit, but Food Not Bombs founder Keith McHenry said clandestine feeding continues. "The revolution," he is fond of saying, "has no permit."

In Berkeley, the Berkeley Catholic Worker organization has erected an unauthorized "People's Cafe" for the homeless in People's Park, a shrine of '60s protest where the University of California now wants to build student housing.

After the Catholic Worker, which is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church, cut up the portable cafe in May, the university sought an eviction order. A judge ruled UC didn't need an order to remove the cafe, but for now a confrontation has been avoided as the university and the city of Berkeley are helping the group look for another site.

Michele Frazier, co-director of the cafe, doubts that an alternate location can be found. She said her group had looked for two years for legal sites to lease. But each time was



Sandy Loranger received a 45-day jail sentence for providing hot soup to the homeless in a downtown Santa Cruz mall.

thwarted by the "Not In My Back Yard" syndrome.

"We were desperate," Frazier said of the decision to locate in the park. "Then I was praying about it and realized we should do it not out of desperation, but because it's the right thing to do. The park is where the homeless community is and that's where we belong."

McHenry, who founded Food Not Bombs as an offshoot of an anti-nuclear alliance in Boston, said he also tried to operate legally but found it impossible to meet requirements for a food-service permit. But San Francisco health officials maintain they have "no philosophical disagreement" with Food Not Bombs and that they bent over backward to help it get a permit, even offering to waive the registration fee.

"Our position now," said McHenry, "is that if they can give us a permit they can also take it away. I don't believe in civil disobedience for its own sake, but neither do I see how the government can stop people from feeding the hungry."

Margaret Crosby, an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer who represented Food Not Bombs before

the health department, said the issue is not that simple.

"There's no question that feeding people can be regulated because of government's interest in public health," said Crosby. "On the other hand, Food Not Bombs believes feeding people is political expression — a way in say that homelessness is a result of government policies — and that is constitutionally protected symbolic speech."

But to Sandy Loranger, doing time for a crime of the heart, the First Amendment is beside the point.

"I don't understand politics," she said. "I just want to make the world a better place. If I see you on the street and you are in need, I can't solve all your problems. I can't get you a job. I can't get you a home. But I can show you that I care." For her, the way to show her concern is clear. On Thursday, after serving half of her sentence and getting time off for good behavior, Loranger will be released. Her first stop will not be her home or her shop, but the Town Clock, where people remain homeless and hungry.

"I'm going right back," she said, "and do it again."

Keith - good-natured under fire!

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

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Tuesday, August 1, 1989

We will not let the thousands of Food Not Bombs supporters down by caving in to the bureaucratic terrorism of city officials.

Food Not Bombs thanks everyone who is making our efforts successful. As the government grows more desperate, expect the repression to increase. It is important to work together. Homelessness and hunger are emergencies. Let us acknowledge and solve this crisis now. Everyone is invited to bring home-cooked meals out to the homeless.

KEITH MCHENRY  
San Francisco



### EIGHT ASHBURY SELF INITIATIVE FOOD PROGRAM

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BACKYARD BRIAN'S BEZOARDIC BROUHAHA: REPORT FROM SAN FRANCISCO

(Backyard Brian Staley was the first food prisoner in Santa Cruz County history that we've heard of. Jailed for 10 days after his arrest for taking free soup to the Town Clock back in February, he fasted in protest during his entire period in jail and was finally released on his verbal promise to appear in court when jailers began to fear for his health. Staley was again set loose on the general public in July after completing a reduced 45-day sentence for "illegal food distribution" that he received after trial in March. Backyard is now in San Francisco, deeply involved in the arch-criminal Food-not-Bombs mob that has recently spread good cheer and brown rice among the homeless camped outside City Hall in the Civic Center there.)

(bezoardic - BEE-zor-dik -pertaining to a remedy for poison, an antidote)

(Brian has sent us 5 letters in the last 2 weeks. The following *paraphrases* are from one of his most recent, dated August 9th:)

Food-not-Bombs meeting tonight exciting with over 20 people...quite a change from the three-man show that comprised it for about a year....Many many other volunteers wait on xeroxed sheets to be called into action....Attorney Gary Cootin [who is filing suit for Food-not-Bombs against the S.F. mayor and police department for blocking food distribution to homeless people] suggested we try handing out canned goods to see if we still get arrested....

F-n-B has been serving food nightly at the Civic Center with clandestine "bucket drops" since the big bust July 14....Contrary to media reports, F-n-B was not a source of confrontation between the homeless and police, though Art Agnos attacks F-n-B as "not homeless." Rather F-n-B went to the Civic Center in response to reports of midnight beatings, and during their stay there (July 4-14), the attacks stopped. When F-n-B left, the beatings began again.

Supervisor Terry Hallinan is seeking a food permit for F-n-B, at least for its Monday afternoon meal at Golden Gate Park in the Haight and use of the Hamilton church kitchen....[F-n-B fed dozens to hundreds of homeless people daily, five days per week, throughout the Bay Area from September to June without a permit and with no health complaints or arrests. It was only after Mayor Agnos decided to clear the Civic Center of homeless "campers" that police resumed obscene anti-food raids. The mayor then got his Health Dept. to draw up and a compliant judge to sign a court order that prohibited food-sharing without a license--a license the Dept. has refused to give F-n-B for over a year]

With donations, Keith has bought a \$900 van to use to break the police food blockade....Keith recorded his latest Health Dept. meeting on tape;he's met with them many times since August, and they keep changing their requirements. It took St. Martin de Porres Soup kitchen 4 years and \$900,000 to get their Health Permit. Other free food distributors are fighting amongst themselves to get the \$1.6 million that Agnos may use for shelter and homeless bureaucrats' salaries. Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Church received \$40,000 to \$50,000 shortly after he denounced F-n-B publically.

Some ideas from the meeting: a mass free food day throughout the city, starting a newsletter, creating a forum of free food organizations, etc..... I'm contact person for the upcoming Labor Day demonstration [see flyer below].... Food locations are expanding....Because of the volume of food distributed, pre-packaging and decoy boxes (as were used in Santa Cruz to get food past police) are impractical....My food legislation [see next issue] is accepted by F-n-B with gusto....The newsletter is happening....Make us some "We came; we ate; we left" buttons and some that say "I survived the Food not Bombs picnic!"...Radio station KPFK has requested an interview....the Butt Hole Surfers are the official F-n-B band.

[More from Backyard next issue. See S.F.clippings elsewhere in this issue.]



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# Opinion

## Here's what Santa Cruz is all about

**WHAT IS Santa Cruz best attribute?** We all have our own idea. Some look to the university and its intellectual climate; others look at the waves and see Santa Cruz as a surf town.

Overline Mayor Jane Wend once echoed what many progressive politicians feel, that Santa Cruz is a community "known for its cultural and political diversity. It is also known for its strong environmentalism and sophisticated citizen-activism."

Others here don't feel quite that happy about ourselves. Santa Cruz gained some negative publicity when some feed-the-homeless activists defied the sophisticated citizen-activists on the City Council and gave away food at the town clock. Santa Cruz then became known in some national publications as the town that jailed its do-gooders for doing nothing more than feeding the homeless.

Of course, that portrayal too is unfair — the downtown food-giveaway issue unfortunately got oversimplified in these stories. Just as a few years ago the national media seized on the issue of troll-busting, in which roving bands of local youths supposedly were indiscriminately beating the homeless. It made a great story — even though it wasn't true.

These images of Santa Cruz all have made their way into the public realm, but we submit that none of them has supplanted the one thing that Santa Cruz is best known for.

**The Giant Dipper.**

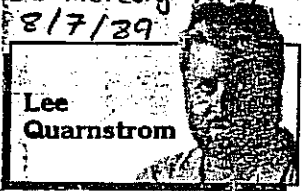
It's simply one of the best roller coasters ever built, and there it is, in all its splendor, on Page 29 of this week's Newsweek magazine. Giving credit where credit is due.

Newsweek comments that the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk is the last of California's beachfront amusement parks, and adds: "Santa Cruz provides a blueprint of how to keep a seaside amusement park alive."

Never in our memory have any of our political leaders commented on how great the Giant Dipper is or how beautiful the old Carousel is. Yet 38 million people have ridden it — including probably 74.99 million who have never heard of our sophisticated citizen-activism.

But we hereby go on record — along with Newsweek — as paying tribute to the last of California's beach amusement parks. More to do than to raise the Giant Dipper on our next lunch hour.

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Critic at the  
SJ Mercury-News  
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**T**HE... MINI-DEBATE between Lee Quarnstrom and Pat Dillon about the jailing of the homeless activist in Santa Cruz tells us much about the visceral instincts of each writer. Meanwhile, the root of the problem of homelessness, a for-profit housing economy, is obscured. Thus, one of the purposes of corporate-owned newspapers like the Mercury News is fulfilled. . . . Lee Quarnstrom . . . ignores the power and money-drunk bums and criminals whose state and national policies have helped create homelessness.

Mike Kostyal  
Watsonville

*Mice, when you use the word "homeless," you mean people who don't have homes and who want homes. The so-called "homeless" who hang out in downtown Santa Cruz are, for the most part, drunks and people with mental problems who don't want a home, fear (rightfully so in most cases) institutionalization and prefer to bum spare change instead of doing anything productive to better their lives. They may be victims, but they are frequently victims of their own addictions, not of capitalist real estate czars.*

-Norse retorts

614 Hanover St.  
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August 14, 1989

S.C. Sentinel  
Dear Editor,

Your double-barreled discharge of "sophisticated citizen-activists" and "feed-the-homeless activists" in the Aug 10 Sentinel is another sloppy swipe at an issue the Sentinel has done more to obscure than clarify. While you celebrate roller coasters, the city and county continue to ban food giveaway programs everywhere in the city and county of Santa Cruz "without a permit" (which is unobtainable).

How about a research story on what kind of food programs are actually available to those who haven't got the \$1.60 necessary to line the coffers of the Beach Boardwalk boys? It's not just "negative publicity" but a national disgrace that local government here (with local media shouting encouragement from the sidelines) has spent public funds to jail two private citizens for feeding the homeless. Worse—they intend to continue this policy with more trials in September. Biggie Garouzel may be beautiful to behold, but there's a rotten stink in the air that Newsweek P.R. can't cover up.

Robert Norse

August 14, 1989

Register-Pajaronian  
Watsonville, Calif.

Dear Editor,

I'd like to correct a few errors and omissions in your early August story concerning the sentencing of Sandra Loranger for a 45-minute "trespass" that helped to open the months-overdue annex to the River St. mini-shelter last New Year's Eve.

The story quotes judge Robert Atack at length and focuses on his claim that Loranger testified "with complete recall" while the other other defendants (who were acquitted of the trespass charge or had it dismissed) gave testimony "marred by a lack of memory." No where do we see mentioned the fact that this judicial circus cost the taxpayers more than \$20,000 (the trial took 9-10 days), Atack had the option to dismiss the case at the beginning (the D.A.'s office had already given plea bargain "deals" to 3 other defendants) but obediently chose to cover the D.A.'s bets . . . and proceed—even though the issue—whether to open the annex in the dead of winter—was decided two weeks after the alleged "trespass."

Having wasted the defendants time, the juror's time, and the county's money, Atack then took the opportunity to lash out at acquitted defendants from his privileged position on the bench. Actually, the defense testimony was pretty similar. "Trespass" requires a very specific kind of admission from an officer; the officer wasn't terribly clear about having given it; after six months, we weren't too clear about having received it. There was no question of honesty involved, Atack to the contrary.

Finally Atack could have chosen to reduce Loranger's sentence to a fine, to have suspended the sentence, or, of course, to have kicked the whole case into the trash can where it properly belonged from the word go. He chose to drap the proceedings in judicial trappings of legitimacy and did the community a disservice.

Sandra Loranger was released from jail August 5, but now faces a new trial for "serving soup without a permit" in early September as do I and two others. We hope the community will let the D.A.'s office know what it thinks of this use of county funds.

Sincerely,  
Robert Norse  
Robert Norse  
(458-9648)

## Judge rewards defendant's honesty

Register-Pajaronian Tuesday, August 1, 1989

# Defendant's honesty leads judge to lighten sentence

By RICHARD EGAN  
STAFF WRITER

Impressed by the candor and honesty of the defendant, the judge yesterday decided not to give any more actual jail time to the Santa Cruz woman who is already serving a sentence for illegally feeding homeless people.

Pointedly contrasting Sandra Loranger's complete recall of the events that led to her arrest with the lapses of memory that afflicted four other defendants during the trespassing trial last week, Municipal Court Judge Robert Atack sentenced Loranger to another 45-day jail term, but ruled that it would run concurrently with the sentence she is already serving, so that it will mean no extra time in jail.

Loranger was the only one of five defendants convicted of the charge of trespassing in last week's trial. She was also the only one of the defendants who admitted having been warned by law-enforcement officers to leave the premises of the homeless shelter in which they were staging a protest prior to being placed under arrest.

When the trespassing trial took place, Loranger was already serving a 45-day sentence for

feeding homeless people without a permit. At the time that sentence was imposed, Judge Atack gave her a choice of probation if she would promise not to violate the law again. She refused. He gave her the same option yesterday, and she refused again.

Declaring that she was "beyond rehabilitation" at her first sentencing, she said she would continue to help the homeless, even if it meant breaking the law.

Atack asked Loranger yesterday if it was true that she would again refuse to accept the conditions of probation.

"That's correct, your honor," she said.

Atack then said he had no choice but to give her another 45 days. However, he then commended her "because your recall was not marred by a lack of memory like the other defendants — the court appreciates your honesty," and ordered the terms to be concurrent.

Atack remarked later that he believed Loranger's honesty on the witness stand was probably the only reason she was convicted. That prompted Loranger's co-defendants, who were in the courtroom during the sentencing — although they had been ac-

quitted of the charge — to protest aloud that the judge's comments bordered on slander.

Atack said they could draw any conclusions they wanted from his comments, but if they weren't quiet they could get out of his courtroom. There were no further outbursts.

Outside the courtroom, the other defendants were upset that Atack had insinuated that their testimony had fallen somewhat short of "the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

"He impugned the honesty of the other defendants," said Robert Norse, one of those found not guilty. "Then he told us to shut up and be quiet in court . . . after we've already been acquitted."

"Any implication that testimony that was given was less than honest misses the mark quite widely," said attorney Ra Grunreich.

Loranger's attorney, Jef Thoma, said that "under the circumstances, he (Atack) did the best that he could."

Loranger, who has served 2 days of her sentence, could be out from behind bars in less than a week with time off for good behavior.

Bath robespierre Robert responds.

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August 16, 1989

Ms Jane Imler

This letter is in response to your question of August 14, 1989, regarding the give away of vegetables from your garden, the following response is provided.

Under normal circumstances, there would not be a problem with anyone giving away fruits and vegetables from their garden to friends and acquaintances providing the give away is not operated as a business or does not exceed 3 days in a 90 day period.

In response to your inquiry, the law requires a permit in order to give away fruits and vegetables to the public more frequently than 3 days in a 90 days period. Also, a discussion with legal counsel confirms that giving away of any type of food items, by you or your agent, more frequently than 3 days in a 90 day period, would be in violation of the existing preliminary injunction issued by the Court.

Very truly yours,

DIANE L EVANS, R.E.H.S.  
Director of Environmental Health

DLE:jb

HSA Administration  
Harry Oberhelman, Deputy County Counsel  
Santa Cruz City; Laura Brown  
Ray Tohtsune

Dumpster champion Diane Evans tells Calamity Jane to quarantine her vegetables: No carrots without a permit!

Food Not Bombs tells its side of the Tenement Square struggle: →

FOOD NOT BOMBS FACT SHEET: OCCUPANCY OF TENEMENT SQUARE

On Wednesday, June 28, 1989, in response to reports of police harassment of the homeless living in the Civic Center (now known as Tenement Square), Food Not Bombs setup across from City Hall and began serving non-stop, 24 hours a day and continued until the police made it impossible by arresting the participants and confiscating all the materials (equipment and food) on July 14th, Bastille Day. It is on this day, also, that an injunction was ordered which prohibited Food Not Bombs from serving any food anywhere in San Francisco. On July 19th, the police swept the square, dumping all that couldn't immediately be carried away (tents, goods even a pet hamster) into garbage trucks. A "Sleep-In", sans tents and windbreaks, nevertheless, remains. The public is invited to show solidarity by sleeping out and/or donating food in the evenings.

Food Not Bombs in conjunction with the Homeless Task Force, the Health Care for the Homeless, and members of the Tenderloin Self-Help groups successfully curtailed police harassment by their on-going presence and a "Tent City" was formed to move the government toward responsible action for the homeless.

Food Not Bombs is a loosely organized group of citizen volunteers who have been feeding organic, vegetarian food (rice and beans, miso vegetable soup) plus fresh pastries, cakes, and loaves of bread donated by bakeries not to mention produce and fruit for over a year and a half in 3 locations: Golden Gate Park, near Page and Stanyan, the Federal Building at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, and at U.N. Plaza - Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday respectively, from 11am - 4pm every week, rain or shine.

Food Not Bombs views the hunger problem as a political problem whereas too much money is spent on arms and not enough for social needs. It is a grassroots, non-violent group openly committed to freedom and justice for all and totally fed up with corruption in government. We are in solidarity with all freedom movements and all groups fighting for human rights against all oppressive governments, which are unfortunately, the only kind that exist in the world today.

During the Carter administration \$36 billion/year went to housing, under Bush - \$6.7 billion/year. Homeless since 1980 went from 200,000 to 6 million, the defense budget from \$100 billion to 300 billion in 8 years Homelessness is a direct result of government policy.

Food Not Bombs does not seek to battle the government or the Mayor. If the government and the Mayor is embarrassed by our presence, they should act responsibly and address & resolve the homeless problem rather than harass Food Not Bombs. Mayor Agnos is responsible for more than 150 illegal arrests. There is no law that states feeding hungry people is illegal. That would be ridiculous. Food Not Bombs is not under the jurisdiction of any health code. The health code exists for restaurants and non-free food, which makes sense. A health code for people who wish to share food is absurd. If, however, we served poisonous or bad food, then are laws that would apply. Food Not Bombs has served over 1.5 million free meals since its inception in Boston over 9 years ago and not one health complaints has ever been filed. Food Not Bombs was never offered a free health permit as stated by the Mayor. The Health Board has been aware of our operation for over a year and has met with us innumerable times and have told us that, in fact, we do not come under their jurisdiction. With every arrest the charges have been dropped because there are no legal grounds that would stand in court which in itself proves that the health permit is a ploy to gull the public, to justify what are actually illegal arrest and "police state" tactics that have no place in a "democracy", that are an outrageous misuse of power, and violation of the civil liberties of concerned and conscientious citizens.

There is a crisis situation concerning homeless in SF. There are more homeless now than there were in the Depression. It is pathetic and scandalous. Ten years and the government has done nothing but watch it grow and waste money. The city spends \$24 million/year for rat infested hotels that do not meet health & safety standards. We will continue to feed and demand human rights for all people, especially the homeless. Human rights include housing, food, and jobs. **APATHY IS MURDER**

For a fuller and more in-depth description of what transpired in Tenement Square & to help support Food Not Bombs send a SASE with \$1.00 or more donation (check) to: Food Not Bombs - 3145 Geary Blvd. #12, S.F., CA 94118 - (415) 330-5030.

.....ENDNOTES.....

.....Housing Now! organizer and old-time homeless activist Mitch Snyder had some unkind words for the fighting Food-not-Bombs group up in S.F. in a segment on the ABC Nightline show. FnB's Keith McHenry tells us that Mitch <sup>with Ted Koppel</sup> agreed the arrests of FnB rice servers and banner carriers outside City Hall in mid-July harmed "the image" of the homeless. After Mitch's outspoken denunciation of city callousness and stupidity here in Santa Cruz in arresting food servers, we were surprised and saddened to hear nothing from Mitch during his later July visit to town other than calls for broad coalition to march on Washington October 7. Flying across the country won't deal with the Sleep-and-Food gestapo here in town. Wooing liberals <sup>in power</sup> is a tempting pasttime, but the real power lies with ordinary citizens whose consciences are outraged.

.....Undaunted and still negotiating behind the scenes: Don Lane, Bob Campbell, and (surprise, surprise!) Calamity Jane have been seeking once more to nail down the elusive River St. mini-Shelter meal plan shelved by City Council back in early May. Bogtrotter Bill Slye and other UCSC students (some seeking Community Service credit to work off the sentences given them for joining the massive student-and-homeless Sleep-In at the Town Clock last February) are also involved in the discussions, though Bill, at last account, favored San Lorenzo Park as a better feeding spot than the Shelter--with tables, restrooms, and even a kitchen already in place.

NEXT ISSUE: Letters to "Slyshoes" in the slammer...update on the Vets' struggle to retain control of their offices...Guitar Mike on "Food for All" Grinning Ray Grueneich's latest plan to End the Sleeping Ban...and more...

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# STREET SHEET



"Come to Santa Cruz on vacation; leave on probation!"  
--Leith Austin, Berkeley n'er-do-well

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## SECOND NIGHT OF SLEEP-IN DRAWS FIVE SLEEPERS, ONE ARREST

Wednesday evening and Thursday morning (Nov. 1-2) outside City Hall were chilly for five determined sleepbambusters. Jambalaya Judith, Moonrise Mike, Lieabout Leith, and Jacklight Jay slumbered and shivered their way through the night without being disturbed by armed authorities. The SCPD was apparently playing it cautious after getting stuck with several "tar baby" sleep prisoners (see "Sleeppolice Back on the Peat" following).

Jambalaya suspected the police had once more decided to exercise restraint and so left around 2 AM, confident there would be no arrests. A "routine" police wakeup call between 7 and 8, however, uncovered a warrant for Keith on an earlier nonprotest sleeping ticket. Unmasked, the young sleeplover won a taxpayer-paid ride to the city jail in handcuffs and lodging there--possibly all weekend.

## ACID-TONGUED ACTIVIST BUSTED FOR SEEKING SMOKE FROM TOP COP!

Within an hour after Keith's ride to the pokey, Lieabout Leith got the familiar bum's rush for bumming a cigarette. After what had been his second night in a row of Sleeping-In outside City Hall, Leith organized an early morning Homeless Table to leaflet and petition citizens coming to and from city offices. Shortly after he'd begun, Leith spied a well-dressed man approaching and ventured, "Can I bum a cigarette?" The man, Leith reports, eyed him strangely. At this point the homeless activist continued, "Well, can I buy a cigarette then?" Meeting only with silence, Leith smiled and loosened his dreaded and familiar rejoinder, "Die, Yuppie scum!" A colorful phrase that falls easily from his lips, it also adorns his t-shirt and has met with a range of responses--even from fellow activists--from anger, discomfort, and embarrassment to amusement and admiration.

The stranger passed on into the nearby police department, only to be replaced by the uniformed Officer Hall. Hall informed Leith that tobacco hoarder was none other than Jack Bassett, Chief of Police. Ticketed for panhandling--a ticket Leith refused to sign--the nicotine addict was handcuffed and hauled off to the slammer, from which he was released without bail on his own recognizance some hours later. Leith is due to return to Muni court in several weeks where Bassett may have to appear as complaining witness against him on a charge that can bring as much as 6 months in jail or \$1000 fine.

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getting relief at the Civic



Officer Howes in the  
midst of a busy night  
rousting  
sleepers  
Oct. 21.



Moonrise Mike dreams of  
happier times...



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CALAMITY'S CUPBOARD CLOSES FOR WEEKEND; EXHAUSTED CHEFS SEEK R & R

After more than two weeks of serving hundreds of homeless meals three times per day first at the Civic Auditorium and then at the Portuguese Hall, Calamity Jane Imler announced the first closure of her free outdoor cafe since it began in mid-September. Around Friday at 4 PM, Calamity along with Fricassee Frank Lopez, Keystone Karen Gilette, and Packman Paddy Long (to mention only a few) discovered their planned meal--the first after the closing of Portuguese Hall as a homeless shelter--was cut back to emergency rations. The ribs and meats stored from the evening before had disappeared in the belly of a rented freezer--returned by the Red Cross that morning.

Calamity noted some confusion had arisen from the Red Cross's refusal to move its mobile kitchens to the site of her outdoor feeding on the River St. mini-Shelter back lot. She had initially moved out of Portuguese Hall when the Red Cross announced it would no longer feed non-resident homeless--Imler's policy has always been one of ferocious non-discrimination. The Red Cross declined to move with her, reserving its mobile kitchen for the dwindling number of folks remaining at the hall.

Discouraged by this most recent fuck-up and exhausted from weeks of nearly round-the-clock food services to earthquake victims, Calamity declared the program would resume Monday (Nov. 6) using food from local restaurants. Robespierre Robert and Jambalaya Judith were unable to contact Calamity with an offer to dish out hot soup over the weekend; when they did reach a worker, they were told that potential customers had already been told the meal was suspended and that no "unauthorized" meals should be served at the site. Come on back, Calamity

MAYOR MARDI MOVES TO INVESTIGATE MIDNIGHT BEATING BY ROGUE COP

Often attacked in these columns as insensitive to homeless needs, inaccurate in her public statements, and dictatorial in her management of City Council meetings, Mayor Wormhoudt set us back on our heels last Friday (Nov. 3) when she personally intervened to hear the case of homeless John Clauer.

Clauer claimed--and the severe bruises on his face and head seemed to confirm--that he was beaten by a uniformed SCPD officer midnight Thursday night-Friday morning. Apparently the victim of mistaken identity, Clauer got a violent taste of "curbside justice" when a cop got out of hand. By his account, Clauer'd been riding his bicycle down Ocean St. when a bloody-faced woman ran out of a house crying for help.

He stopped to help her at the same time as several officers arrived and was immediately handcuffed and shackled. As the first blows of an officer's billyclub struck his temples and forehead, the woman screamed, "no, no, it wasn't him!" Truncheon blows to his elbows, knees, and ankles followed though, Clauer grimaced, he successfully dodged a stab at his groin. Taken to a hospital where he says he was refused treatment, Clauer was jailed, charged with public drunkenness and resisting arrest, and released in the morning, his right hand completely numb from the handcuffing.

In past statements on the radio and at City Council, the Mayor has urged victims of police misconduct to come forward and contact her personally, stating she has a particular interest in curbing this sort of abuse. On Friday morning, when confronted physically with the bruised face of John Clauer, Mardi acted quickly, decisively

and compassionately. Within a matter of minutes, she assigned high-level police officers to interview Clauer and investigate the matter. Photos were taken and an appointment arranged to tape his account. Thank you, Mardi, for a just and caring response to the plight of one of the most powerless of our citizens.

END LATE FLASHES: REGULAR EDITION BEGINS BELOW:

SLEEPPOLICE BACK ON THE BEAT: TWO ARRESTED, ONE CITED AT CITY HALL  
SOME VOW TO CONTINUE VIGIL OUTSIDE MAYOR'S OFFICE UNTIL BAN LIFTED

Police arrests of homeless demonstrators protesting the much-loathed city Sleeping Ban resumed after a ten-day lull with the arrests of Jambalaya Judith Beinert and LieAbout Leith Austin Thursday morning (Nov. 2). Around dawn, sharp-eyed SCPD Sherlock spotted three suspiciously bulky sleeping bags laid out across from the downtown library near the brick entranceway to the Mayor's office. Moving swiftly, Officer Johnson surprised Judith, Leith, and Moonrise Mike--shamelessly slumbering on city property during the forbidden nighttime hours. (The ancient city ordinance 6.36 continues to ban sleeping outside, in vehicles, or in "inappropriate" structures--flood, nuclear war, or...earthquakes notwithstanding.) The jig was up.

After the ill-advised arrest of three sleeping women outside the Civic Auditorium Oct 20-21 (see "Red Cross Surrenders to Police Bullying" below), uniformed restwreckers had kept a low profile--possibly under pressure from certain members of the Gang of 7 (City Council). While unwilling to mount a frontal assault on the Sleeping Ban--even to assure elementary justice during the earthquake emergency--"Progressives" Lane and Beiers had privately made inquiries and put out pressure to halt the most flagrant abuses. Under increasing criticism from mall merchants denied access to their shops, the Gang preferred to avoid a hostile storm of publicity at a time when national media was focused on Santa Cruz.

Thus, demonstrators sleeping outside the Mayor's office after the Gang of 7 Gettogether Oct. 24 were jostled and questioned but not ticketed or arrested. On Nov. 2, however, police action took a turn towards the punitive. Nervously distancing themselves from the Council archway after a strong aftershock earlier in the night, the three scofflaw sleepers were bunked out under an open sky when Johnson found them. Leaning against the wall behind them was a sign, "Put the Sleeping Ban to Bed!" Perched on top of two jumbo-sized Campbell's Chicken Noodle soup cans were a small teddy bear and a larger stuffed squirrel.

Deftly dodging the cuddly sentries, Johnson awoke Judith and demanded to know what she thought she was doing. "Do you realize," he began incredulously, "that you're sleeping just a few yards from the Police Department?!" "Don't forget the Mayor's office," added Judith helpfully. "Well, couldn't you have picked a better place," continued the dumbfounded officer. "This is a protest," explained Judith patiently; "we want the Mayor and the police to see us." After he'd written out camping tickets which Judith and Leith refused to sign, Johnson was motioned aside by Sergeant Skinner, who'd just arrived on the scene. "Didn't you see the (protest) sign?" murmured Skinner in an undertone to Johnson, indicating he'd wished the dutiful officer had done his duty elsewhere. Further remonstrations with the wakened sleepers to protest "some other way than by going to jail" were useless, and the two were arrested. (Mike signed his ticket.)

Afterwards, Leith noted he'd been treated courteously by police and jail authorities, but was refused a free phone call, though the jail later demanded he sign a paper stating that he'd gotten one. With the payphone in Judith's holding cell torn out, the mild-mannered activist was left with prayer and telepathy as two possible means to contact the outside world--possibly part of the Sheriff's New Age approach to homeless communication (if they don't have homes, why should they have phones?). The two were released without bail within an hour--possibly the shortest holding cell stay on record for sleep-crime suspects.

Due in court for arraignment Nov. 22 at 8:30 AM, the two say they will plead "not guilty" and seek a court trial in what may be the first of many. The two expect to continue regular educational sleep-ins outside the Mayor's office to educate her and other untutored city officials to the true nature of homelessness. The Mayor, however, gave short shrift to Leith's request the following day to discuss suspending the Sleeping Ban. She agreed to read and respond to his letters, Leith noted, but had no time to meet personally because "your issue is not related to the earthquake--my current concern."

For the record, Wormhoudt has refused to meet with any homeless advocates on the Sleeping Ban issue since her tenure began last November. Offended by our colorful language, Mardi has maintained a stiff and frosty attitude towards the unsavory spectacle of cat-napping in cars and bushes, insisting that with rare exceptions, there was always room for the homeless in the Interfaith Satellite Shelter program last year. (There wasn't.)

#### RED CROSS SURRENDERS TO POLICE BULLYING, DOWNS HOMELESS'S TENTS CIVIC AUDITORIUM SCENE OF FIRST POST-QUAKE PUBLIC SLEEPING ARRESTS

On Saturday October 21st--four days after the quake and one day after the rains began--police arrived in force at the Civic Center homeless shelter and demanded that the four tents on the grassy area in front of the building be struck. Clad in their SWAT-team best, 8 to 10 officers from 2-3 different police forces took stern medicinal measures to cure hypersomniac homeless of their unfounded fear of sleeping indoors. Enraged Henri, a Red Cross volunteer coordinator, pointed to the "Full" sign on the front of the shelter as he tried to explain to the gunno sleepbusters that those sleeping outside in the tents and on the grass were families, folks anxious about being indoors because of aftershocks, and folks unable to find room enough indoors to lie down.

But the guardian gumshoes, local and imported, were not fooled by this bleedingheart appeal, and shortly thereafter arrested Hound-lover Helen Langley, a local homeless woman. Helen had chosen to flout the Law by sleeping outside with her dog, since canine accommodations inside were limited (in fact "no dogs" was the rule). Police arrested, cuffed, and carted off the presumptuous hyoden after she stubbornly refused to sign the ticket they presented her.

Though she was released shortly afterwards, this sordid scene provoked rebellion in the hearts of Jambalaya Judith and Linda the Lark Edwards, who soon found bedpacks of their own and lay down on the grass to offer themselves up to the waiting Sleepsmashers. Several hours later, two squad cars and four officers were able to subdue, capture, and transport the women to jail. Judith and Helen's arraignments will be at 8:30 AM on Nov. 15.

Judith's driver's license was snatched by Mirthless Officer Medina and failed to appear during the next 12 days after eight (8!) separate inquiries at the police station. Haptepophobic Howph, the handcuffing officer, had earlier kept a tight-lipped silence when Henri angrily demanded the reason for his provocative ten-man goonsquad with its occasional forrays and parades into the Civic "to look around" to the consternation of those trying to sleep and piece together a little security after the quake.

Cynics observed that the vast overflow of police in town from jurisdictions as distant as South Carolina left the paramilitary men bored and nosy. Earlier, platoons of flatfeet/sated their will to power by stopping friends of the Coffee Roasting Company's Robin Ortiz from digging her out on two successive nights and later by preventing merchants from returning to retrieve inventory and records for over a week. Little or no looting was reported--other than the systematic elimination of civil liberties for merchants and pedestrians as 1989 became 1984. Rumors spread that the hasty demolition of the Cooperhouse and other buildings began to assure federal funding for the city, whatever the objections of the long-time shop owners, who had put their hearts as well as their fortunes into the buildings that came down.

On Sunday--the following night--seven slept out at City Hall in protest of the arrests the prior night. They moved their demonstration away from the Red Cross-administered Civic as an act of courtesy. Inside, the Red Cross had already begun to reregister homeless into different groups including "prequake" and "postquake" with the intention of evacuating the Civic under pressure from city authorities, embarrassed by the previous night's demonstration and the proximity of homeless people to the downtown area and the public buildings. The Red Cross itself, according to volunteer Mike, was nervous about the "hard-core" ("pre-quake") homeless and began to redirect clothing donations to the Salvation Army at another location, restrict hours when food could be obtained at the Civic, and assign identifying bracelets to people staying at the shelter. Ultimately, the organization divided the homeless into families and elderly (most of whom were sent to Messiah Lutheran Church and the Elks Club--both relatively sumptuous and commodious facilities--) and "others" (who ended up at the larger more spartan Portuguese Hall in Harvey West park).

Around 10 PM, Down-but-not-Out Daryl Sumler, who'd had his tent displaced the night before, asked one of SCPD Praetorian Guard idling outside the Civic, "where can I camp if not here?" When the officer dismissed the question as coming from "street trash," Daryl suggested the officer have sexual congress with himself and then walked inside the Civic. There, reports Peter the Painter, a squad of cops burst in and seized him, carrying him off in the direction of the police station across the street. Shortly afterward, Judith heard his piercing scream. When she saw him the next week, two fingers of his left hand had been broken and were in a bandaged cast.

Several hours later, Red Cross authorities began a rigid segregation of people inside and out ("If you go out, you can't come back in"). Rough-and-Ready Ronald, alcoholic but not rowdy, who'd quietly used the facility for the last few nights, was left outside for several hours, awaiting entrance at the pleasure of the Morality Police. And Robespierre Robert, barred from the Civic with his notebook, was left a forlorn figure, typing away moodily on the steps outside.

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The situation, according to Hayes, went downhill from there: "One of the homeless people demanded to speak to the two officers' supervisors and was told, 'You aren't going to get shit, except a trip to jail.'"

According to Hayes and one of the plaza denizens, the officer called the people caught up in the sweep "assholes, punks, idiots, trash and motherfuckers," and sarcastically advised them to "Go get a job."

According to one resident, "We gathered in the middle of the plaza and were trying to figure out where to go, when the police came over and started grabbing stuff from us."

The situation deteriorated: "An officer pushed me off my bag and threw it in the garbage truck [which was present for the sweep]," he said. "When another person objected, the officer's night stick found its way into the person's stomach."

At this point, the resident continued, the officer "grabbed the bag out of the protesting individual's hands and threw it in the truck." When the owner protested because there were "things of sentimental value in the bag," he was told by the officer, "I don't care, it's garbage, and it's going in the garbage, motherfucker."

The individuals involved have filed at least one complaint with the Office of Citizen Complaints, the city agency charged with the task of investigating police misconduct.

Meanwhile in the Marina District, the newly homeless were also getting their share of attention from city officialdom. Deputy mayors were taking shifts staffing shelters. The mayor was helping those attempting to salvage their lives by carrying stereo equipment out of the ruins. Oysters and roast beef were arriving from the city's finest restaurants.

Finally, there were numerous reports from people staffing the donation phone banks that offers for relief were designated specifically for the "Marina homeless and not the real homeless."

— Jim Baldwin

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Evacuated from their room at the hotel, Earl Gray, left, and Evelyn Shipton, second from left, join the ranks of the homeless at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium.

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### Denizens of Santa Cruz's streets make room

for the newly dispossessed — those who lost their homes in the quake

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The stage lights are low and shining, center stage, on a pile of blankets.

Beyond the footlights, cuts are lined up in the area where the audience would normally be, were these normal times in Santa Cruz and were this a normal gathering in the Civic Auditorium. But there is no audience. Sitting up and staring into space more often than lying down and sleeping are the homeless — the new homeless and the old homeless.

One older woman glares at a bearded man whose hair is twisted in dreadlocks. He smells of whiskey. She hunches her shoulders and slides away from him on her cot. Her hair is fashionably cut and dyed. Her shoes are of fine, unscuffed suede. She tightens her hold on her purse, which is color coord-

inated with her skirt and swinging from her shoulder by a glinting gold chain.

"Are you homeless?" she is asked.

"No," she says with a possum that made her chin tremble. "No," she says again and then refuses to speak more.

The days and the nights have been like this at the half dozen shelters that have been set up in Santa Cruz County to provide care and comfort to the hundreds of people whose homes are gone or damaged by Tuesday's earthquake. Minute by minute, middle-class people who last week might have insisted that they could not survive without their microwave oven or downy bed pillow have been coping with the fact that they now have a horrifying number of things in common with street people, for whom a sleeping bag has always been a luxury.

Some, like the finely dressed woman, refuse to accept it.

Others, like Michael Telegh, who works at Lipton Tea Co. in Santa Cruz, say the destruction of his home has made him realize that anyone is just a whisker — or a 15-second rumbling of the earth — away from being the very street person that the people revile, ignore or condemn.

"A few weeks ago I gave a guy on the street a bill because I felt sorry for him and proud of how he had made it in life. He was so different from me, was not him. I was luckier and better than he. Now, here I am. I'm him," says Telegh, who spent his days at the shelter but has been sleeping in a tree near the Lipton factory. "I'm scared I'm depressed."

In any city, the forced mingling of the homeless with the old homeless would be noteworthy. But in Santa Cruz, it has a special and, perhaps, vicious irony.

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# Quake victims are a new class of homeless

HOMELESS, from Page 10

Santa Cruz, with its homeless people roaming through what until Tuesday was a delightful business and shopping area, has been fertile ground for the national debate that rages over what to do about the homeless.

Among other things, the city has enacted and has been enforcing an anti-camping law. Street people cited for violating the rule were subject to hefty fines. Sandra Lorange, an advocate for the homeless, recently spent 23 days of a 46 day sentence in jail for feeding the homeless without having the proper license.

Lorange is hard at work feeding the homeless again. But now she is doing it without fear of being arrested. She is working with the Red Cross in the kitchen of the Civic Auditorium, an effort to serve more than 500 meals a day that is universally lauded and supported by the city government and local businesses.

Lorange says she believes that the work and travails of Santa Cruz homeless advocates and feeders have served as a dress rehearsal for the quakes.

"What we are doing here isn't any different than what homeless advocates do on the streets," says Lorange. "But now it is more massive and more accepted."

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officials from this, that times and situations create conditions of hunger and we should not make distinctions between people," she says as she unpacks one of dozens of cartons of donated fruit-drink containers.

But such a mindset is hard to erase. The state Office of Emergency Services said Friday that it will refer to the new homeless as "displaced" to avoid confusing them with pre-quake homeless.

Many long-time homeless people are counselling the "displaced."

Ronald Bradley, 47, is wearing his usual ripped jeans and sandals but is sober — which, he says, is highly unusual. Bradley has lived on the streets of Santa Cruz for at least a year. He is now sharing space in the auditorium with people he used to peddle for spare change so he could buy a bottle of booze.

He says he has talked in a few of those people at the Red Cross shelter and advised them on how to be streetwise.

"You think this will help them later to understand me better?" he

asks.

Hakim Hassan, a longtime advocate for the homeless, a former candidate for Santa Cruz City Council and now a cook at the shelter, doesn't think so.

"Look at all this food we are getting in," he says, mentioning to crates of brussels sprouts and other foods stacked against a wall. "Do you know how hard we have to beg getting food for street people normally? I'm elated all this is happening, but it's like people are on the Good Ship California. Everybody's pitching in. But it's a class thing, and when it is over, things will go back to the way they were."

Fern Habecker, 79, can't wait to get back to the way things were.

"I miss my bed, I miss my bathtub and my telephone and all the little things around my house, all the things you take for granted," says Habecker, 79, who has been living at the shelter since she was evacuated after the quake from her apartment at the Palomar Inn, a Pacific Garden Mall landmark. Like many of the new homeless,

Habecker sees a distinction between herself and the old homeless. She says she has long felt that the homeless who roam the streets do not try to help themselves become useful citizens. She thinks that.

"But I am homeless now, and I'm grateful for what they doing here for us, but I am pressed and humbled. Being homeless, now I know that you feel you are at the bottom of the totem pole," she says.

Bradley, the seasoned homeless man who is giving people such as Habecker pointers on being in and out, is mourning his own losses.

"I had a nice little camp out that a lot of these new people wouldn't think is much in fact. It was mine and I had all my blankets there and all my Irish there, things I pick up on the street that are a part of my life," he says.

"The earthquake ruined it, I can't find anything."

Then Bradley smiles and pulls shily carrying out of his pocket

"But I found something new. One of these new homeless people lost this during the earthquake, going to take the clip off and do hole in it and make a pendant of it," he says.

It would be, he says, his souvenir of the earthquake and of the sad but tragic time when people had once sneered at him because



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The stage lights are low and shining, center stage, on a pile of blankets.

Beyond the footlights, rows are lined up in the area where the audiences would normally be, were these normal times in Santa Cruz and were this a normal gathering in the Civic Auditorium. But there is no audience. Staring up and staring into space more often than lying down and sleeping are the homeless — the new homeless and the old homeless.

One older woman glares at a bearded man whose half is twisted in discolored, He smells of whiskey. She hunches her shoulders and slides away from him on her cot. Her hair is fashionably cut and dyed. Her shoes are of fine, unscuffed suede. She tightens her hold on her purse, which is color crew.

dinated with her skirt and swinging from her shoulder by a gleaming gold chain.

"Are you homeless?" she is asked.

"No," she says with a passion that made her chin tremble. "No," she says again and then refuses to speak more.

The days and the nights have been like this at the half dozen shelters that have been set up in Santa Cruz County to provide care and comfort to the hundreds of people whose homes are gone or damaged by Tuesday's earthquake. Minute by minute, middle-class people who last week might have insisted that they would not survive without their microwave oven or downy bed pillow have been coping with the fact that they now have a horridly long number of things in common with street people, for whom a sleeping bag has always been a luxury.

Some, like the finely dressed woman, refuse to accept it.

Others, like Michael Teigh, who works at Uj's Tea Co. in Santa Cruz, say the destruction of his home has made him realize that anyone is just a whisker — or a 15-second rumbling of the earth away from being the very street person that many people revile, ignore or condemn.

"A few weeks ago I gave a guy on the street a bill because I felt sorry for him and proud of how bad made it in life. He was so different from me. Now, here I am, I'm him," says Teigh, who says his days at the shelter but has been sleeping in a tree near the Lipton factory. "I'm scared I'm depressed."

In any city, the forced mingling of the homeless with the old homeless would be noteworthy. But in Santa Cruz, it has a special and perhaps vicious irony.

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# Quake victims are a new class of homeless:

HOMELESS, from Page 10

Santa Cruz, with its homeless people roaming through what until Tuesday was a delightful business and shopping area, has been fertile ground for the national debate that rages over what to do about the homeless.

Among other things, the city has quarrelled and has been enforcing an anti camping law. Street people cited for violating the rule were subject to hefty fines. Sandra Lorange, an advocate for the homeless, recently spent 23 days of a 46 day sentence in jail for feeding the homeless without having the proper license.

Lorange is hard at work feeding the homeless again. But now she is doing it without fear of being arrested. She is working with the Civic Auditorium, an effort to serve more than 500 meals a day that is universally lauded and supported by the city government and local businesses.

Lorange says she believes that the work and travails of Santa Cruz homeless advocates and feeders have served as a dress rehearsal for the quakes.

"What we are doing here isn't any different than what homeless advocates do on the streets," says Lorange. "But now it is more massive and more accepted. One would hope that something would be learned by government

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officials from this, that times and situations create conditions of hunger and we should not make distinctions between people," she says as she unpacks one of dozens of cartons of donated fruit-drink containers.

But such a mindset is hard to erase. The state Office of Emergency Services said Friday that it will refer to the new homeless as "displaced" to avoid confusing them with pre-quake homeless.

Many long-time homeless people are counseling the "displaced." Ronald Bradley, 47, is wearing his usual ripped jeans and sandals but is sober — which, he says, is highly unusual. Bradley has lived on the streets of Santa Cruz for at least a year. He is now sharing space in the auditorium with people he used to peer for spare change so he could buy a bottle of booze.

He says he has talked to a few of those people at the Red Cross shelter and advised them on how to be streetwise.

"You think this will help them later to understand me better?" he

Habecker sees a distinction between herself and the old homeless. She says she has long felt the homeless who roam the street do not try to help themselves become useful citizens. She thinks that.

"But I am homeless now, and I'm grateful for what they doing here for us, but I am pressed and humbled. Being homeless, now I know that you feel you are at the bottom of the totem pole," she says.

Bradley, the seasoned homeless man who is giving people such as Habecker pointers on being in and out, is mourning his own loss.

"I had a nice little camp out that a lot of these new people wouldn't think is much to lose. It was mine and I had all my hangers there and all my trunk there. Things I pick up on the street are a part of my life," he says. "The earthquake ruined it a can't find anything."

Then Bradley smiles and puts shiny earrings out of his pocket. "But I found something new. One of these new homeless people lost this during the earthquake. Going to take the clip off and drop hole in it and make a pendant of it," he says.

It would be, he says, his souvenir of the earthquake and of the way but tragic time when people had once sneered at him because

a city social worker who spends a great deal of time with the homeless, two police officers "began tearing down tents, lean-tos and other structures," despite the torrential rainstorm.

The situation, according to Hayes, went downhill from there: "One of the homeless people demanded to speak to the two officers' supervisors and was told, 'You aren't going to get shit, except a trip to jail.'"

According to Hayes and one of the plaza denizens, the officer called the people caught up in the sweep "assholes, punks, idiots, trash and motherfuckers," and sarcastically advised them to "Go get a job."

According to one resident, "We gathered in the middle of the plaza and were trying to figure out where to go, when the police came over and started grabbing stuff from us."

The situation deteriorated: "An officer pushed me off my bag and threw it in the garbage truck [which was present for the sweep]," he said. "When another person objected, the officer's night stick found its way into the person's stomach."

At this point, the resident continued, the officer "grabbed the bag out of the protesting individual's hands and threw it in the truck." When the owner protested because there were "things of sentimental value in the bag," he was told by the officer, "I don't care, it's garbage, and it's going in the garbage, motherfucker."

The individuals involved have filed at least one complaint with the Office of Citizen Complaints, the city agency charged with the task of investigating police misconduct.

Meanwhile in the Marina District, the newly homeless were also getting their share of attention from city officialdom. Deputy mayors were taking shifts staffing shelters. The mayor was helping those attempting to salvage their lives by carrying stereo equipment out of the ruins. Oysters and roast beef were arriving from the city's finest restaurants.

Finally, there were numerous reports from people staffing the donation phone banks that offers for relief were designated specifically for the "Marina homeless and not the real homeless."

— Jim Baldwin

### ECHOES FROM THE ALLEYS

.....Need a roof? At the request of welfare activist Linda Lemaster, we mention Paul Brindel of CAP's Shelter Project Motel Voucher Program. If you were affected by the earthquake, Linda suggests you call 662-3616 or apply in person at the old Pac Bell office at 212 Locust St. We're still skeptical of Brindel--whose trespass complaint last fall displaced dozens from a TentCity back of the River St. mini-Shelter of which he was administrative overlord. But bring ID, proof of homelessness, and proof of income--if you got it. Brindel was able to arrange for travel scholarships for numerous local homeless activists to the Washington, D.C. "Housing Now!" whoopededoo. Maybe he can break your criminal outdoor sleeping habit. No guarantees though.

.....Nooks and Crannies at the Mini-Shelter. With construction completed, S.O.S. (Supportive Outreach Services) director Bob Campbell announced ten more beds will be available for homeless bodies, making a grand total of twelve now open. (Ten others will be reserved for those labeled "mentally ill.") Space for ten more may be coming up in the weeks ahead. Last week, Bob was troubled by rumors of homeless demonstrations planned near the mini-Shelter to demand city attention to shelter and sustenance needs of the homeless. Back in Sept. of 1988, a Tent City there provided bed and board for 40 people for nearly 10 days until it was "disappeared" by city police. The "Do Droppe Inn" case has been bouncing around the courts for the last year and will be reappearing soon as Grinning Ray Grue-neich, the streetside barrister, defends Maid Marion Fischer against "trespass" charges there. Details next Street Sheet.

.....Tent City Trauma! Watsonville Spanish-speakers may be holding their ground against Relocation Authorities, now and even after the fabled mobile homes arrive to herd them off as one after-shock follows another. Put here in Santa Cruz, Camprusher patrols broke up two encampments within a week after the quake. One on River St. housing 15-20 people was put to flight and several days later on the very evening the Gang of 7 (City Council) refused to consider suspending the Sleeping Ban, a more upscale operation at the local high school field on Laurel St. got the boot. The city police ordered Bubbah Prian, Raucous Rocky, and others who'd pitched their tents across from the Salvation Army's food-and-clothing center on Laurel to board a bus for Watsonville (!), move indoors, or disappear into the night. 3 boarded and the rest vanished. Bubbah noted an amusing handout distributed by the SCPD told tales of a tornado in Nevada that required immediate evacuation of the homeless encampment "for the public safety." Nice try, bungalew-busters.

.....Renegade Reporters on the Loose. "No Guns" Radice<sup>is a</sup> long-time local peace activist and defender of Mayor Wormhoudt against less charitable agitators who have termed the Mayor a "Gangleader." Back in September, No Guns got arrested twice in three hours at the same spot next to the Veteran's Monument at the top of the mall where police were experimenting with novel new uses of forgotten laws to drive the scruffier street people to a less visible location.

Concocting new crimes to facilitate ID checks, discourage petty herb sales, and roust unpaying idlers from the scene, cops whisked No Guns to jail twice--in incidents witnessed by Slyshoes Sandy and Linda the Lark. Seized while singing peace songs, No Guns was first charged with "misusing a public monument" and then "disturbing the peace" though no complaint-maker could be found other than the police. She had been standing on the 3" raised brick area surrounding the monument that people frequently sat on while eating lunch, but recently police had declared even that kind of sitting "monument desecration" and grounds for criminal complaint. Hopefully these charges will come tumbling down along with the surrounding buildings the city is so eager to remove.

Moving from criminal peacesinging to criminal publishing, No Guns has announced a new newssheet, the "New World News Service," which hit the streets last week full of tidbits, hopes, and rumors. If you want a copy of it or want to contribute to the next issue, call Melody or No Guns at 462-9280.

.....No Salvation for the Salvation Army. Word reaches us the Army was unable or unwilling to lend their certified kitchen to SWAP (Soup Without A Permit) homeless advocates earlier this year to feed folks when the city was busying itself arresting people at the Town Clock. (The Salvation Army kitchen would have made the operation a legal one.) The Army was distributing modest brown bag lunches from its Laurel St. site and has multiplied the quality and quantity of its food-and-clothing giveaway manyfold after the quake. Still LieAbout Leith and Wiley Smiley tell us two troubling stories of local "pre-quake homeless" having a much more difficult time getting donated tents than displaced yuppies and those who had full-fledged houses. Could be the reason for this discrimination is the Army's particular insight into the future: Vanguard Vic reports spying a dumpster full of discarded sleeping bags and blankets, some of them near new and possibly from the Salvation Army. Where was this? Just outside the police station, of course.

.....Dope Smokers Strike Back! Marijuana Prohibition is currently in full hysterical bloom as a forced fundraiser for local, state, and federal police fatcats. More than half the room in the local jail is occupied by victimless "drug crime" prisoners. Police terrorize small-time pot and psychedelic dealers in town, particularly intimidating the local poor, minority, and homeless communities with senseless stakeouts, fascist raids, and an endless round of criminal prosecutions.

A week ago Friday (Oct. 28) more than 200 UCSC students and others fought back against this nonsensical wave of fear and folly. Specifically they puffed their contempt and spoke their outrage at a new government requirement that students sign an anti-drug oath before receiving PELL grants. Next time you're among friends or sympathizers, pass a joint and spread the courage. The civil liberties you save will be your own.

.....Earthquake Addenda: A moment before the Oct. 17 quake decimated the Pacific Garden Mall, Robespierre Robert was sitting outside the Coffee Roasting Co. discussing a petition with one of the customers.

The petition opposed a scheme by the Gang of 7, the so-called Mall Renovation pilot plan, to remove benches and planters from the area in front of the bookshop santa cruz, tear up the grassy hill, replace trees, and put in new tiling and lighting. All of this would have had significant negative impact on poorer people unable to pay for coffee at the fashionable little white tables that would have replaced the brick planters as sitting spots. With the mall in ruins, this plan is history. The greater danger now is that a similar "shopping mall" mentality will direct the much bigger mall reconstruction plan that may now be partially funded by the feds.

How about a poor people's park? a switchboard for the homeless and those new in town? A mall closed to automobile traffic, but still public property and open to all of our citizens? Public rest-rooms that don't require search-and-beg operations? Perhaps a YWCA-like shower-and-locker facility? An artist's alley, as suggested by Jacklight Jay, where craftspeople and entertainers, musicians and performers can brighten the scene without worrying about merchant resentment or police interference? A public plaza area that can be used for speech, entertainment, meetings, and demonstrations without suffocating bureaucratic restrictions? Your suggestions? Call No Guns and Melody at 462-9280 to see your ideas in print. Send them to the Mayor's office at 429-3550. Put them in letters to the S.C. Sentinel, the San Jose Mercury-News, the Register-Pajaronian, the City on a Hill. Let your voice be heard before a huge privatized alien structure rises on the ruins of a dream.

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parcel of land," said Heyman. The chancellor added that he will work hard to gain approval of the agreement from the regents before he steps down from his post next June.

The struggle between the university and the Berkeley community over People's Park began 20 years ago when the university announced plans to build a soccer field there until more student housing was needed. After the university decided to fence in the site, thousands of protesters confronted police and National Guardsmen in a bloody battle that left one bystander dead and scores of others injured.

The university-owned site has since remained a park. But in recent years, the three-acre field that became a symbol of resistance to authority has become a haven for drug dealers and the homeless.

The mayor and the chancellor also agreed to create a facility for the homeless to be administered by the city on university-owned land in southwest Berkeley. The university will raise \$250,000 in private funds, and the city will contribute \$500,000

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### "What I Saw Four Days After the Earthquake" by Linda Edwards

(Linda the Lark Edwards is a vandwelling homeless activist, currently without a van, who recently returned from the Housing Now! dog-and-pony show in Washington, D.C. She was the first person arrested for serving free soup in front of City Hall last December--her case was finally dismissed 9 months later. Currently she is working to establish a homeless encampment beyond the reach of briney-fingered bureaucrats and power-happy policepeople.)

In response to human reaction as we have just experienced:

Unfortunately we homeless still were treated the same as usual. I was disappointed in the city's treatment of the local homeless. Why the harassment so soon after the quake? Most of us who are homeless by choice would like to just be left alone. Sure we headed for the Shelter Center and took advantage of what food and services were offered.

Maybe we didn't lose a house or a business, but the quake affected us too. I more than once heard people say that the pre-quake homeless didn't need any more assistance. Okay, I can accept that. So we did and a bunch of homeless left and began a tent shelter away from the downtown area, taking care of their own needs. What happened? We were immediately uprooted by police and asked to move elsewhere... only to be uprooted again. The second time we were given the option of moving into the Shelter or going to Watsonville. I can't believe the injustice against a class of people, being herded from here to there like so many cattle.

Whatever happened to our constitutional rights of free expression, our basic need to sleep outside like others were doing all over town, especially during this disaster? I really hoped this time would bring us together not pull us apart. I felt the pain of being an outcast of this city as police carried me and others away to jail just for wanting to sleep outside. If let alone, we can assuredly take care of ourselves and our needs.

Spokeswoman Peggy McGinley said that as of Tuesday morning, the Red Cross had spent \$57 million in Northern California areas hit by the quake and in the Caribbean and southeastern U.S. areas ravaged by Hurricane Hugo. So far, there has been \$48.6 million in donations for the two disasters, but there is no breakdown yet on how the funds have been spent, she said.

"Our whole annual budget for disaster relief is \$18.5 million," McGinley said, "and we had already projected that by the time we finish our efforts in Hugo we would have spent \$42 million. So even before the earth shook in Northern California, we were looking at a big deficit. But that didn't stop us from coming in here."

Money donated for earthquake hurricane relief is spent for services such as food, clothing, shelter, rent subsidies, transportation, emergency loans and related costs, she said, and no Red Cross personnel salaries are paid out of those funds.

She noted that while relief efforts go on here, the Red Cross is still operating 34 service centers and 35 feeding sites in the U.S., Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico and more services in the Carolinas.

Noting criticisms that confusion and bureaucratic slowdowns were caused by inexperienced Red Cross earthquake volunteers, McGinley said, "The Red Cross is extremely stretched on personnel, both paid

staff and volunteers. Yes, many of them were working on Hugo, but we're now seeing people coming here from Hugo, and equipment. ... We're now getting up to optimum operating numbers."

One of the prickliest problems for the Red Cross has been how to deal with San Francisco's legion of homeless and near-homeless. Most of them live in the Tenderloin, which was hard hit by the earthquake but which, residents and advocates there say, has been largely ignored since.

#### A different crowd

"They're having a problem dealing with those folks," said a top city official involved in the relief effort. "The Tenderloin people are a very different crowd than the Red Cross is used to dealing with. They're not just setting up a gym and having a good, white, middle-class crowd who know how to behave like prop-

er refugees. These are different folks and require a different way of dealing with."

The Rev. Cecil Williams, activist pastor of Glide Memorial Church and the spiritual leader of the Tenderloin, agreed, saying, "Where it really counts, among the people from the Tenderloin and poor people from other areas, the homeless, the really poor, the really dispossessed, and I'm not talking about the Marina ... I just have a feeling the Red Cross did not know how to really respond to them."

James Frank, 45, a Tenderloin resident laid off from his job in February, was less diplomatic: "Their attitude and the attitude from people who lived in the Marina (and shared toilet shelters) seemed to be that we were without homes before the quake and we were homeless now, so why should they have to put up with us?"

The angry native San Franciscan added, "We're from San Francisco, but we were being told we didn't belong. But it was our quake, too."

John Lopez, general manager of The City's Social Services Department and Agnes' liaison for the relief effort, suggested that the already existing homelessness problem in the Tenderloin made the quake's aftermath even more difficult. "We're asking the Red Cross to consider this as not a normal set of circumstances."

She said that while the agency has agreed, after initial denial, to give benefits to some homeless peo-

ple who were in temporary shelters at the time of the earthquake, some others can't qualify because the uncertain nature of their housing made it impossible for the Red Cross to verify a residence.

The Red Cross is trying, Lopez said, "but their guidelines tend to be very much more than realistic."

... This is a special segment of the population. Marina residents (had) a support system and a network (that helped them in the moment of crisis. What distinguished these (poorer) people is that a support network was not there and The City's housing stock for them was severely damaged. ... So it presents a special type of problem for us."

McGinley said agency officials would continue to work with The City on the problem but added, "We've got to be real cautious that money coming in is going to victims of this disaster. ... We're trying to be accessible to them."

#### Role of Project Open Hand

The Red Cross, which has a biennial annual budget of \$1.1 billion (\$664 million for its blood service) was criticized for getting the bulk of its donations but not meeting all the smaller needs from the quake.

"They're getting the big bucks and we're delivering the too-brushes," said the Rev. William

Project Open Hand, the organization that provides daily meals some 1,400 people with AIDS/AIDS-related complex (ARC) San Francisco, so far has set about 28,000 meals out of its \$ budget since the quake. It has the nonprofit group 'ab \$200,000.

So far, earthquake donations have covered less than a third that, including \$50,000 from 1 roughs Wellcome, the pharmaceutical firm, that manufactures anti-AIDS drug AZT.

On the other hand, the

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Cross contracted with the Marriott Hotel corporation to provide about 24,000 meals a day. Although the total cost is undetermined, spokesman Bob Page said the \$150-animal tag was less than the Red Cross would have paid to buy and

Open Hand Director Ruth Brinker said Tuesday she had been told the Red Cross could not reimburse her agency because of its congressional charter.

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**A different crowd**  
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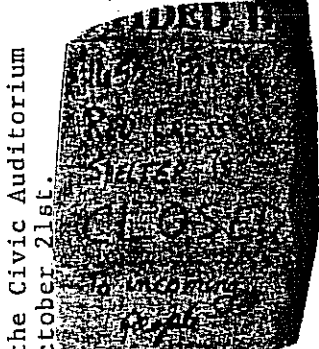
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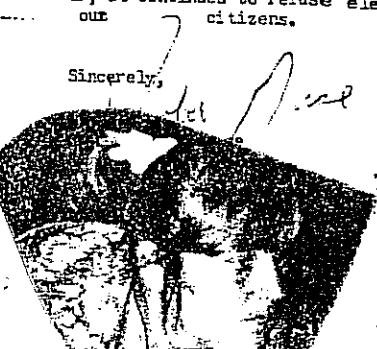


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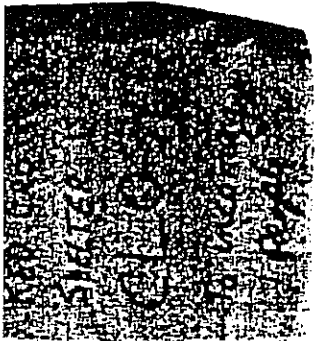


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The stone on top of an arch that enters like a wedge and binds the work together; generally, the part that supports or holds other parts together.
- 4 Packman  
A peddler, one who carries a pack of goods for sale. (Paddy is known not only for his counseling skills and interest in street and homeless people, but his weekend bargains at the Flea Market.)
- 5 Hypersomniac  
One who sleeps continuously.
- 6 Hyoden  
irrepressible  
A brash and boisterous upstart of a woman, an Annie Oakley,
- 7 Haptophobic  
One who fears or loathes being touched.

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"Come, charmer Sleep...in silent darkness born  
Relieve my anguish, and restore the light..."  
--Sonnet to Delia, Samuel Daniel (1562-1619)

L A T E F L A S H

6 SQUAD CARS, 2 PADDYWAGONS, BUST 50-70 SLEEPERS AT TOWN CLOCK  
DEMONSTRATORS VOW TO RETURN TO CONTINUE SLEEPING BAN CHALLENGE

At 1 AM Monday Morning (Nov. 20), police raided the peaceful and orderly protest camp at the Town Clock, dispersed sleepers into the night, and confiscated a truckload of belongings. Acting initially on a noise complaint because of bongos and a (non-electric) guitar, the first pair of officers was soon joined by car after car of powerhappy companions. The police overkill force decided to roust everyone after the initial dispute had been settled, according to Jaunty Johnny, who said he was walking about witnessing going on.

A confrontation over whether guitar-tuning was "playing an instrument after 10 PM" was averted when the guitar owner agreed to stop completely. Johnny and others camped there agreed that with the congo drumming silenced, the guitar tuning and strumming from a second guitar were quiet enough not to disturb sleepers a few yards away. At this point other arriving armed nightstalkers began to pick up items at random, demanding "whose is this?" and on not hearing a response, throwing into a large confiscation pile. Other police idlers, apparently with no real crimes to combat, began to waken, ticket, and arrest sleepers.

An Officer Black was seen tearing down the wreaths placed around the Town Clock earlier that day, whose security had previously been guaranteed by the Mayor. According to Jaunty Johnny, the midnight marauders were "rude, sarcastic, bullying, and unwilling to listen" to those they'd decided to overpower. After the presiding sergeant had been informed that the garlands were memorials to the earthquake dead and in memory of the Pacific Mall, he muttered that they could be put up again if the few folks remaining wanted. Johnny observed that was not possible without ladders.

According to Officer Black's, who spoke to activists outside the jail in a friendly and informative manner, 9 were arrested including Jailtime Judith, Linda the Lark Edwards, Loudmouth' Leith, and many who'd not been jailed before for felonious sleeping; Jabberwocky Jay reported that 6 others had received tickets and not gone to jail. There were several unconfirmed reports of unprofessional police shoving and paincuffing, and several cried out from the police van in anguish, begging that their plastic cuffs be loosened. Officer Black declined to remove or loosen the plastic cuffs, saying that the prisoners were now the responsibility of the jail. He further suggested that less protest would produce less pain ("tell them to sign their tickets")

1. L.L. - About Leith, also known as Rainbow Lite, has been re-christened Loudmouth Leith to more truly reflect his persona.



Remaining at the post office Homeless Tables were a half-dozen former sleepers including Hawthorne Helen Langley, while outside the jail, with two sleeping bags rolled out, waited another seven, waiting for the release of their kidnapped companions. Asked if they'd return the next night to repeat their challenge to City-approved Sleep Deprivation, more than half of the remaining veterans replied "yes" with little hesitation.

SITZKRIEG IN SLEEPING BAN WAR AT TOP OF MALL  
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AND-SCATTER TACTICS, ID CHECKS, WARNINGS, AND WAKE-UP CALLS  
LARGEST-EVER SLEEP-IN FOLLOWS CLOCK RESTART CEREMONY

In an a mixed response to renewed protests against the city's Sleeping Ban at City Hall and the Town Clock, police initially responded with rousts in the wee hours, arrests and tickets. In the days that followed, a milder practice of warnings and pro-forma ID checks greeted the happy gang of hobos with signs arrayed across their sleeping bags. By Tuesday and Wednesday nights (Nov. 14 and 15), cops had become downright courteous and helpful, waking up Jailside Judith and her occasional companions to remind them of court dates they'd spoken about earlier in the night. On Thursday and Friday nights (Nov. 16 and 17), police kept to their vehicles and let sleepyheads lie. Elsewhere in the city, however, police ticketed two less visible men sleeping in their vehicles in a return to the standard anti-homeless policy. (Bill Snakebite, one of the two, reported he was told sharply to "get the hell out of town.")

Mayor Wormhoudt continued to be coy about engaging in direct dialogue with the often-outspoken protesters. Pococourante<sup>2</sup> Packrat reports that the city's leading lawmaker actually abandoned the sidewalk to walk through the bushes. She studiously ignored the jovial conversational jousts of Homeless Table habitueeee Vanguard Vic, who sparked a neighborly response in Wormhoudt's companion. Maybe the mayor feared a dreaded panhandling assault or a public exchange of views on that no-no topic, the Sleeping Ban, which her Gang of 7 has so steadfastly refused to discuss or change.

Packrat himself recently got free transportation back to Santa Cruz on a year-old outstanding warrant. After serving four days in the County Jail Inn for the year-old "trespassing" and jaywalking tickets, he made his way to the Homeless Table, where he's been offering his services free of charge. Folks short on for traveling expenses should take note of these revolving-door "Come to Santa Cruz Jail" warrant procedures, which thoughtfully allow for the homeless indigents anywhere in California to return to town on surprise taxpayer-subsidized visits. After a decent interval in the lockup, criminal sleepers and jaywalkers can revisit the scenes of their past crimes and join anti-Sleeping Ban marathon at the Town Clock for more tickets so the whole process can begin again.

Those new to the "Jail for Sleep" legal insanities should note that trespass charges are frequently used in place of the 6.36 city Sleeping Ban to roust the weary. In the County, there are

<sup>2</sup> Pococourante<sup>2</sup> pronounced "poc-cu-cc-ur-ant -ah", careless, indifferent, nonchalant.

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between UCSC and the City limits to the East, one of them covering all roads and roadways, public and private. Especially in the COUNTY, the trespass law is used to drive off those sleeping in their vehicles or without funding or opportunity to use the restricted state and private campgrounds. Since a trespass prosecution requires a complaint by the owner, a request to leave the property, a public defender, and a jury trial, authorities find "no camping" ordinances more convenient to drive away "undesireable transient elements."

Post-earthquake conditions have made this kind of police activity more repugnant to the individual officers and less difficult to justify in the public eye. But police higher-ups are trying. In a recent Sentinel interview (Nov. 14) in a justification of continued harassment of outdoor sleepers, SCPD's Lt. Belcher accused homeless of flocking to town to take advantage of free services after the quake.

By the time these idiocies reach the courts, some judges are apparently weary of keystone kop adventures. Judith was advised by a local judge that her Oct. 24 sleeping arrest would go to trial and that she'd have a good chance of having the whole thing thrown out because a respectably-dressed companion in a business suit, sleeping in the same spot, was ignored as he slumbered on the bench next to Council chambers.

By presstime (late p.m. Nov. 19), police had again resumed surveillance and wake-ups, but rank-and-file resistance to the Sleeping Ban had assumed substantially larger proportions. Night after night, Jailtime Judith had slept out alone or with a single companion; at most, she had a small group of 5 or 6. But by Sunday, Moonrise Mike and Loudmouth Leith spearheaded a highly visible and at times disruptive presence at the Town Clock Start-Up ceremony with a dozen or more demonstrators holding signs like "Eury the Ban," "Homeless," and "End the Sleeping Ban." within a few feet of the speaker's podium. They reacted angrily and loudly to sententious remarks by Mayor Mardi, who, as usual wished to postpone until the indefinite future, any discussion of the city's beds-for-bucks, tickets-for-trolls policy.

Following the ceremony, which included official reassurance that offerings in memory of the Mall would not be torn down by police as happened a week ago after a Ring-the-Mall Celebration, Rainbow Festival folks, local homeless, and long-time activists began to gather for the largest sleep-out ever. Arriving in large numbers, the gathering promised to be the largest sleep-out ever: between 50 and 70 nightowls with bags and blankets, 3 tents openly and proudly displayed, a free food distribution center featuring fruit, rice, beans, coffee, and a welcoming smile, and a singing circle graced the Town Clock as midnight neared Sunday night. And, promised Moonrise Mike as a bonfire of camping tickets marked the striking of 11 PM (when sleeping becomes illegal), there would be more coming from Berkeley and Santa Barbara--until the city police saw fit to stop their nightly sleepsnooring expeditions.

The previous night--on Saturday--Jailtime Judith got a wake-up call from Officer Black. Arrayed around her sleeping bag were 15 sleepers (3 in cars) casting their votes with their bodies against the anti-homeless, anti-transient Sleeping Ban law, asleep in the morning dawn. Also on the scene, added Jailtime, with a wink, was an upscale illegal snoozer in a Winebago.

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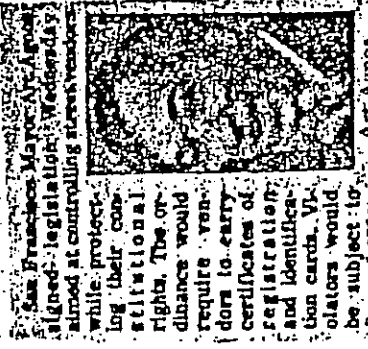
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.....Any sign of bruised-brow John? Missing without a trace since Nov. 3, is long-time S.C. homeless resident, John Clauer, who filed charges with the police against the officer who attacked him with a billyclub while he was handcuffed the night before (See Street Sheet #60). Last seen around the vicinity of Calamity's Cupboard and the Homeless Health Project, Clauer failed to report back to SCPD Internal Affairs the following Mon-day to finish his brutality report. John, if you're out there, give a shout! And if anybody catches a glimpse of John on his bike, call Robert at HUFF (Homeless United for Friendship and Freedom) HQ at 458-9648.



.....Satellite Shelter Opens To Good Reviews. The InterFaith Program, which caters to folks seeking a one-night roof and a bit of grub, has been meeting a gradually rising demand. In the hands of Sleeping Ban opponent and Green Belt Initiative environmentalist Andrew Morin, the Satellite van(s) pickup at the City Construction yard on Highway 1, just 3 blocks south of the River St. mini-Shelter, starting every day around 5:30 PM. So far no shortage of space has been reported, except that folks seeking work are unable to successfully use the line because of the early hour of the pickup. City officials have declined to grant a quick administrative ok for a nearer pickup point at Calamity's Cupboard back of the River St. mini-Shelter, but Morin hopes to have the full Gang of 7 (City Council) give its stamp of approval in late November.

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.....Closer to home, Denny's all-night restaurant on Ocean, was the recipient of Red Cross funding after the quake. Homeless refugees were issued vouchers to eat there. Ah, would the international relief organization have been so quick to buy up Denny's rotgut coffee and overpriced breakfasts if they'd known that the non-union eatery has returned to its old tricks and resumed barring "undesireables" from its sacred booths? Richard W.

dropped in Monday night to buy a meal and was told to take a hike. "Why won't you serve me?" the abashed River St. Shelter resident asked. "We don't have to give you a reason," replied the manager. ...Reason enough to resume sit-ins or a boycott in sympathy with the homeless locked out by managerial arrogance.

.....Backyard Brian Staley phoned in from D.C. recently, where he's keeping an eye on the Washington City Council, apparently eager to repeal its 1984 Homeless Initiative, which guaranteed for all citizens a place to sleep. When a homeless man actually won a legal suit using this city ordinance, the council went into extra innings, plotting to find a way to annul or modify the homeless bill of rights. Their current strategy, according to Backyard: put it on the agenda suddenly and then pull it off just as quickly if the homeless (under the leadership of Snyder of the Creative Community for Nonviolence) mobilize to fight it.

.....No Campsites for the Cashless. We'd heard that Henry Cowell's walk-in campspaces, normally \$10 a pop, were being offered without charge for a month to folks made homeless in the aftermath of the quake. True enough, up to mid-November, but it seems you have to have had an address when the quake hit; the park rangers, we are told, have a little list. No condo? No campsite Try Fresno or New York.

.....Tragedy as Comedy: Tune in Jan 4, 1990 on Channel 4 at 10 AM to see Calamity Jane and Robespierre Robert trying to stump a Hollywood panel on the morning quiz show *Third Degree*. No kidding! Some roving producer gave a call to find Slyshoes Sandy, who was in Blaine St. Women's Facility at that time, serving time for for serving food at the Town Clock. Promised \$2000 if they could baffle the bantamweights. Calamity and Robespierre spruced up and paraded out on camera, only to find they'd changed the secret to be guessed from "they were jailed for feeding the homeless" to "they fed the homeless." Leaving poorer but wiser, Jane's still waiting for her consolation check from the show to add a tad of spice to her afternoon meals at Calamity's Cupboard.

.....Santa Cruz and the 7 Dwarfs: Maybe one of the 7 City Councilpeople, who have thus far refused to take any public position opposing current police sleepsmashing, will finally raise her voice. Catherine Beiers, recently appointed to power this spring, has privately expressed sympathy for changing the current Sleeping Ban, and may make her views more public soon. Give Catherine encouragement at 429-3550. Councilman Don Lane has also stated he is willing to work with homeless advocates who bring forward specific proposals.

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The day before, news from Operations Officer Bartle that police were not "actively pursuing" homeless sleepers had raised Judith's hopes that further sleep-ins would not be necessary. Now, with word from Bubbah of fresh harassment goading her on, Judith was more determined than ever to resume her Solidarity-with-Homeless-Sleepers campaign. Her target of the evenings: the steps of the main post office at Front and Pacific streets, one of the few remaining homeless meeting places after the quarantining of the downtown mall.

A well-trained PSI security guard cut off her chance for shuteye, however, and demanded to know what she and Moonrise Mike were doing with felonious sleeping bags in hand. Jailside said nothing, but leaped into her bag, determined to be caught lying down. The baffled brownshirt called a pair of park rangers, who in turn called an SCPD officer, who radioed his sergeant. "If there are any problems using the camping ban, tell her to move, or we're taking her in for trespass," growled the grizzled veteran over the squawk box, quick to recognize criminal drowsing on federal property when he saw it.

"You haven't kept your end of the bargain," Judith told the baffled city gunman. "Your department promised they wouldn't molest homeless campers if the were discreet and not too visible. Tonight your men went across Hiway 1 to chase them away."

Ruefully shaking his head and wishing she "hadn't done this," a lone cop took her away in irons to a cold holding cell (where one woman apparently kept warm by wrapping herself in toilet paper). "Well, good luck, Judy," concluded the policeman as he left, a sympathetic but reliable cog in the great Sleepbusting Machine of Santa Cruz.

With nary a "No Trespassing" sign to be seen, no roped off area, a public mailbox on public property a few feet away, and no complaint from any postal employee, the case against Jailside looked thin, but she still faces a max of 6 months in jail, \$1000 fine, if convicted by a well-rested jury of her "peers," for challenging city sleepbusting policies.

**FURTHER RELIGIOUS MATTERS:** No improvement on the streets of San Francisco. Great-hearted Trinity Episcopal has been sleeping 75 homeless men every night this week and turning away from 15 to 30 (the Fire Dept. set a limit of 75). On the other hand, "fashionable" Grace Cathedral and St. Luke's are taking nobody, complains the Rev. Robert Cromey, Trinity's flery rector, who adds in high dudgeon: "Grace is having a sinners' picnic at the Palace next week."

SOCIAL NOTES " Let US HANG TOGETHER OR WE WILL SURELY HANG SEPARATELY "

**Out in the cold** 11/14/89  
Last Saturday night I was walking to a bus stop on Kearny and Sutter Street. It was a cold and breezy night. When I got halfway through the block, I saw a man in a dingy sleeping bag in front of a store. Seeing this man there, all alone in the cold, with no warm bed, no warm furnace, no electric blanket, made me think of how cold and heartless society must be to him.  
I have to admit I was afraid to approach the man, so I walked on. But throughout that night I could not stop thinking about the man, and the many other homeless people in the city.  
Last winter over 100 people died from the cold. Do we want this to happen again? I strongly believe that all the homeless people need is just a push to get started again. These people are just unlucky and somehow they cannot pick up and begin all over again from nothing.  
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**The Risk in Getting Out of Bed at Night**

**Associated Press**  
**New Orleans**  
Climbing out of bed in the middle of the night can cause "a risky moment" for the heart, but shovelling snow may not be as dangerous as people have long believed, according to two studies released yesterday.  
In one of the studies, researchers monitored the hearts of people with coronary artery disease while they slept. If they had to get out of bed in the night, their hearts often experienced temporary shortages of blood, which are potentially harmful, said Dr. Andrew Salwyn of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.  
On the other hand, researchers at the Medical College of Wisconsin found that for active, physically fit people with heart disease, shovelling snow is probably no riskier than other moderate exercise.  
"The feeling over the years has been that we should baby these people," said Sara Dougherty, an exercise physiologist who conducted that study. "We want to get away from that."  
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**Effect of Mental Stress**  
Researchers have found that mental stress can be an especially powerful trigger of ischemia in those with underlying heart disease. For instance, being asked to do simple math problems for five minutes can raise the heart's demand for blood or have to supply it. In the Boston study, directed by Jean Barry, 31 people with heart disease were heart monitors while they slept. Twenty-one of them got up at night, usually to go to the bathroom, a total of 31 times. On 24 of these occasions, their hearts showed signs of painless ischemia.  
Salwyn theorized that blood vessels may be slow to adapt to the heart's changing demands when people stand up after lying down. Earlier studies have shown similar ischemic episodes when people climb out of bed in the morning.

Salwyn said it may be possible to control these activities' effects on the heart with drugs such as beta blockers, which fight ischemia.  
In the shovelling study, researchers examined 14 men in their 60s who have heart disease. Each was asked to shovel gravel for half an hour at a temperature of 18 degrees. Each shoveller weighed about 170 pounds.  
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"Shovelling was a safe activity for them," said Dougherty. "It was well within the guidelines we would give them for any other activity."  
She emphasized that although the men had suffered uncomplicated heart attacks or had coronary artery disease, they were physically fit and active. None ordinarily suffered chest pain triggered by cold weather alone.



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"That was an insensitive thing to do," said Ray McDonald, chief of management services, referring to the purchase of the newspaper ad. "I thought we were making progress."

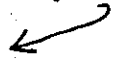
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McDonald has said there have been serious vandalism problems and drug dealing at the building. The county is liable, and must protect itself. "We're doing a good job running the building," he declared. "We gave veterans keys to their offices after we changed the locks with the permission of the Board of Supervisors. The Board agreed with us, however, and would not allow the Vets to have keys to the front door."

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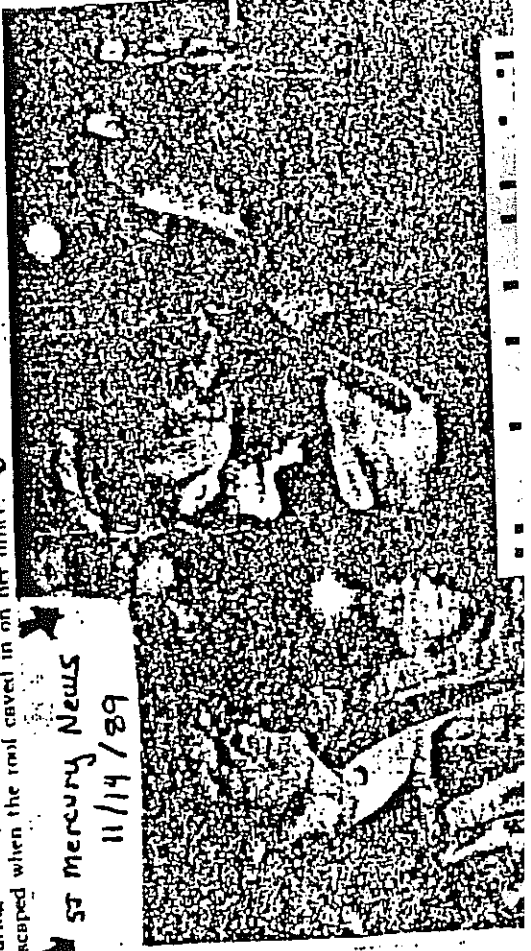
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Others report Watts throwing out cases because they occurred after the quake when many respectable citizens had taken to violating the Sleeping Ban (which prohibits sleeping outside, even on your own property, except for a fenced-in backyard). Apparently the issue of selective enforcement--whether the poor get trashed while the better-off get FEMA funding--is one that the Muni Court commissioner will listen to if you raise it in his court. Jailtime Judith's 1st Sleeping Ban ticket ever outside City Hall back in October may be dismissed at trial (10 AM, Dec. 1) because her well-dressed companion-in-crime Fireside Fred was left unmolested to slumber on, while police took Judith to jail.

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"The biggest problem we find is that they are families and the children for the most part are frightened to death to go in buildings," Mark Svennigen, part of a team from San Mateo County health services that is helping with relief efforts, said Saturday. "They are willing to bear up under the cold and rain and everything else to keep the children from screaming as they go into houses," he said.

Raymundo Leyva is one of those who fear another tremor could topple the weakened walls of his house, killing anyone foolish enough to be inside. The U.S. Geological Survey says there have already been more than 2,000 aftershocks, with more expected in the next few days that could cause additional damage.

After Tuesday's quake, as soon as he could get to a working telephone, Leyva called his grandparents in Mexico, who had survived their own powerful earthquake.

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Watsonville is not gone, but uncounted homes and businesses are destroyed. Amazingly, only one of the 30,000 residents was killed, the victim of a bakery collapse.

Volunteers estimate 500 people have been sleeping in the half-dozen tent cities that have popped up in parks and empty lots, all near areas where the damage has been especially severe.

Many others are sleeping in their yards or cars rather than enter homes whose foundations have shifted, porches have collapsed or chimneys have caved in roofs.

Three Red Cross shelters are already at capacity with 1,100 homeless who are willing to stay inside. On Sunday, the Red Cross opened a full-blown shelter of olive drab military tents in Ramsey Park, complete with medical and feeding facilities for those sleeping on cots.

"It's unusual, but this was something we felt we had to do because of people's concerns," said Red Cross spokeswoman Hope Tuttle.

The tent cities have become relief centers where volunteers from throughout the region serve meals and coffee from the backs of trucks. Donated clothes are piled under sheets of plastic and anchored by scrap lumber.

And the homeless, wearing garbage bags to stay dry, wait in long lines for food, for tents and for diapers. They wait for anything but a roof over their heads. Others, apparently without even a tent, push shopping carts full of belongings through the streets.

"This place is a disaster," Pamela Cote, of the Santa Cruz County human resources agency, said as she tried to coax 50 survivors living in Calhoun Park to move to 22 Army tents erected several blocks away by the National Guard.

Can you wonder that the homeless are nervous in shelters?

CATCALLS FROM THE COURTHOUSE CONT.

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continently Hispanic community, where residents are mindful of what happened in Mexico City four years ago. Thousands died in a tremendous earthquake on Sept. 19, 1985, but many others were killed by an aftershock the next day that trapped them inside their homes. Now the only place many in Watsonville feel safe is among the forgiving canvas walls of tents, and not even the driving rains that have turned their campsites to mud have

persuaded them into shelters or back to homes that the city has declared safe to enter.

"The biggest problem we find is that they are families and the children for the most part are frightened to death to go in buildings," Mark Svendsen, part of a team from San Mateo County health services that is helping with relief efforts, said Saturday. "They are willing to bear up under the cold and rain and everything else to keep the children from screaming as they go into houses," he said.

Raymond Leyva is one of those who fear another tremor could topple the weakened walls of his house, killing anyone foolish enough to be inside. The U.S. Geological Survey says there have already been more than 2,000 aftershocks, with more expected in the next few days that could cause additional damage.

After Tuesday's quake, as even as he could get to a working telephone, Leyva called his grandparents in Mexico, who had survived their own powerful earthquake.

"It's unusual, but this was something we felt we had to do because of peoples' concerns," said Red Cross spokeswoman Hope Tuttle. The tent cities have become relief centers where volunteers from throughout the region serve meals and coffee from the backs of trucks. Donated clothes are piled under sheets of plastic and anchored by scrap lumber.

And the homeless, wearing kar-bags for food, for tents and for diapers. They wait for anything but a roof over their heads. Others, apparently without even a tent, push shopping carts full of belongings through the streets.

"This place is a disaster," Pamela Cote, of the Santa Cruz County human resources agency, said as she tried to coax 50 survivors living in Calaghan Park to move to 22 Army tents erected several blocks away by the National Guard.

Can you wonder that the homeless are nervous in shelters?

Ruefully shaking his head and wishing she "hadn't done this," a lone cop took her away in irons to a cold holding cell (where one woman apparently kept warm by wrapping herself in toilet paper). "Well, good luck, Judy," concluded the policeman as he left, a sympathetic but reliable cog in the great Sleepbusting Machine of Santa Cruz.

With nary a "No Trespassing" sign to be seen, no roped off area, a public mailbox on public property a few feet away, and no complaint from any postal employee, the case against Jailside looked thin, but she still faces a max of 6 months in jail, \$1000 fine, if convicted by a well-rested jury of her "peers," for challenging city sleepbusting policies.

**FURTHER RELIGIOUS MATTERS** 11/17/79  
 Improvement on the streets of San Francisco - Great-hearted Trinity Episcopal has been sleeping 75 homeless men every night this week and turning away from 15 to 30 (the First Dept. set a limit of 75). On the other hand, "Fashionable" Grace Cathedral and St. Luke's are taking nobody; complains the Rev. Robert Crowley, Trinity's fiery rector, who adds in high dudgeon "Grace is having a dinner. There's no room for anybody else."

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**The Risk in Getting Out of Bed at Night** 11/14/79

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 Climbing out of bed in the middle of the night can cause "a risky moment" for the heart, but shovelling snow may not be as dangerous as people have long believed, according to two studies released yesterday.  
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Researchers have found that mental stress can be an important trigger of ischemia in those with underlying heart disease. For instance, being asked to do simple tasks, such as to give a public talk can raise the heart's demand for blood or lower its supply, resulting in oxygen deprivation.  
 In the Boston study, directed by John Barry, 50 people with heart disease wore heart monitors while they slept. Twenty-one of them got up at night usually to go to the bathroom a total of 30 times. On 24 of these occasions, one of their hearts showed signs of partial ischemia.  
 Barry theorized that blood vessels may be slow to adapt to the heart's changing demands when people stand up after lying down. Earlier studies have shown similar ischemic episodes when people climb out of bed in the morning.  
 Seton said it may be possible to control these activities' effects on the heart with drugs such as beta-blockers, which fight ischemia.  
 In the shovelling study, researchers examined 14 men in their 60s who have heart disease. Each was asked to shovel gravel for half an hour at a temperature of 18 degrees. Each shovelful weighed about 12 pounds.  
 The men had taken treadmill stress tests to measure their maximum heart rates and oxygen consumption. While shovelling, they reached 75 percent of their top heart rate and 45 percent of their maximum oxygen consumption.  
 None showed signs of ischemia.  
 "Shovelling was a safe activity for them," said Dougherty. "It was well within the guidelines we would give them for any other activity."  
 She emphasized that although the men had suffered uncomplicated heart attacks or had coronary artery disease, they were physically fit and active. None ordinarily suffered chest pain triggered by cold weather alone.

Out in the cold 11/14/79  
 Last Saturday night I was walking to a bus stop on Kearny and Sutter Street. It was a cold and breezy night. When I got halfway through the block, I saw a man in a dingy sleeping bag in front of a store. Seeing this man there, all alone in the cold, with no warm bed, no warm furnace, no electric blanket, made me think of how cold and heartless society must be to him.  
 I have to admit I was afraid to approach the man, so I walked on. But throughout that night I could not stop thinking about the man, and the many other homeless people in the city.  
 Last winter over 100 people died from the cold. Do we want this to happen again? I strongly believe that all the homeless people need is just a push to get started again. These people are just unlucky and somehow they cannot pick up and begin all over again from nothing.  
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tag to green tag. On top of this, the arresting officer was a UCLA cop, who did not show his face in court during the proceedings. The judge who put Keith away for three weeks for missing a court date has shown his hostility to the poor and homeless before, but this time he's outdone himself.

Update: at his Nov. 17 hearing, Keith was finally released from jail with the felony burglary charge dropped. He has to go back Nov. 20 to deal with the other misdemeanor "crossing the yellow ribbon" charge.

.....Shakey cases dismissed: Jailtime Judith and Linda the Lark actually got a square deal from Muni Court Commissioner Watts Tuesday when he dismissed before trial, "sleeping" charges against the two of them for supporting Helen Langley's right to rest with her dog on the grass outside the Civic Auditorium four days after the earthquake (see *Street Sheet* #60, p. 4). Pointing out that many folks were not exactly comfortable indoors that week, Linda hopes that Helen's charges too will be dropped when she appears in court in early December.

COURTCALENDER UPDATE:

22 November 8:30 AM Loudmouth Leith Austin's arraignment for bumming a smoke off of Police Chief Bassett (see *Street Sheet* #61).

Jailtime Judith Beinert's arraignment for City Hall sleep-in back in October.

29 November 8:30 AM Judith, Leith, and Bathrobespierre Robert Norse (Kahn) arraignment for sleeping at the Town Clock during the night in Nov. 12 protest demo.

Judith's arraignment for "Trespass on federal property" at the Post Office in another sleepbust.

1 December 10 AM Hawthorne Helen Langley: Trial for sleeping outside the Civic Auditorium with her dog, 4 nights after the earthquake.

Judith: Trial for her 1st Sleep-In at City Hall after a City Council meeting that declined to authorize relief for the Los Charales youth being ticketed for sleeping in vehicles and inside the restaurant.

Bubbah Brian Koepke: Trial for sleeping outside the library.

5 December 8:30 AM Judith: "Trespass" arraignment for early November sleep-in outside the post office when police department's claim to have stopped ticketing/harassing campers was shown to be false.

(Check with the information table at Muni Court to find out which court [B,C,D, or G] these criminals will be appearing in. Also upcoming but not shown: trials for "No Guns" and Linda the Lark for singing at the Veteran's Monument when the police were conducting a homeless crackdown using "offenses" like "sitting on the brick area around the monument" (more formally called "misusing public property" or even more properly "being in town without money and having the wrong life style.")



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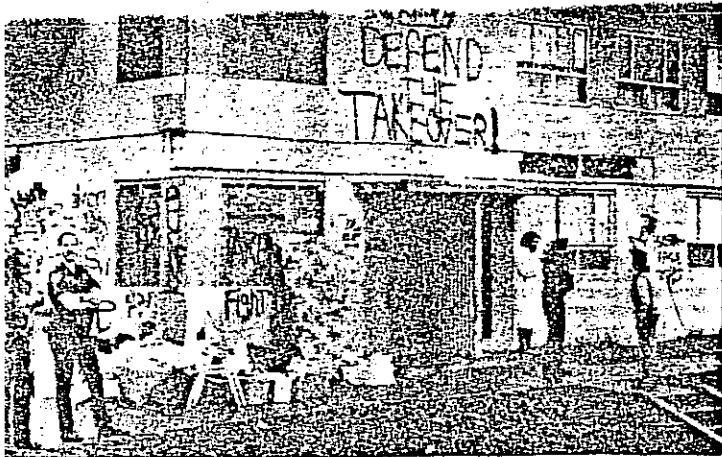
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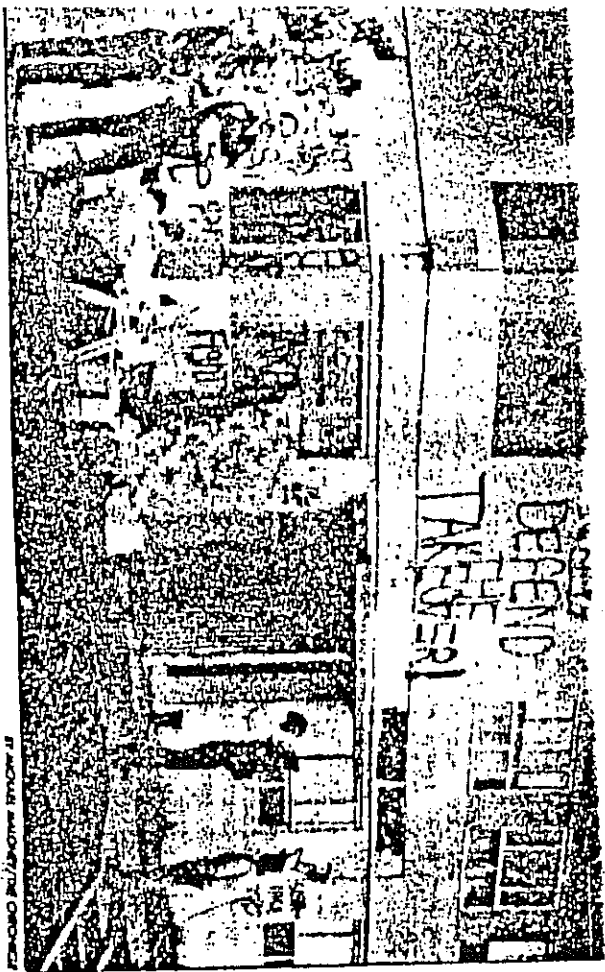
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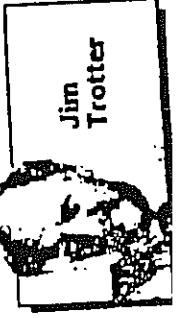
.....Moonrise Mike, co-tender of the Homeless Table with Loudmouth Leith, announces a call to the homeless and their friends to come to Santa Cruz to sleep out at the Town Clock. City officials and other notables are also welcome to join him and the Santa Cruz homeless in what he describes as his outdoor bedroom. In his sleepyheaded search for legalized slumber, Moonrise invites other daysleepers. Come suitably attired (pajamas, slippers, teddybears, yawns), if you can, but come!

.....Judith's Jobboard Signs 'Em Up! Jailtime Judith, between sleep-ins and tending her own Homeless Resources Table, work? announced the establishment of a job-sign-up service. Want work? Put down your name at one of the Homeless Tables (in front of the post office, the Town Clock, or at Laurel and Front Sts. near Los Charales restaurant). And employers looking for labourers? Drop by and help get the homeless off the streets. By Monday, Judith hopes to have a call-in phone line as well. Well done, Jailtime J!

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## Mobile-home proposal gets federal rejection

By Barry Witt  
Mercury News Staff Writer

Federal disaster officials on Tuesday balked at a Santa Cruz County plan to set up mobile homes for hundreds of residents displaced by the Oct. 17 earth quake.

With an estimated 300 to 700 homes destroyed by the quake, county officials said existing vacancies cannot possibly absorb thousands of displaced residents.

### THE QUAKE

But a Federal Emergency Management Agency spokesman said existing apartment vacancies, motels and rooming houses will be sufficient for displaced residents and their homes will be rebuilt or repaired.

Federal supervisors "feel there are adequate emergency housing units available," said FEMA's chief earthquake spokesman, Phil Cogan. "We are not bringing any mobile units in at this time."

The government stores 1,200 mobile homes in Georgia and Texas to be brought in for disaster relief efforts, but Cogan said their use is "a last resort."

"We have 100 mobile units at a staging area in South Carolina (for Hurricane Hugo victims), and so far only 13 families have agreed to accept them," he said.

FEMA's position angered the Santa Cruz County official heading a task force of local public and private agencies trying to find housing for displaced residents. About 900 still are living in temporary shelters and tent cities, and an unknown number of others have moved in with friends or relatives.

"They've got some people who come in from Washington who think they know how to count how many people need houses, and we've got some people who've lived and worked in Santa Cruz for 15 or 20 years and we think we know how to count the need for

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severely lacking. And most of the county's motel rooms are near Santa Cruz — 13 miles from where the most pressing need is in Watsonville.

For many people, finding adequate housing already has been troublesome.

Richard Golding, a father of three whose family was given a voucher by a relief agency to live in a newly Santa Cruz motel over the weekend, was desperate to get out when he arrived at the FEMA disaster center Monday. He's still waiting for FEMA

## A long road to the streets

**I** GUESS IT doesn't matter how you come to be homeless. After you have arrived, how you got there is incidental. The fact is you're spending nights in a beat-up old Datsun, you're alone and afraid, you think about your life and all you can do is cry.

The act of being homeless absorbs your time and energy in a profound and overwhelming way. Every other thing — from finding a job to brushing your hair — becomes utterly more difficult.

Still, it is instructive to talk to someone like Hayden Rad, certainly an example of just how diverse the homeless population is. And also an example of how far some people have fallen to become homeless in Santa Clara County.

In the days of the sham of Iran, Rad was an astrologer. A bank manager, a beautiful woman of family and property. She has the pictures and documents to prove it. When the sham collapsed, Rad fled to the United States with her two sons, now in their late teens. She didn't bring much with her, but she managed to get by. At times, she prospered.

Rad has run into this: Many Americans don't want to hear about the problems of someone from Iran. But it is difficult not to feel empathy when she says, "I come here because I want my sons to be free. I want to be human. That is why I come. I want a good life for my sons."

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**S** HE ST ARTED off as a housekeeper, although she didn't let her self-so-do friends know that. She says she was given political asylum, married again, and got into a business in which she imported Persian food and rugs. Then she and her brother launched a restaurant, Dear Bard, on Saratoga Avenue.

One thing Rad hasn't lost is a preference full of papers pertaining to the restaurant, a tangled mess that included family feuding, young broke, a sale that was never consummated, a fire that was suspected of being arson, lawsuits. Rad lost her investment, and finally, after a year of haggling over that loss, her rental home.

The result is a 42-year-old woman who is now gaunt, no longer beautiful, living in an old car, afraid, fearful, missing two sons. She doesn't know where the 18-year-old is. The 16-year-old she bears from occasionally. He is doing bad things, she said, "going the wrong way."

The oldest one doesn't want me to know where he is. He hates me because I don't have money. They love me. I don't, but they blame me. The youngest one tells me I'm stupid. I'm losing them. I know I'm losing them."

Rad sorts through her documents as proof that she has been wronged, but her current status is not of her making.

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**T** HIS IS not me," she said, pushing at the tears on her cheeks with the heel of her hand. Nonetheless, she has lately come to think that getting into jail might be the answer. There, she says, things would be beyond her control. So far, though, the police have just told her to move along, that her car can't stay overnight in the shopping center parking lots she prefers.

"I want work," she says. "I want a living. I want to help. I hurt a lot. I just need to be somebody for poor people like me. I try for jobs. They think I can't work there, that I'm too full, too big. They don't trust me as a worker."

Rad is embarrassed as we walk around her car. The front end has been wrecked. Her belongings are piled high inside. She is tormented by the idea that people she helped during good times now dislike her. "They hate me because they owe me," she said.

Then, "In my language I'm some body. But in America, in this stupid language I talk, I'm nobody. I can't read. I can't write."

"I'm afraid I might go crazy. I should be that way by now but I really believe God is behind me."

She got in the old Datsun, fired it up, and drove away — a recent arrival among the homeless. And how she got there, a long and spectacular trip, doesn't figure into it now.

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## FEMA's estimate of homeless way off, county official says

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Manning the table she left behind at the post office with Loudmouth Leith, still loudly urging passersby to "Give Sleep a Chance" and "Hang Mayor Wormhouse [sic]" in the bargain. Though he prefers a shriller, more outspoken approach to confronting authority, Leith's manner and message continues to collect colorful campers as he and his rainbow crew plot legal and extralegal strategies for bringing down the Sleeping Ban before winter winds drive everyone into (illegal) hibernation.

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.....Murmurings from the Madhouse: Mad John T., psychiatric inmate's rights advocate, keeps an angry eye on the govt-funded drug pushers and jailers of the local psych wards. If you get locked up by the Mind Police, John's a good man to know. (And if you're interested in helping fight forced drugging and forced hospitalization, call him at 426-3201.) The US Supreme Court upheld a lower court in the Reise case, which mandates judicial hearings for uncooperative lunatics who feel they should decide whether to get hooked on psychiatric mind-deadening drugs.

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.....Santa Barbara Notes: An early morning call from Homeless Henchwoman Jane Hagstrom from Santa Barbara demanded to know whether police were running amok as the visiting Santa Barbara Homeless Coalition rep. Java Janet, had claimed in a 4 AM phone call Monday morning. Java and friend were present when police busted up the Rainbow Gathering at the Clock and phoned for help. The report from down South is that their Armory has been opened to the homeless (when the weather gets nasty) with Jane actually running the place. [Radio news is that the Gilroy and San Jose armories are also open. Santa Cruz authorities, independent as ever, "just say no."] Homeless busts are down after election-even grandstanding by police and politicians and the "Jungle" (a homeless encampment area) has again been bulldozed. Will Santa Barbara activists and homeless actually arrive on the scene to support your locals? Keep your eye on the Town Clock this winter.

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San Francisco's largest public housing project became home to some of the city's homeless over the weekend when illegal squatters took boards off vacant apartments, attached makeshift power lines and boldly moved in.

The newest tenants at the blighted Sunnydale Housing Project near the Cow Palace have made themselves at home — rent-free — in a half-dozen vacant units.

According to the homeless and their sympathizers who organized the takeover, the move is yet another attempt to keep San Francisco's homeless off the street and a protest against the lack of affordable housing. It is also a direct challenge to government housing officials, who they accuse of moving too slowly on the issue.

"There's a significant number of abandoned units," said J.B. Saunders, a homeless man who helped organize the takeover. "We're encouraging other homeless people to do the same thing."

Saunders and members of an advocacy group called Refuse and



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.....Judith's Jobboard Signs 'Em Up! Jailtime Judith, between sleep-ins and tending her own Homeless Resources Table, has announced the establishment of a job-sign-up service. Want work? Put down your name at one of the Homeless Tables (in front of the post office, the Town Clock, or at Laurel and Front Sts. near Los Charales restaurant). And employers looking for labourers? Drop by and help get the homeless off the streets. By Monday, Judith hopes to have a call-in phone line as well. Well done, Jailtime J!

# FEMA

## says no to county

### Mobile-home proposal gets federal rejection

By Barry Witt  
Mercury News Staff Writer

Federal disaster officials on Tuesday balked at a Santa Cruz County plan to set up mobile homes for hundreds of residents displaced by the Oct. 17 earth quake.

With an estimated 500 to 700 homes destroyed by the quake, county officials said existing vacancies cannot possibly absorb thousands of displaced residents.

But a Federal Emergency Management Agency spokesman said existing apartment vacancies, motels and rooming houses will be sufficient for displaced residents until their homes are rebuilt or repaired.

Federal surveyors "feel there are adequate emergency housing units available," said FEMA's chief earthquake spokesman, Phil Cogan. "We are not bringing any mobile units at this time."

The government stores 2,300 mobile homes in Georgia and Texas to be brought in for disaster relief efforts, but Cogan said their use is "a last resort."

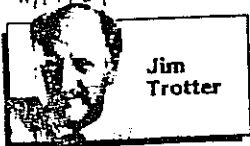
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## A long road to the streets

I GUESS IT doesn't matter how you come to be homeless. After you have arrived, the fact is you're spending nights in a beat-up old Datsun, you're alone and afraid, you think about your life and all you can do is cry.

The act of being homeless absorbs your time and energy in a profound and overwhelming way. Every other thing — from holding a job to brushing your hair — becomes entirely more difficult.

Still, it is instructive to talk to someone like Haydeh Rad, certainly an example of just how diverse the homeless population is. And also an example of how far some people have fallen to become homeless in Santa Clara County.

In the days of the shah of Iran, Rad was an aristocrat. A bank manager, a beautiful woman of family and property. She has the pictures and documents to prove it. When the shah toppled, Rad fled to the United States with her two sons, now in their late teens. She didn't bring much with her, but she managed to get by. At times, she prospered.

Rad has run into this: Many Americans don't want to hear about the problems of someone from Iran. But it is difficult not to feel empathy when she says, "I come here because I want my sons to be free. I want to be human. That is why I come. I want a good life for my sons."

SHE STARTED off as a housekeeper, although she didn't let her well-to-do friends know that. She says she was given political asylum, married again, and got into a business in which she imported Persian food and rugs. Then she and her brother launched a restaurant, Daar Band, on Saratoga Avenue.

One thing Rad hasn't lost is a briefcase full of papers pertaining to the restaurant, a tangled mess that included family feuding, going broke, a sale that was never consummated, a fire that was suspected of being arson, lawsuits. Rad lost her investment, and finally, after a year of haggling over that loss, her rental home.

The result is a 42-year-old woman who is now gaunt, no longer beautiful, living in an old car, afraid, tearful, missing two sons. She doesn't know where the 18-year-old is. The 18-year-old she hears from occasionally. He is doing bad things, she said, "going the wrong way."

The oldest one doesn't want me to know where he is. He hates me because I don't have money. They love me. I think, but they blame me. The youngest one tells me I'm stupid. I'm losing them. I know I'm losing them."

Rad sorts through her documents as proof that she has been wronged; that her current status is not of her making.

"THIS IS not me," she said, pushing at the tears on her cheeks with the heel of her hand.

Nonetheless, she has lately come to think that getting into jail might be the answer. There, she says, things would be beyond her control. So far, though, the police have just told her to move along, that her car can't stay overnight in the shopping center parking lots she prefers.

"I want work," she says. "I want a living. I want to help. I hurt a lot. I just need to be somebody for poor people like me. I try for jobs. They think I can't work there, that I'm too full, too big. They don't trust me as a worker."

Rad is embarrassed as we walk around her car. The front end has been wrecked. Her belongings are piled high inside. She is tormented by the idea that people she helped during good times now dislike her. "They hate me because they owe me," she said.

Then, "In my language I'm somebody. But in America, in this stupid language I talk, I'm nobody. I can't read. I can't write."

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She got in the old Datsun, fired it up, and drove away — a recent arrival among the homeless. And how she got there, a long and spectacular trip, doesn't figure into it now.

Write Jim Trotter at 750 Ruder Park Drive, San Jose 95190, or call (408) 920-5764.

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arely lacking. And most of the county's motel rooms are near Santa Cruz — 15 miles from where the most pressing need is in Watsonville.

For many people, finding adequate housing already has been troublesome.

Richard Golding, a father of three whose family was given a voucher by a relief agency to live in a red Santa Cruz motel over the weekend, was desperate to get out when he arrived at the FEMA disaster center Monday. He's still waiting for FEMA

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POLICE THREATS CLOSE REFUGEE RESTAURANT; HARASS SLEEPCRIME CRITIC  
'LAS CHARLIES' FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM CONTINUES

Jailtime Judith Beinert finally thought she was getting somewhere. Las Charlies restaurant on Front St. near Laurel was open again under her leadership, with jobs for numerous homeless adolescent youth, in spite of fractious disputes with the previous ownership. On Monday evening (Nov. 20), she was able to offer the daytime burger palace as an all-night counseling center/coffee shop/refuge for those too poor to buy a hotel room, too cold or too scared to seek a secretive hiding place to sleep, or too late for the Satellite Shelter program's 5:30 PM pickup time. Folks who had been huddling together for warmth at the Town Clock at night--with one eye nervously open for the next Sleepbuster Squad Car--were now invited to come in off the street, have a seat, and share a little human warmth.

With increasing harassment of homeless by local restaurant (like Denny's and the Emiline St. Social Services Complex cafeteria as described in Street Sheet #61), Judith felt that providing a warm place for people to drink coffee and talk through the wee hours would keep folks off the streets and provide a positive community service. Las Charlies had previously been targeted by police (see Street Sheet #60) in a campaign to roust homeless youth employed there, who had been sleeping in cars parked in the restaurant's parking lot. Sgt. Sanderson contended that several months ago the cafe had been the subject of numerous complaints involving "drunkenness and fights." Jailtime admitted the existence of problems under previous management, but she and Sanderson both agreed that there'd been no recent problems.

Why then the police interest in issuing Judith intimidating warnings not to open the restaurant a second night to the homeless that night? What, asked Judith, was the harm in allowing people a free and legal to be after 11 PM at night (provided they didn't sleep there, of course, an activity banned city-wide even indoors--inside buildings not "designed for human habitation"). Why the threat that this clear and palpable social service would be the cause to have the restaurant's use permit revoked under the zoning laws and possibly her own liberty attacked under a "criminal nuisance" prosecution? Could this singular interest in her restaurant "unsuitability for nighttime use" have any relation to police hostility towards her month-long Sleep-in campaign at City Hall and the Town Clock to reclaim the elemental human right of sleep for all people?

Sgt Sanderson is known to some critics as "Spirit-trasher Sanderson" for his slash and trash treatment of the flowers-and-poetry interwoven on the mall fence weekend before last. On Tuesday night, he advised Judith that he had received

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Tuesday evening around dusk, Hobohunter Hennig, an SCPD sergeant who was earlier seen tearing down signs urging an end to the Sleeping Ban, issued orders to Moonrise that he move a pile of packs, blankets, and other items, left by homeless and transient people in his care to a spot fifteen feet away. In response Loudmouth Leith immediately moved the table to the spot where the offending items had been lying and seated himself there, establishing a "safe haven" for the homeless property. When Hennig responded by demanding that more items be moved, Mike and others complied, fearing police would respond with another mass threat as they had early Monday morning at the Town Clock when the property of 70 or more people was roughly seized and hauled off. [To those whose goods were grabbed, we suggest (a) continuing inquiries at the police station, and (b) a watchful eye on the police station dumpster.]

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## POCKMARKS ON THE PAVEMENT

.....Promises, Promises! Where are those wreath memorials torn down from the Town Clock by fearless lawmen under the burly leadership of Sgt. St. Onge early Monday morning? Didn't our own Mayor promise us that her armed vandals would restrain themselves for at least a week? Maybe she needs to spend less time demonstrating against Salvadoran death squads, and more time taking her local military in hand.

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No sooner had the first few eager gobblers appeared, when a badge in blue confronted him. "No cooking without a permit; no food distribution without a license," was the word from the City Heat. "Oh," rejoined the starry-eyed Beobe, "well that's easy, I'll just go get one." Little did our hero know that even Calamity Jane Imler, a huggin' pal of the Mayor's, only got a permit after two arrests, two weeks in disguise, dozens of illegal meals, and a misdemeanor trial. Get ready for heartache. Big Heart!

....For The Determined Food Felons: Here are some words of wisdom from chocolate-chip cookie lover and homeless legal eagle Grinning Ray Grueneich. Section 27551 of the State Health and Safety Code, law used to arrest Calamity and other SWAP (Soup without a Permit) cooks last winter was intended to apply only to retail establishments, but was seized upon by D.A.s under city pressure to drive Calamity's homeless vigil from the Town Clock. Local judges have strained conscience and sanity to apply the lie to homeless food giveaways, but even under their rulings, you are not guilty of any criminal offense until you have given away food three times in 90 days. Don't let the blueshirts buffalo you: share that sandwich!

.....Sleep-In Update: After being released without bail from jail in the early morning hours Monday, Jailtime Judith and her jailbird sleepcrime pals returned to the Town Clock to crash out again until 9 AM. The next night Loudmouth Leith, Moonrise Mike, and 6 or 7 others continued the vigil, some at the Clock, some across the street near the post office next to the Homeless Table. Officer "I Just Work Here" Black woke up the sleepers to inquire about Judith's whereabouts Tuesday morning.

But Judith herself had moved indoors for the evening to provide coffee and company services at Las Charales. And wanderers not interested in challenging or evading the law that night had a warm place to put their boots. After police closed her down the following night, Judith returned to the Clock to continue her outdoor sleepabout. She continues to invite the hearty to share a night (and possibly a jailcell) with her until the local Tweedledums decide to "give sleep a chance."

.....No Peace for No Guns. Swathed in white like an Indian sikh, peace activist "No Guns" (aka Antoinette Radice) continues



to pop up all over Santa Cruz--at Loudon Nelson pleading for the right of homeless to come to last Sunday night's homeless benefit (many were turned away), at the Cafe Chameleon planning a homeless campground, at the "Berlin Mall" fence with a lit candle and a wreath of flowers, or at Kinko's slaving over a hot xerox machine to turn out the latest issue of her community newsletter.

Look for her next month at anew locale. The unconventional activist is on trial in Municipal Court for solidarity with homeless and street people in September when police began turning the top of the Mall into a Forbidden Zone by ticketing the threadbare for sitting on the 2" high brick area around the Veteran's monument. Arrested there for a crime initially billed as "obstructing a monument" or somesuch, No Guns returned immediately after release to continue the peace song the police interrupted and was promptly returned to jail for "disturbing the peace." A bum rap, according to onlookers Slyshoes Sandra and Linda the Lark--the last stood up in solidarity with her, was ticketed, and had the ticket thrown out of court by "Why me?" Watts, Muni Court commissioner, who apparently had been shown the scene of the crime by legal colleague Grinning Ray Grueneich.

.....Ticketing Tango. The year-old-and-getting-older Do Drop In(n) case involving Maid Marion Fischer and a cast of forgotten others returned like a ghost to haunt Judge Kelly's Court yet again today. In another shoestring courtroom coup, Grinning Ray persuaded the judge to provide both defense and prosecution with a free transcript of the proceedings. Everyone's forgotten about this musty-old leftover--initially a trespass action taken by the River St. mini-Shelter homeless bureaucrats against a 10-day-long 40-person homeless encampment only a stone's throw from where Calamity's Cupboard now feeds folks nightly. Join the legal scholars to dust off this antique 10 a.m. Dec. 5 in Courtroom C.

.....Disappearing Tickets! Jailtime Judith spent half an hour in the basement of the courthouse this morning trying to track down the half-dozen Sleeping tickets she's been given in the last month. Not a one showed up.

.....And One That Should Have Disappeared. A few weeks back, Loudmouth Leith Austin was hauled away for his critical social commentary on Top Police Fanjandrum Jack Bassett. (A theatrical "Die Yuppie Scum" after Bassett stood gaping at him asked if he could bum or buy a cigarette) on Top Police Fanjandrum Jack Bassett, Loudmouth Leith Austin read Jack's side of the arrest for bumming a cigarette from the head honcho. For Leith's report, see *Street Sheet* #60. but here, in Hall's report, is Bassett's tale:

"Austin rushed up to him yelling like a madman. Austin called him "Yuppie Scum," then continued yelling bizarre things. Austin then asked him to give him some cigarettes." Seasoned panhandler and shit disturber that Loudmouth is, he may be abrasive, but not crazy enough to insult a stranger before asking him for a smoke. Did Jack overreact to the presence of the Homeless Table in front of City Hall? After all, Leith was not even offered the opportunity to sign a ticket--usually a standard police practice; instead he was taken straight to the lockup. Could Jack's report be sour grapes and creative reconstruction? Or is the overworked police chief's grip on reality be a trifle shakier than we thought?

COME SLEEP OUT WITH JAILBITE JUDITH AND HER TEDDYBEAR FRIENDS!

After a 7.1 magnitude earthquake, some of the SCPD (the city police) continue to harass, ticket, and even arrest homeless people and harmless campers. What's legal for nervous folks with houses (pitching a tent outside or sleeping on their own property) is illegal for folks without a house!

Though the police department has claimed it is giving "low priority" to enforcing the sleeping ban (City Ordinance 6.38.010), just night (Saturday, Nov. 11) at least 3 were driven from their sleeping place along River St. and 1 was arrested for trespass in front of the post office.

Crazy and cruel at any time, this police misconduct, sanctioned by the mayor and city council, is particularly awful during this difficult time when available housing for poor people has been greatly reduced.

What must be done?

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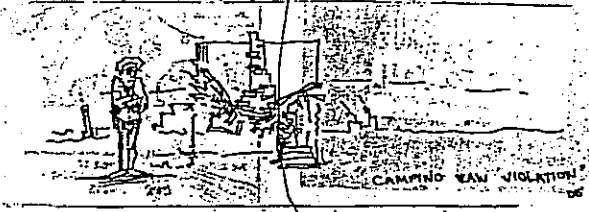
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---BRING blankets, bodies and high spirits!!!

Remember: You don't have to go to jail...but it helps!!

ON THE AGENDA: A WEEK OF DEMOS AGAINST THE SLEEPING BAN

Help! ...Staff the Homeless Table during the day...  
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...Write a letter, pick up a phone, lay down a sleeping bag...



still happening nightly!

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# A time for thanks

## Free meals planned in quake's aftermath

By JENNIFER SASSEEN

People who work each year to provide free or low-cost Thanksgiving dinners in Santa Cruz County residents are doing it again this year despite earthquake-caused difficulties. Beverly Calvo, director of the seniors division for Food and Nutrition Services, said that since the quake, the agency has seen a 20

percent increase in the number of people who are facing financial problems as a result of the increase, she said. "We're serving over 100 meals a day beyond what we're funded for," Calvo said. The increase totals \$11,000 a month, she said, and Food and Nutrition Services is looking for donations to help it continue the service. People have been generous in donations to the Red Cross

and the agency is facing some financial problems as a result of the increase, she said. The agency's centers throughout the county were serving Thanksgiving meals today for a \$125 suggested donation, at noon at the Loudon Nelson Center in Santa Cruz and at the Presbyterian Church in Watsonville, and at 4 p.m. at Capitola's Jade Street Park and the Live Oak Community Center.

said. Some of the program's regular customers will be eating with friends or families, she said, but 440 of the nearly 600 customers will be served Meals on Wheels. In Watsonville, the Red Cross will serve traditional turkey dinners, plus a few added ethnic dishes, at the Red Cross shelter at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, said Ginger Lenggenfelder, executive director.

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The fairgrounds' shelter is the last remaining official Red Cross shelter in the county, Lenggenfelder said. Thanksgiving Day dinner will be served from 2 to 6 p.m. But the Red Cross will also serve a Thanksgiving meal at the unofficial tent city at Callaghan Park in Watsonville at the same time.

The annual Thanksgiving meal for the elderly at the Civic Auditorium in Santa Cruz was also held today at noon, but other agencies are still planning meals on Thanksgiving Day.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5888 in Santa Cruz will be serving a traditional turkey dinner starting at 1 p.m. Thanksgiving Day at 846 Front St. The meal is free and is provided each year through donations and volunteers, but the veterans are having a hard time this year because of the quake, said Bill Hollett, a member of Post 5888.

Veterans only recently found out they would be able to get into their Front Street building Thanksgiving Day, Hollett said, and they haven't had a lot of time to plan. Also, an asbestos problem in the basement of the building has prevented veterans from retrieving their cooking equipment, so much of the food will be cooked in homes and delivered to the hall, Hollett said.

Mall merchants were always the biggest donors to the veterans' Thanksgiving dinner, Hollett said, and this year, because of the quake, veterans weren't sure if they would have enough donations. But donations have been coming in anyway, so the vets decided to go ahead and throw their annual holiday meal, Hollett said.

In Santa Cruz, the Christian Life Center, 1009 Mission St., will be serving turkey dinners from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, a spokeswoman for the center said. Dinner is free and secondhand clothing and blankets will also be given out.

Peter Carota's St. Francis Soup Kitchen, at 205 Mora St. in Santa Cruz, will also be serving free Thanksgiving dinners, starting at noon on Thanksgiving Day.

As it does every year, the Salvation Army is providing food baskets. This year, the number of families who have signed up for the baskets is in the hundreds.

# Veteran's Building Dilemma

## Dispute with the County Continues

by Dick Little

An evidentiary hearing over use of The Veterans Building in Santa Cruz will be held two days after Christmas by Superior Court Judge Tom Black.

Veterans are attempting to have the court tell the County to allow their groups free and unobstructed use of the building. Right now, the Vets are not optimistic about their chances.

One of those not sharing a pessimistic outlook on the future of veteran's use of the building is Carl Halderman of Aptos, Vice Chairman of Veterans Building Commission.

"I think after the judge hears a full day of testimony on how veterans are being treated he may find more sympathy for their plight," he said.

There is not any dispute on who owns or operates the building. Both sides agree the County is responsible. The legal question is what rights the veterans have under state and federal law.

Complicating the issue is the initiative that allowed the building to be constructed in the first place. The initiative was adopted in 1932.

Vets attorney, Ray Scott, says his clients and the County are poles apart on the role the Veterans Building Commission should play on the use of the building. Scott thought the Commission would have more say than the Board of Supervisors is willing hand over.

Judge Black said when the suit was filed the two sides had better work out their differences, or he would do it for them.

Now it, appears the judge is backing away from his statements, and several observers believe Judge Black has all but conceded the case to County Government, regardless of what testimony is delivered on the 27th.

Scott was not optimistic following the hearing saying "...the future of veterans organizations does not look good."

What irritates most veterans groups, Scott, and members of the Commission has been the attitude of the board of Supervisors.

They consistently refused to meet with the Commission on the question of use, citing the pending litigation as their reasons.

"How in the world can you resolve your differences if you don't sit down and talk," Halderman said. "The differences of opinion is so acute now, I doubt if

they (vets and the County) can ever reconcile."

"This has been going on for four years, and is really the fault of both sides," he concluded.

Halderman is not a stranger to veterans issues. Before retiring to Santa Cruz County, he was with the State Department of Veterans Affairs, and later worked with the Public Employees Retirement System. He worked several years with TransAmerica before retiring.

"I don't think the Parks Department is the appropriate agency to oversee the building," Halderman continued, "it is not a park, nor is it cultural, nor is it open space. I will ask the Commission to recommend to the Board of Supervisors assign someone else to oversee the building. The parks department does not want to resolve this issue."

The Commission will take up the question when they meet on the first Tuesday in December.

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# Residents of armory shelter resist moving

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November 21, 1989

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# A time for thanks

## Free meals planned in quake's aftermath

BY JENNIFER SASSEEN  
 People who work each year to provide free or low-cost Thanksgiving dinners to Santa Cruz County residents are doing it again this year despite earthquake-caused difficulties. Beverly Calvo, director of the Nutrition Services, is looking for donations to help it continue the service. People have been generous since the agency has seen a 20 percent increase in the number of people who work each year to provide free or low-cost Thanksgiving dinners to Santa Cruz County residents are doing it again this year despite earthquake-caused difficulties.

The agency is facing more financial problems as a result of the increase, she said. "We're serving over 100 meals a day beyond what we've funded for," Calvo said.

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The fairgrounds' shelter is the last remaining official Red Cross shelter in the county, Lengerfelder said. Thanksgiving Day dinner will be served from 2 to 6 p.m. But the Red Cross will also serve a Thanksgiving meal at the unofficial tent city at Callaghan Park in Watsonville at the same time.

The annual Thanksgiving meal for the elderly at the Civic Auditorium in Santa Cruz was also held today at noon, but other agencies are still planning meals on Thanksgiving Day.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5888 in Santa Cruz will be serving a traditional turkey dinner starting at 1 p.m. Thanksgiving Day at 846 Front St. The meal is free and is provided each year through donations and volunteers, but the veterans are having a hard time this year because of the quake, said Bill Hollett, a member of Post 5888.

Veterans only recently found out they would be able to get into their Front Street building Thanksgiving Day, Hollett said, and they haven't had a lot of time to plan. Also, an asbestos problem in the basement of the building has prevented veterans from retrieving their cooking equipment, so much of the food will be cooked in homes and delivered to the hall, Hollett said.

Mail merchants were always the biggest donors to the veterans' Thanksgiving dinner, Hollett said, and this year, because of the quake, veterans weren't sure if they would have enough donations. But donations have been coming in anyway, so the vets decided to go ahead and throw their annual holiday meal, Hollett said.

In Santa Cruz, the Christian Life Center, 1009 Mission St., will be serving turkey dinners from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, spokeswoman for the center said. Dinner is free and secondhand clothing and blankets will also be given out.

Peter Carota's St. Francis Soup Kitchen, at 205 Mora St. in Santa Cruz, will also be serving free Thanksgiving dinners, starting at noon on Thanksgiving Day.

As it does every year, the Salvation Army is providing food baskets. This year, the number of families who have signed up for the baskets is in the hundreds.

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"This has been going on for four years, and is really the fault of both sides," he concluded.

Halderman is not a stranger to veterans issues. Before retiring to Santa Cruz County, he was with the State Department of Veterans Affairs, and later worked with the Public Employees Retirement System. He worked several years with TransAmerica before retiring.

"I don't think the Parks Department is the appropriate agency to oversee the building," Halderman continued, "it is not a park, nor is it cultural, nor is it open space. I will ask the Commission to recommend to the Board of Supervisors assign someone else to oversee the building. The parks department does not want to resolve this issue."

The Commission will take up the question when they meet on the first Tuesday in December.

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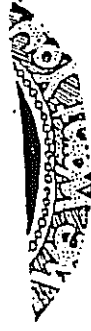
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# Veteran's Building Dilemma Dispute with the County Continues

by Dick Little

**A**n evidentiary hearing over use of The Veterans Building in Santa Cruz will be held two days after Christmas by Superior Court Judge Tom Black.

Veterans are attempting to have the court tell the County to allow their groups free and unobstructed use of the building. Right now, the Vets are not optimistic about their chances.

One of those not sharing a pessimistic outlook on the future of veteran's use of the building is Carl Halderman of Aptos, Vice Chairman of Veterans Building Commission.

"I think after the judge hears a full day of testimony on how veterans are being treated he may find more sympathy for their plight," he said.

There is not any dispute on who owns or operates the building. Both sides agree the County is responsible. The legal question is what rights the veterans have under state and federal law.

Complicating the issue is the initiative that allowed the building to be constructed in the first place. The initiative was adopted in 1932.

Vets attorney, Ray Scott, says his clients and the County are poles apart on the role the Veterans Building Commission should play on the use of the building. Scott thought the Commission would have more say than the Board of Supervisors is willing hand over.

Judge Black said when the suit was filed the two sides had better work out their differences, or he would do it for them.

Now it appears the judge is backing away from his statements, and several observers believe Judge Black has all but conceded the case to County Government, regardless of what testimony is delivered on the 27th.

Scott was not optimistic following the hearing saying "...the future of veterans organizations does not look good."

What irritates most veterans groups, Scott, and members of the Commission has been the attitude of the board of Supervisors. They consistently refused to meet with the Commission on the question of use, citing the pending litigation as their reasons. "How in the world can..."

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# Residents of armory shelter resist moving

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## COME SLEEP OUT WITH JAILBITE JUDITH AND HER TENDRILS FRIENDS!

After a 7.3 magnitude earthquake, some of the SCPD (the city police) continue to harass, ticket, and even arrest homeless people and homeless veterans. What a legal farce for nervous folks with houses (not to mention a tent outside of sleeping on their own property) to sleep for folks without a house!

Though the police department has glared it to giving "you priority" to enforcing the sleeping ban (City Ordinance 6.35.010), just about Saturday, Nov. 11) at least 3 were driven from their sleeping place along River St. and I was arrested for trespass in front of the post office.

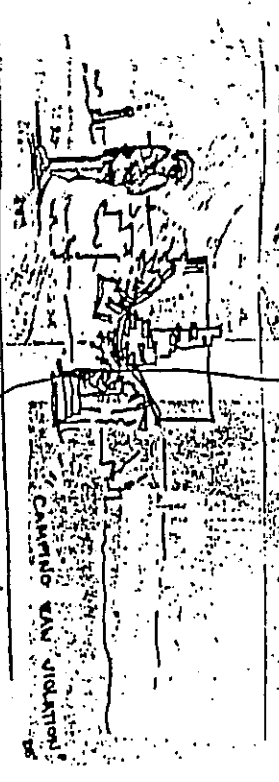
Crazy and cruel at any time, this police misconduct, sanctioned by the mayor and city council, is particularly awful during this difficult time when available housing for poor people has been drastically reduced.

What must be done?

- SUSPEND THE SLEEPING BAN NOW MORE THAN EVER!
- MEET at 7:00 PM (Toulight, Nov. 12) at the Town Clock to plan a human response.
- BRING blankets, bottles and high spirits!!!
- Remember You don't have to go to jail...but it helps!!

## ON THE AGENDA: A VET OF TENDS AGAINST THE SLEEPING BAN

Help! ... Start the Homeless Table during the day...  
... Bring blankets to the shelter at night...  
... Write a letter, pick up a phone, lay down a sleeping pad...



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# STREET SHEET

"When I refuse to obey an unjust law, I do not contest the right of the majority to command, but I simply appeal from the sovereignty of the people to the sovereignty of mankind."

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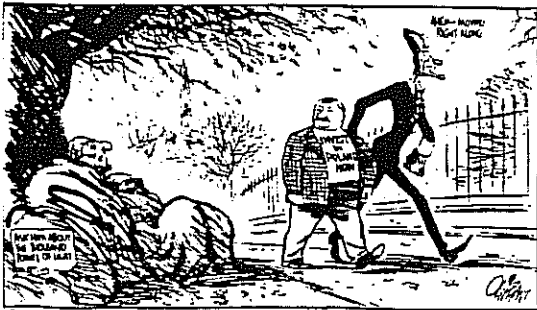
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Saturday night around 7 PM, police under the leadership of Officer Menz raided Lost Charlies restaurant, arresting manager Dexterous Don and driving away the ten or more people quietly talking there. When Don asked Menz on his arrival what the problem was and declined to admit him to the closed restaurant, the gutsy gunman reportedly retorted, "fuck you" and shoved past Don through the closed door. Don then phoned the police department, but as he did, Menz angrily pulled the phone out of the wall socket and began issuing orders and threats. Shortly thereafter Menz and two uniformed sidekicks demanded ID, searched the restaurant, ordered everyone there to leave, and hauled away Dan in handcuffs.

The cause of the commotion and damning evidence: a half-filled bottle of beer in the frig. What provoked the incident? An altercation outside the restaurant some moments earlier. Menz's pretext for breaking in: the sight of a bottle in Don's hand earlier as he stood outside. Aren't three squad cars (all parked in a row outside the restaurant) and three officers an unusual display of firepower here? Or were the eager lawmen giving special treatment to Lost Charlies--new-found home for the homeless and thorn in the britches to Sleepbuster Central?



GOOD LUCK, LECH. ASK HIM ABOUT INVESTMENT IN HIS OWN POKES, WHILE YOU'RE AT IT.

News from S.F. back in September

That was before the quake... before the winter...

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Transient Shot - 9/13/89 Refused to Share Fire

A transient was shot after he refused to share his fire with a passer-by, San Francisco police said yesterday.

The victim, Zephron Day, 46, is in San Francisco General Hospital, in serious condition with a bullet wound in the chest.

Officer Kevin McNaughton said Day had built a fire in a barbecue pit near the Conservatory in Golden Gate Park about 8:45 p.m. Monday. Day, said that a man wearing dark clothing asked to share the fire, and that he refused.

Day said the man then pulled a gun, shot him and walked away.

### Homeless man shot in dispute over 'turf'

9/13/89

EXAMINER STAFF REPORT

A homeless man sitting by his warming fire in Golden Gate Park's Suckin' garden was shot in the chest by a man who wanted to share his fire.

Other homeless people who were nearby told police that Zephron Day, 46, refused when the man made his request.

The gunman was heard to say, "This is my turf." Then he fired.

Police Sgt. Gary Blount said Day managed to walk out to John F. Kennedy Drive, where a motorist found him lying in the road shortly before 9 p.m. Monday.

Following surgery at Mission Emergency Hospital, Day was reported to be in critical condition.

Dexterous Dan--so named because of his addiction to juggling and his intent to teach the whole town how to play with its balls (C.D. has a standing offer posted Lost Charlies to teach anyone juggling).

Or perhaps this was a case of special treatment for Dexterous Dan himself. Earlier a victim of a Santa Clara stormtrooper assault the day following the earthquake. One of those who rescued a woman from Ford's Dept. store in the crucial minutes immediately after the quake struck, Dan reports that, on attempting to file a complaint at Cathcart and Pacific, he was struck with a nightstick, slammed to the ground, and set upon by 6-7 brave uniformed bullies seeking revenge for his strident insistence [with several others] that the search for Robin Ortiz in the ruins of the Coffee Roasting Company continue. [Dan claims that policegoons blocked others from digging at the CRC from 12:30 AM on, then only resumed rescue operations at 2:30 PM the following day, stopping four hours later at 6:30. At that point Dan and others crossed police lines to continue digging, were told to go to Rescue central to get official action instead, and were assaulted and arrested there. Neither the Mayor nor any other public official has commented on these allegations.]

Watsonville, Calif., Saturday, November 25, 1985

# 1-year rent control proposal withdrawn

By LANE WALLACE  
STAFF WRITER

The City Council committee that had proposed a one-year rent-control law in Watsonville is withdrawing the recommendation, a move that's liable to spark a protest at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

On Nov. 14, a committee of council members Vido Deretich, Rex Clark and Dennis Osmer proposed freezing all residential rents in the city as of Oct. 15, the day before the earthquake. The measure was scheduled to come before the City Council Tuesday.

But at a meeting this week, the housing committee decided to hold off on proposing rent control and will instead ask that a commission be formed to determine how widespread rent gouging is.

Deretich said yesterday he's unwilling to pass a rent-control law without proof that there's a significant amount of gouging.

"There has to be documentation," Deretich said. "You just can't go out and pass an emergency ordinance. You

need to have proof." The idea of a commission to determine the extent of rent increases isn't good enough for Marcia Rincon-Gallardo, who was added to the housing committee at the Nov. 14 meeting.

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Rincon-Gallardo said cases of rent increases have been reported to Legal Aid and other agencies that deal with the poor, but people are reluctant to make official complaints.

It was predominantly poor people who lost their homes in the quake, Rincon-Gallardo said, and many of them are either seeking amnesty or are "undocumented." The people don't think complaining would do any good, Rincon-Gallardo said, because they're not sure what would happen.

But if the people knew there was a law prohibiting rent increases, "they would defend themselves" by making complaints, she said.

Rincon-Gallardo, who, along with Waldo Rodriguez, has been serving as Latino representative at the city's disaster-relief meetings, said she'd been told of 10 instances of rent in-

creases. The Legal Aid Society is aware of about 20 such cases, Rincon-Gallardo said.

"I don't feel the City Council needs to get formal documentation," Rincon-Gallardo said.

The rent-control law is needed not just for current rent-increase cases, but for those that may arise in the future, Rincon-Gallardo said.

"This is the tip of the iceberg," she said. "It's only been one month" since the earthquake.

Tuesday's meeting will be the last for the present City Council; a new council will be elected Dec. 5.

"I still want this commission formed to determine how much rents are going up," Deretich said. He emphasized that he wasn't necessarily saying there hadn't been rent-gouging. If it's determined there is, "then we'd have to do something," he said.

Rincon-Gallardo said she didn't expect the current council to pass a rent-control measure.

"I don't think the votes are there," she said. "It was a long shot."

When the new council takes office, Rincon-Gallardo said, "we'll be back."

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# Starting up again

## Town Clock restarts; so do issues

By JOHN ROBINSON  
General staff writer

SANTA CRUZ — With a jump of the second hand the Town Clock on the Pacific Garden Mall restarted Sunday evening and one vivid reminder of the Oct. 17 earthquake slipped into history.

It also was if time remained stopped, however, as Mayor Marcé Wormhoudt was shouted down by some old foes, a group of homeless advocates, while she spoke of a socially responsible vision for a rebuilding of the mall.

"How about a mall with more affordable housing?" Wormhoudt said to the crowd. "How about a mall with socially responsible lending institutions and good employment in union shops?"

"Yeah, how about it Marcé?" the protesters said breaking into a rapping song and holding up hand-lettered cardboard signs protesting a camping ban in the city.

Others in the crowd, in turn, started to shout down the protesters, until the mayor appealed that it was not a time for confrontation. The protesters managed to quiet down in time for the restarting of the clock.

County Supervisor Gary Patton had spoken earlier.

It was a time more for celebration than loganeering as the restarting of the clock was a symbolic return to normal times even though the ceremony was held in the shadow of gaping holes left by bulldozed buildings on the mall.

The clock was to restart at exactly 3:04 p.m., the time the quake hit.

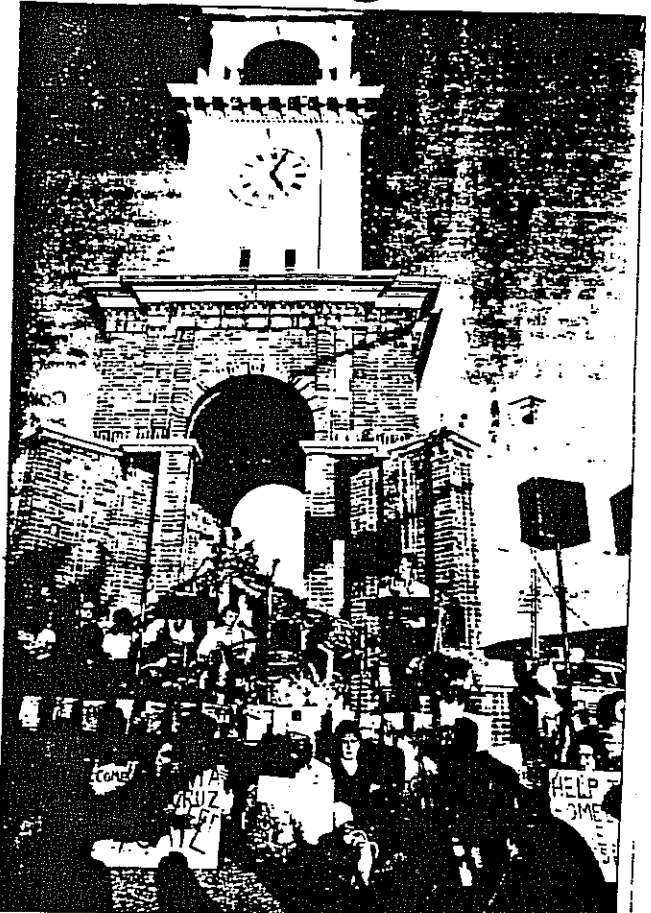
To the cheers of the crowd, Assemblyman Sam Farr, D-Monterey, stood atop the brick foundation of the clock to strike the historical moment.

A moment of drama was lost, however, due to a confusion of the exact time and Farr had to be interrupted by the event organizers who shouted to him that it was time.

"Start the clock," Farr said and time returned to the mall.

Normally also was returning to the mall in other ways as merchandise was moved into the tents along Cedar Street and some business reopened along the mall for the first weekend since the quake.

Throngs of people walked a block-long section of the mall



Mixed bag at the Town Clock — Supervisor Gary Patton, some musicians and protesters.

which was opened Saturday, to glimpse damaged shops still standing and pieces of demolition.

"It is excellent to be back in business," Eric Lunde, an owner of Topo's sandwich shop, said Sunday. "Business today is about half of normal but we are ex-

tremely happy with that. It's great seeing our old customers." The question for such business owners, Lunde said, is whether customers will continue to patronize the businesses on the mall once they have viewed the damage.

With a return to business, the

city must also decide what vision will guide the rebuilding of the downtown area.

"We're not used to developing, and it's not something we do well," Wormhoudt said. "When you see the all possibilities of rebuilding the mall it can be kind of terrifying."

HEY, "PROGRESSIVES," How about some rent control here?

LOST CHARLIES' FREE-FOR-ALL CAFE REOPENS FOR HOMELESS NIGHTOWLS

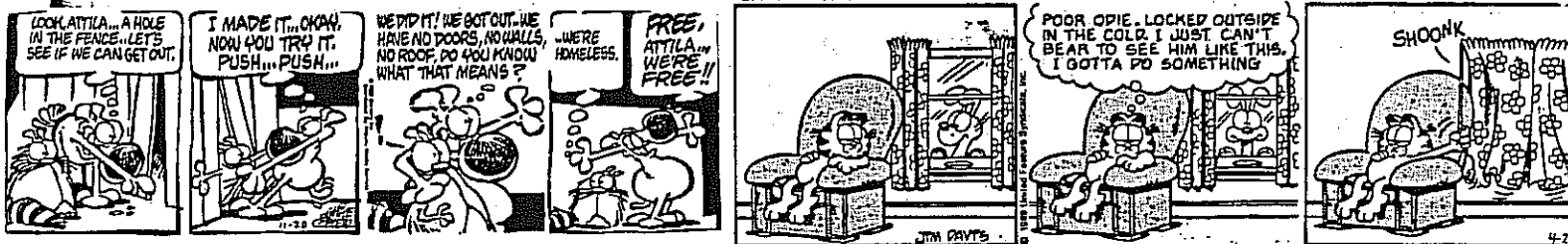
ARMED HOMELESS-HOUNDERS SHIFT TARGETS FROM CAFE TO CLOCK TABLE

Lost Charlies cafe at 314 Front St., an inexpensive hamburgers-and-fries greasy spoon, formerly known as Las Charales Restaurant, got the unexpected go-ahead late Wednesday afternoon (Nov.22) from the city Planning Dept. to proceed with their plans to remain open as a 24-hour-per-day homeless haven. According to Jailtime Judith Beinert, who announced the sanctuary earlier this week, the cafe would be granted an official permit to operate round-the-clock once the requisite fee was paid on Monday.

Beinert's proposed roof for the down-and-out had been immediately attacked by SCPD sergeants. Within 48 hours after he'd grimly surprised Moonrise Mike in the act of dropping a cigarette butt ("littering") near the Homeless Table, Sgt. Hobohunter<sup>2</sup> Hennig warned Lost Charlies' managers Dexterous Dan and Jeopardy Joe that if the cafe was open at night, he would close it down. Later Tuesday night Sgt. Sandbag Sanderson<sup>3</sup> informed Judith that his officers would indeed be on the prowl for unauthorized coffee drinking, suspicious socializing, or--that horror of horrors--sleeping at a closed cafe without a permit. And, true to their Sergeant's threat, two officers did pound on the back door of the cafe after midnight, catching Dexterous Dan with a mop in hand--but, alas, no other victims for the night.

Though Lost Charles was closed that Tuesday night, for the next four nights it was open all night with gab, grub, and the ever-popular Idiot Box as homeless nightcrawlerls came and went, swapping stories, resting their bums, and gratefully passing the time. The breakfast menu ranged from flapjacks and bacon one morning to chorizo, scrambled eggs, and toast the next, as Jailside and Vanguard Vic dug deep into their private till to stuff the bellies of street folk. At press-time they were reportedly planning to continue their daytime breakfast-for-the-bushed each morning at 7:30 AM, and nighttime rest-your-bones open house from 11 PM to 8:30 AM. Denny's--eat your heart out!

Light-hearted law-juggler Grinning Ray Grueneich, hearing of Jailtime's nocturnal services, suggested that, in the event of a police raid, patrons caught in the act of criminal drowsing over their doughnuts should respond they were not asleep, simply bored with the cuisine, victims of "transient ennui." (Donations of food, funds, or on-site help, should be sent to 314 Front St. Phone:429-8239.)



3 Affectionate nicknames given our speed public guardians by your very own Great Exit Sheet editor in recognition of their recent daily/nightly exploits to ease the sleepless homeless of Santa Cruz.  
4 Sandbag has recently acquired a reputation for assiduously seeking to prevent exploits in the Homeless movement through private "chats" with rival activists.



# Cincinnati Limits Hours Street Musicians Can Play

Special to The New York Times

CINCINNATI, Sept. 10 — The City Council has passed a regulation limiting the hours that street musicians can play here to 90 minutes at midday. It is an action that Victor Buttrom and Dishon Woody take personally, largely because they say they are the only musicians who regularly play on the city's streets.

The City Council acted Thursday to limit the hours that musicians could play outdoors to the lunchtime period of 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. The previous ordinance had said musicians could play 90-minute stretches at one location before moving on and that they could play until 10 P.M.

The Council acted in response to the complaints of 70 business people who said the jazz played by Mr. Buttrom on tenor saxophone and Mr. Woody on snare drums upset workers, even those in offices a dozen floors above the street.

"Their playing disrupted lawyers taking depositions, court reporters," said Christine Krebs, a lawyer who led the fight to limit playing hours. "It disrupted business. Five or 10 minutes might be nice, but four hours a day? It begins to wear on you."

### A Charge of Bias

Mr. Buttrom, who plays professionally in Cincinnati and Chicago clubs, said he thought people were opposed because he is black and

wears his hair in long dreadlocks.

"What we are hearing is prejudice," Mr. Buttrom told the City Council at an earlier hearing. "What am I to do if somebody doesn't like the color of my skin or my hair? What am I to do if five people in a club do not like the song I am playing?"

"This is no club," said Steve Chabot, a City Councilman who unsuccessfully tried to restrict where street musicians can play. "These are city streets."

Mrs. Krebs denied that the criticism was racially motivated. "It has nothing to do with who they are and what they look like," she said.

Mr. Buttrom said he did not know if he would remain in Cincinnati, because the regulation would cut into donations he received, which averaged \$20 a day.

### 172 Signatures

He and Mr. Woody passed a petition and in two days, he said, had 172 signatures supporting their music. "We would have had more but we had a gig in Chicago," he said.

The musicians were on the street Thursday before the Council voted, playing mellow jazz than usual. Bill Cunliffe, a passerby who tossed a dollar in their collection case, said, "Music adds to the quality of life here and people need to be more tolerant."

# An interview with Sandra Loranger

Cover Story

Following is a summary of remarks made by Sandra Loranger during an interview held by the People's Tribune after her release from jail in Santa Cruz, Calif. She served 23 days for feeding the hungry.

It's my belief that if people are suffering and basic human needs are not being provided for, then I hold myself accountable and responsible for solutions on a personal level. When I see people who are hungry, homeless, or living in poverty, I'm morally compelled to offer kindness, in whatever form that may take. We all are worth of love, respect and compassion regardless of our mistakes, problems or life situation. If we are God's children, then we indeed are all brothers and sisters. Together we must, at least, attempt to respect to one another with love and respect.

What do you do when you see someone like this? Do you feel helpless and unable to offer help? Is this "someone else's" problem? The very least I could do was offer a cup of soup and a piece of bread to those less fortunate. The very first day I did this, I was arrested and taken to jail.

The City of Santa Cruz has no program to feed the hungry. For a period of five weeks last December, during the Christmas shopping season, the City provided a free evening meal which ceased on Jan. 2. Volunteers began feeding the hungry at the Town Clock on Jan. 2. As most of our food recipients were homeless and subjected to severe cold and rain, the small offering of hot soup was crucial to their survival.

On Jan. 3, many of us were arrested and charged with violating the State Health and Safety Code although this is written to regulate restaurants and food businesses, not to prevent free food distribution to the hungry. Many churches in Santa Cruz have provided free food and a good percentage of them lack the so-called "required permit." Health concerns do not appear to be the City's motivation, but rather the visibility of the hungry on the downtown street.

At the food arrived at the Town Clock on Jan. 3, the non police were present with helmets and batons. They immediately surrounded the food tables, runding shoulder to shoulder with their batons raised across their chests. They physically blocked the hungry people from the food. An attempt on my part to approach the food resulted in being shoved in the chest with a police baton. It was

nearly impossible to believe what I was seeing...a moment of realization that I shall never forget. It was only soup and bagels!

Three more arrests occurred during the next two months. Another trial is scheduled for September on the charge of "serving food without a permit." Considering the events of the past eight months, I would refuse a "permit." If offered to me this very day, in view of all the City and County have done under the pretext of "health concerns", they have no moral authority to grant such a permit. The giving and receiving of food is a sacred act and will continue to be so; not governed by laws or permits.

I was treated very well while in jail and new friendships were created among the inmates. When you go to jail for a meaningful cause, you are given the courage and strength to overcome fear. It was important to remain calm and clear and remember that the experience was part of a much "bigger picture." At the same time, my jailings was like a pebble tossed into a pond. Letters of kindness and support were received from across the country and from around the world.

After 23 days I was released due to jail overcrowding. It wasn't for particularly good behavior, although it was good behavior that led me to a jail sentence. A group of concerned citizens are attempting to secure a pardon for my crime. While their efforts are greatly appreciated, I would refuse a pardon as it implies that an amon requires correction. This "criminal conviction" on my record appears to me as a gold star.

In spite of many letters and 2,500 signatures on a petition for a pardon, no resolution has been reached. Nothing has changed in Santa Cruz. The victory is to be seen in the "bigger picture" of individuals seeking solutions to hunger, if only on a local level.

There is great abundance on Earth, more than enough to meet everyone's basic needs. In Gandhi's words, "if I take anything I do not need, my immediate use and keep it, then I share it from someone else."

All that's needed in this world is more love and conscience. It's just that simple.

Homeless and hungry persons should know they do have power and strength. They should know we love them and seek to alleviate their suffering, however each of us is called to do so by our consciences.



Sandra Loranger remains committed to feeding the hungry.

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# Back on the streets again!

## Sandra Loranger vows to keep feeding the hungry

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"As the food arrived at the Town Clock on Jan. 3, the riot police were present with helmets and batons. They immediately surrounded the food tables, standing shoulder to shoulder with their batons raised across their chests. They physically blocked the hungry people access to the food. An attempt on my part to approach the food resulted in being shoved in the chest with a police baton. It was nearly impossible to believe what I was seeing...a moment of realization that I shall never forget. It was only soup and bagels!

"After 23 days I was released due to jail overcrowding. It wasn't for particularly good behavior, although it was good behavior that led me to a jail sentence."

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## Let my brother go!

Twenty years in prison — that's what Florida Circuit Court Judge C. Vernon Mize gave 37-year-old Johnell Warren for taking five sirloin steaks from an Orlando store to feed his family. — page 7 —



IMPROMPTU HUFF MEET LAYS DOWN DONATION GUIDELINES

2 WEEK LONG SLEEP-OUT AGAINST CITY SLUMBER BAN TO CONTINUE

Early Friday evening, homeless and their sympathizers gathered at the Town Clock for an impromptu H.U.F.F. meeting (Homeless Unite for Friendship and Freedom), the first since last summer. While a hired painter across the street whitened over a large protest written on the wall across the street at Scribner Park ("Give Back Our Park"), homeless women and bearded nomads of the street exchanged ideas, accusations, and information.

Java Janet and Journeyer Joel angrily denounced "partying" at the Homeless Table, and urged that donated funds be secured and sent directly to Jailtime Judith for specific food and shelter programs. Heavies from the Santa Barbara Homeless Coalition with a successful track record of smashing the Santa Barbara Sleeping Ban back in 1986, Joel and Janet have been bunking down in public view with the regulars here in Santa Cruz to add their brains and brawn to the ongoing struggle for the right to rest.

Others took a looser view. Analeptic<sup>2</sup> Anthony noted that long hours, cold evenings, and inhospitable police treatment make it desirable for those spending their time tabling to tap the till for occasional coffee and cigarettes. In the end, Robespierre Robert suggested a compromise that was accepted. Henceforth there were to be two donation jars, one for Jailtime Judith's homeless breakfasts, nighttime sanctuary, and holiday meals for houseless teens. The second would be marked for the use of nicotine addicts and coffee slurpers maintaining the Table. After these weighty matters were settled, some greedy humorist added an ironic note to the proceedings by stealing the depleted Homeless Jar and making off with the contents. [At presstime, the Jar had been returned to the Table from the river levy by an alert good samaritan, but the identity of the penny-pinching thief was still unknown.]

Offering his secretarial and organization skills to the Houseless, Squaredeal Santos said he would take reports of police misconduct and abuse at his office starting December 1st (call 459-0444, or go by 290 Pioneer St. from 9-5 PM, M-F). He also offered to go with anyone complaining to the police station to file reports and to maintain a record for the future. Police misconduct/commendation forms will soon be available at the Homeless Table and at Lost Charlies Restaurant (314 Front St.). Lost Charlies is open all-night for the weary and has a typewriter, so bring your gripes there and type them up!

Meanwhile, a dozen or so homeless activists including Jabberwocky Jay, Moonrise Mike, and an alternating roster of newcomers have defied on-again, off-again police harassment to present their modest Off-Off-Off-Broadway production of "Snores and Sighs from Santa Cruz Slumberbears" each night across from the Town Clock. Encouraging audience participation, even as strong autumn rains have driven the Homeless Table under the post office bicycle shelter, Moonrise, Analeptic Anthony, Merryface Michael, and Java Janet with a cast of dozens have kept a candle burning and an eye open for the midnight flashlight for nearly two weeks now.

Their numbers ranging from half a dozen to 70 (evening of Nov. 20--see *Street Sheet #61*), bindlestiffs in sleeping bags and

<sup>2</sup> Analeptic: (Ann-ah-LEHP-tic) restorative, giving strength.

blankets have been coming back again and again to risk roasts, ticketing, and even arrests to support the elementary right to sleep. Even larger numbers may be in the offing. Reporting from Rainbow Family gatherings, Jaunty Jack and Burgoo Beebie estimate that from 150 to 250 pilgrims are planning to make camp at the Town Clock next Monday night (Nov. 27). The Rainbow Family, Soothsayer Sparrow cautions us, does not involve officially itself in "political" events or demonstrations; but the gatherings do serve as a occasion to bring together those concerned about organizing folks there on specific issues. So keep an eye on the Clock Monday night, and bring down a bagel and a thermos of coffee for for those who are preparing for a rocky Monday night. Their risk may make your own stay on the street will be a smoother one.

A-2 SF EXAMINER 11/11/79

# Planning permit bypass proposal wins years, nays

## Ordinance would help get rebuilding under way sooner

By Gerald D. Adams  
CHAMBER URBAN PLANNING WRITER

An earthquake emergency ordinance that proposes to bypass planning codes in order to speed up The City's tortoise-paced permit processes has moved partisans to both praise and damn it. The San Francisco Planning Commission heard two hours of testimony on the proposed ordinance by Supervisor Wendy Nelder. The Board of Supervisors is expected to act on the measure Monday.

If not passed immediately, some Marina District property owners testified, they may have to default on mortgages and could lose lifetime investments. But longtime supporters of The City's tight zoning laws argued that the ordinance would hand "dictatorial, totalitarian power" to a few bureaucrats.

**Ordinance designed to ease repairs**  
Nelder's ordinance is designed to facilitate immediate repair or replacement of housing damaged or destroyed in the Oct. 17 earthquake.

A report to the mayor's office released Thursday estimated that 5,100 units of housing were destroyed or badly damaged in the quake.

Lydia Fleming, a Marina apartment house owner whose building was destroyed by The City, told commissioners: "You have to help us."

"We've lost our life savings, and I don't know how to meet the mortgage payments."

Barbara Wachter-Regello said quick action was necessary to satisfy

lenders' demands that rebuilding plans be submitted by January.

Attackers of the law were equally passionate.

Condemning the ordinance as poorly drafted and sketchy, activist Calvin Welch warned that it would encourage "a stampede of speculators to use it to shortcut the process."

### A number of other objections

A host of other objections were raised, among them that the law:

- Fails to allow for public notice of impending permit decisions.
- Would give illegal units permanent status and allow structures that exceed density and height regulations.
- Permits tenants to be evicted unnecessarily.
- Fails to include an expiration date.

"It gives bureaucrats the right to waive hearings without any review by the Planning Commission," said Sunset District neighborhood leader Dennis Antenore, arguing that it would lead to "dictatorial, totalitarian power."

## SC County program set up to put people back to work

**SANTA CRUZ** — The county is putting together a plan to hire 180 people for their jobs because of the Oct. 17 earthquake, and put them to work in disaster relief. Money for the effort would come from federal and state government job training programs, which have been used for employing and retraining workers laid off by manufacturing plants, said Nancy C. Giddens, administrator of the county Human Resources Agency. The agency will ask the county Board of Supervisors Thursday to approve applying for money and creating a work plan with the state Job Training Partnership Division. Goodson said the U.S. Department of Labor will send \$5 million in California to fund such programs in the seven disaster counties. About 61.5 million of that fund will be available immediately to counties that are hit. Under the plan that is being drawn up, 100 people will be paid "the local prevailing wage" to clean up damaged private and public property, including roads and utilities. The work would last six months, and participants could make up to \$10,000 a federal limit.

*Lee Quarrelsome, frequent foe of the homeless, gets equal space*

In response, commissioners said they would suggest amendments.

Commissioner Susan Bierman proposed that The City intercede with mortgage lenders to prevent landlords who were deprived of rental income from being foreclosed.

In another aspect of post-quake distress over planning, preservationists held a press conference Thursday to charge that a 1908 building at 235 Front St. was needlessly razed.

"The (entire) building did not have to be demolished," said San Francisco Heritage Director Mark Ryser, adding: "The front of the building was a public hazard and had to be removed. There's no dispute about that."



## Filling the gaps in cracked smile

REPORTERS in Santa Cruz received a terse press release the other day:

"The Santa Cruz County Grand Jury is launching a countywide investigation into the earthquake crisis."

Thank goodness! Now maybe we can get to the bottom of this earthquake thing.

Seriously, though, earthquake consciousness is still paramount in Surf City. I think we've moved out of the cuckoo phase that struck us right along with the quake itself. It seems that we're getting poised to deal with the future.

Of course, a lot of us still have some of the past to handle before we can get on with the New Santa Cruz. My wife and I, for instance, have the FEMA loan process to complete so we can patch the \$30,000 worth of damage to our home.

Many of our neighbors and many local business people have the immediate problem of moving merchandise from the makeshift "pavilions" — frankly, they look like tents to me — along Cedar Street behind the ravaged Pacific Garden Mall.

Conversation around town has taken a decided turn toward the future. Folks are wondering just what Santa Cruz is going to look like, to feel like, once we rebuild our downtown and other damaged neighborhoods.

It's pretty clear that the Pacific Garden Mall, for instance, is never going to look quite the same. This is both a good and a bad thing.

**F**ROM near our new office up Soquel Avenue a few blocks from Pacific Avenue, what was once a low-rise but interesting downtown skyline now looks more like Leon Spinks' smile: huge gaps where two- and three-story buildings used to be.

Not only is the Hihn Building, longtime home of the Santa Cruz bureau of the Mercury News, gone, but the Good Times Building, Ford's, Plaza Books, and the Colonial Hotel-Acapulco restaurant buildings are gone at the center and south end of the mall. The Del Mar Theater stands alone, like some straggle-tooth in good ol' Leon's smile.

And, of course, there are other buildings down and still more slated for demolition. From what I can tell, people on all points of the Byzantine Santa Cruz political spectrum are beginning to worry that people at some other point on the continuum will make the final decisions about what Pacific Avenue is going to look like in the years to come.

The progressives, the artists and the environmentalists seem worried, for instance, that the business people who own the sites along Pacific Avenue will either want to put in an enclosed deal, something like a typical suburban shopping mall, or erect ugly commercial buildings with no character.

**B**USINESS people, on the other hand, seem to fear that the liberals on the city council will demand some sort of proletarian paradise on Pacific Avenue. I think they shudder when they envision a street devoted entirely to punk and bohemian coffee houses, handstands for street musicians and podiums where lunatics can practice loud free speech.

What I worry about is some sort of "theme" for Pacific Avenue as it rises anew. I am concerned that some designer with good business and political connections will propose that the rebuilt downtown look like a fake New England whaling village, or that ersatz Victorian styles will be mandated all along the avenue.

I have heard some really good ideas that landowners and the politicians should consider. And I have heard some really bad ones that they should discard immediately.

The worst idea I've heard is that cars should be banned from the future downtown mall. This idea is clearly being promoted by folks who've never seen the dismal malls in downtown Fresno and Sacramento. By closing their downtown malls to traffic, those cities assured the conversion of nice shopping areas to wastelands where woe gather in front of vacant storefronts to suck down cheap fortified booze.

One idea worth consideration is to make Pacific Avenue lighter when it's rebuilt. It could get pretty gloomy on the old mall, with the narrow street, the three-story buildings and the canopy of shade trees.

Someone suggested the other day that palm trees be planted along Pacific Avenue. That's worth consideration, I suppose. Personally, I think we ought to let property owners come up with individual plans for their buildings and consider them on a case-by-case basis. I suspect most of them will want to do something to enhance downtown Santa Cruz and to attract affluent customers and tourists, not to turn it into a second-rate shopping center that could be plunked down anywhere.

Lee Quamstrom's column appears on Mondays.

## check out Scope Park and Mall Demolition to see Santa Cruz's "bypass procedure."

Burgoo Thick gravel or porridge. The morning after the 70-person sleep-in broken up by the police, Beebie set up a kitchen at the Town Clock and began to feed folks oatmeal until he was stopped by police.

### RAINDROPS ON THE ROOFLESS

.....A kinder gentler pickup spot. We hear from several inside sources that the Gang of 7 (aka City Council) may soon get around to granting the nightly Satellite Shelter program a use permit to pick up roofseekers at a closer and more comfortable pickup point--near Calamity's Cupboard back of the River St. mini-Shelter at 5:30 PM. It's taken enough time to get this project nailed down--nearly a month after the Satellite program has begun.

At first the Mayor was worried about the billowing tent that had risen to shelter folks eating at Calamity's meal, perhaps fearing it might give the homeless dangerous ideas about setting up tents of their own. (SuperTents are okay for merchants, but unhealthy for the homeless, you see.) After a friendly huddle with Calamity Jane, Mayor Mardi okayed the tent, but it took three days of stiff bargaining to get her to allow the pickup there. Strange that it should take so much persuasion to allow the obvious, but thanks to all for finally nailing down the details--though the rise in the number of homeless has strained the well-intentioned program to the breaking point [see p. 8].

.....Return of the Terrible Ticketeers. Various local constables, including Officer "Just-doing-my-job" Johnson, have informed activist agitators that the police department is not ticketing people sleeping outside just a month after the quake. Johnson, however, took in Bathrobespierre Robert Wednesday night on a bum "camping" warrant that had already been paid last September (when it was similarly used to jail the annoyed advocate). Quoth Johnson: Well, it's up to the discretion of the officer. Well, yes, it's true "Just-doing-my-job" did give tickets to two men sleeping in cars over on the West side last week, but they couldn't prove the cars were theirs! And that ticket Friday mid-day for "camping" that they gave Geferlech' Joel? Well, there are shelters--in Watsonville. And if that doesn't work, keep heading East. You'll find something.

.....News from the North. Keith McHenry of S.F.'s Food-Not-Bombs informs us of seismic shakeups in the Police Department. A coalition of 40 human rights organizations used heavy-handed bungling in the department in the Dolores Huerta beating and the Castro St. lockdown to forced significant changes line-up of police bigwigs. The resignation of Deputy Chief Jordon, the retiring of right-wing Al Nelder of the Police Commission, the dissolution of the Tac Squad, and the transferal of several police captains were some of the shock waves. More important, police have taken a hands-off policy towards arrest FNB and others at demonstrations against the U.S.-funded Salvadoran Murder Bureau. Folks bound for the City might take note that of a protest against unequal treatment of pre-and post-quake homeless at City Hall 12:30 PM Monday Nov. 27, sponsored by the People's Congress. On Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 5:30 PM (Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant St.) meet with the SF Police Commission to make sure urge the Tac Squad stays dead.

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7 Geferlech' pronounced "ge-FAIR-lich." Terrible. (From German: used as in "It's not geferlech'..." "It's not so terrible...")

S.F. Parks and Rec continues to hold up FNB's "food permit," but they've been feeding nightly to the homeless in "Tenement Square" downtown outside City Hall as well as Monday afternoon in the Haight at Stanyon St. When FNB attempted to feed the homeless openly last Wednesday at Tenement Square, a hostile Farmer's Market manager called the cops, and the foodbusters demanded that the soupserver leave or see their field kitchen confiscated, but there were no arrests.

Police continue to tear down tents at the 100-150 person encampment, but last week got a rude shock when one homeless man, waking from a sound sleep, defended himself against the SFPD assault by driving a knife into the chest of one of the uniformed vandals who was ripping down his tent without any warning or identification. We don't endorse this kind of response, but suggest driving people crazy through lack of sleep and round-the-clock harassment in an urban situation where people may arm themselves for self-defense can have tragic results. It seems to us the police as well as the homeless have a real stake in changing the current crazy laws and policies.

.....Homeless Table Hubbub! With all the new folks in town:-- Rainbow Family gatherers, Santa Barbara Homeless Coalition activists, post-quake refugees, pre-quake oldtimers, there've been lots of volunteers at the Town Clock/post office Homeless Table in the last week. Folks have been sleeping night-after-night in public demonstration outdoors in a largely spontaneous display of support for sleeping out with Moonrise Mike and Jabberwocky Jay to end the Sleeping Ban.

Long-time activists warn us that keeping a "presentable appearance" at the Table is important to keep passersby focused on the real issues of basic human rights and freedom for diverse lifestyles. It's easy for those with homes to swallow the stereotypes of "poor crazies" or "rowdy alcoholics." When you drink or party, consult the views of those around you, if you want to hang out at the table.

.....Satellite Shelter Program Swollen To Bursting! Word from program manager Andrew Morin is that the nightly Homeless Shelter program has been full to bursting on Wednesday and Friday nights, with not enough space for those who've lined up. Tuesday night may also prove a problem as 1st Presbyterian, which has provided lots of shelter, showers, and food, has been declared unsafe by building inspectors. Andrew, who even took two people into his own house last Wednesday (and turned away 3 others), is scrambling to find other churches and backup. The problem has not been helped by the well-funded but squeamish Red Cross in Watsonville, which has divided up the homeless into pre- and post-quake and wants to close down the County Fair grounds shelter and dump the pre-quake folks into the leaking Satellite Shelter Program.

.....Speaking of the Satellite: Java Janet angrily informs us that the program turned her away two nights in a row last week because she had her dog with her. Barred from carrying weapons by police, Janet has enlisted bowwow Bossie as her bodyguard. While to some, this may be amusing to read about, to Janet and other

single women on the streets, it is a serious matter of self-defense. Janet, who plans to open her own informational Homeless Table outside Santa Cruz City Hall Monday, reports that the Armory down in Santa Barbara has a special converted dumpster for the animals owned by homeless folks seeking shelter. Cheaper and more humane than calling the pound every time it rains, right?

Weekend report

Privacy, sleep are major considerations at shelter

Weekend report

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Not by choice



Francisco Ruiz shares this plywood cubicle with another homeless man in the arts and crafts building.

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for food-service workers and volunteers. 100 Snacks, such as Fruit Loops, milk and other beverages, are available around the clock.  
Thirteen hundred meals a day are prepared in kitchens on the grounds. Most of the food is served at the fairgrounds. Some meals are delivered to Calaghan Park, site of an unofficial tent village, and others are taken to the National Guard Armory, where the Red Cross is serving 60 people.

When preparing meals, or laundry, most feeding coordinators Ginger Lengsfelder cooked 60 gallons of El A Reco resident, Lengsfelder said she is learning to cook Mexican food although she already thought she knew how.

"I knew how to fix Taco Bell food," Lengsfelder said.

To feed the primarily Hispanic clientele staying at the fairgrounds, she often clears out local store shelves of products such as chorizo.

Being a novice on the Mexican culinary scene, Lengsfelder admits to having blown it on a few occasions. Thinking pan dulce (sweet bread) was a dessert, she ordered 100 dozen bags of the item, normally served at breakfast in Mexican households.

Usually Lengsfelder is assisted in the kitchen by about 15 people, including Calaverita Corps members. However, because her CCC representatives are to be reassigned this week, she'll lose their services soon.

The Red Cross has about 100 volunteers who work different shifts at the fairgrounds shelter. In Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey counties, the Red Cross has spent \$1.8 million since the earthquake. The lion's share has been spent in Santa Cruz County, most of that in Watsonville. Dallas Pierson, a Red Cross spokesman said.

Security is tight as private guards and volunteers patrol the main buildings, parking lots and fairgrounds.

From all sleeping quarters, including tents set up on the grass fields, most residents must hike some distance to bathrooms, the portable showers set up in the parking lot, the nursing station, and other services.

One tent is occupied by 18 gang members, who Red Cross staff says are considered model residents.

"Tora," a City Hall gang member who identified himself only by his nickname said, "We don't want to fight because this is the only place we have in live right now."



Guadelupe Gonzales, center, eats breakfast with her daughter, Amariis, right, and Angela Perez.

Quake's homeless learn to live together

By LARAMIE TREVINO STAFF WRITER

PEOPLE SHARING private living space when complain about late-night noise, child-care duties and roommates hogging telephone lines and using all the hot water.  
Homeless earthquake victims staying at the Red Cross shelter at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds are no different. A list of problems compiled by residents earlier this week showed similar complaints.

Since early this week, 225 people have lived in the three main fair buildings situated on grounds usually used by those in pursuit of recreation.

The J.J. Crockett Expo Hall, where fair visitors swarm annually to new home arts displays, has been designated as sleeping quarters for families. Each household's space, barely large enough to contain the narrow cots in them, has been partitioned off with plywood. Blankets strewn across the openings provide occupants with privacy. Except for the occasional religious photograph or altar adorning a wall, all personal belongings are not visible to passers-by.

Single men are housed in a similar fashion in the arts and crafts building.

Joan Galan, who is staying at the shelter, says the arrangement makes it difficult to get a sound sleep when people snore around at all hours of the night.

and morning. His living unit adjoins the foyer of the arts and crafts building, a favored nighttime gathering spot for teenagers, and Galan said conversations intrude on his sleep.

A strawberry picker when the crop is in season, Galan is only awoken by his boss for odd chores a few hours a day. Most mornings he misses breakfast, served from 6:30 to 8 a.m., because he hasn't risen in time. He owns no car and has been

Photos by Kurt Ellison

Gal told he can't return to his earthquake-damaged apartment, which slipped off its foundation.

"What hope does Galan have for the future?"

"Just the ones they give you here," he replied in his native Spanish.

In the last few weeks, the Harvest Building, which is the largest following the Oct. 17 earthquake, served as sleeping, living and dining areas for the residents. It now used as a multi-purpose room in which meals are served three times a day. Outside the main entrance, people form lines as they wait their turn at several donated telephones installed for their use. All calls within California made from the phones are free.

Food is a big deal at the shelter for residents, who form lines well in advance of mealtime, and

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From left, Kirilco Baxter, 9, Cubby Kobow, 4, and Nicole Baxter, 7, watch TV in the Harvest Building.



Mike Bartolomeo shaves his head outside at the fairgrounds; his Lincoln Street home was too damaged to live in.



Eight-year-old Stet Meritt, left, visits fri Aaron Hill, 11, Shannon Hill, 13, at shelter.

suspect was scribbled by younger boys who want to be gang members.

Because even their young admirers refuse to tackle, Tora said City Hallers have been able to track down the culprit. But since gang members want no trouble, they fear being blamed for the

act. In the front entrance of the Harvest Building, a bulletin board lists the times school buses make their stops outside the gates, the times for mass and meals, personal messages and other information. Off to one corner, a small photograph of Jesus is taped to the wall.

Eight-year-old Stet Meritt, left, visits fri Aaron Hill, 11, Shannon Hill, 13, at shelter.

How Homeless Family Found a Home They Can't Pay For

By Nanette Asimoo Chronicle Staff Writer

The Valdivia family had a big problem when they lost their rent-free apartment to the quake, but they had an even bigger problem once the city of Oakland helped them find a new place — how to afford it.

"I feel like they just took us and put us in another shelter — one that we can't handle," said Johnny Valdivia, who had been staying at the emergency shelter at Oakland Technical High School with his wife, Rita, and their 2-month-old daughter, Angelina.

When that money runs out, said Rita Valdivia, "we won't have no food or nothing."

Families like the Valdivias represent both the success and failure of attempts to house the homeless: success, because they are out of the emergency shelter system; failure, because the solution may be only temporary.

"People are going to find they are into housing they can't pay for," said Zenobia Embry-Nimmer, executive director of the Emergency Services Network of Alameda County. "Then they will be homeless all over again."

The Valdivias did not have to pay rent in their old apartment because they had an agreement with the landlord to help take care of the apartment building.

Henry Mozell, a member of Oakland's newly formed Task Force on Earthquake /Emergency Homelessness, stepped in to help the Valdivias when they were unable to prove to the Red Cross that they had lived in a quake-damaged apartment.

On November 8, Mozell found the young family a studio apartment renting for \$475 a month. With a monthly income of \$607 in welfare and food stamps, the three Valdivias have only \$107 a month left for food, clothing, transportation and other necessities. But given the choice of the apartment or no shelter at all, the family took the apartment.

There is little danger that such families will be evicted because they often make arrangements for welfare officials to withhold the rent from their monthly check and pay the landlord directly. The problem, say advocates for the homeless, is that families find it impossible to pay for their other needs.

Mozell, who has since left the homeless task force and returned to his job as Oakland's emergency food coordinator, ac-

knowledged the risk of placing people home they can't afford.

"That is a problem," he said. "But worried about them having a roof their head. If they need additional help, I'll try to help them. If they need food, I'll try to get them food. My job is to find their apartment."

The Valdivias remain in their Fruit District apartment, a dusty fourth-floor walk-up with its stove askew and its leum stained.

What is left of their belongings is piled into a black plastic garbage bag a lime-green blanket. The rest, they said, looted from the tumble-down apartin they called home before the earthquake.

It was not until last week that the ple found letters addressed to them at old place and could prove to the Red Cross they were victims of the quake. They now eligible for replacement furniture clothing and say they are breathing easier — until the relief agency leaves town.

But no matter what happens, said Joan Galan, "We're staying here."



Johnny and Rita Valdivia tended their 2-month-old daughter

By DEANNE FITZMAURICE/THE CHRONICLE

SCOPE PARK SEIZED BY NEIGHBORING BURGER PALACE  
BENCH REMOVED, PARK DECLARED "PRIVATIZED" FOR \$1 PER YEAR

"Give Us Back Our Park; Impeach City Council" read the large black griffito emblazoned on the wall of Scope park at Mission and North Pacific Streets, long a resting and gathering place for street people and homeless folks. The park has also been home to the statue of old-time Wobbly and C.P. activist Tom Scribner, who lived in the St. George Hotel in his last years during the early 80s. But the adjoining Garage Grill, hungry for expansion space, and anti-transient "progressives" in Gang of 7 (City Council) have apparently formed an alliance of convenience to turn the previously public park into a privileged sanctuary for upscale hamburger customers, with the Grill picking up the tab for driving off any undesirable transient elements that attempt to use what once was public property.

By Friday evening (Nov. 24) a painter for the Grill had roped off the park and covered the offending warning on the back wall with a fresh coat of paint. Also gone was the public park bench and two trash cans; making their appearance 6-9 waist-high planters full of dirt perhaps to provide a suitable barrier to provide a tranquil atmosphere for those who can afford to pay for a spot to sit.

At a mid-summer City Council meeting Mayor Wormhoudt, Councilmember Beiers, and others sent the privatization plan back to committee over Overlord Laird's objections after the Grill architect presented his "fence out the famished" design. The Grill's plan to convert the area into an annex of the Grill through allowing entrance only through a private restaurant was not in keeping with the history of the area, the needs of the citizens, and the purpose for which the park was established, City council concluded. Now, under cover of "earthquake emergency," the city has added Scope Park to its list of homeless haunts to reshape or demolish. Its infamous \$100,000 "mall defoliation" plan to remove benches, brick planters, mature trees, and the grassy knoll outside the Coffee Roasting Company has already become a reality without public announcement or debate.

Employees at the Grill were uncertain whether the park was still public or not; the Police Department, however, informed an interested citizen Friday night that the park was now the Grill's. At press time, we still have no definitive word from Grill owner or City Council regarding this slippery deal. Those with information about or outrage against this latest yuppie coup are urged to contact Robespierre Robert at 458-9648 to discuss alternatives. You may also register their anger in letters to the local "press" or speak directly to the Councilmember of your choice (429-3550).

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**They're Staying**

Watsonville Latinos left homeless by last month's earthquake are still camping in Callaghan Park's makeshift tent city. Despite city requests for campers to relocate to Red Cross shelters, most Latinos have resolved to stay in the park until adequate housing is available. For many Latinos, the tent city has become a political symbol of their self-determination.

Latinos cite the shelters' lack of privacy and their distance from their children's school as reasons for staying in the park. "We prefer to stay here," said Virginia Romero, one of approximately 150 low-income Latinos camping in the park. "We don't want to leave [the park] and be moved around from shelter to shelter," she said.

It's unclear how long the campers will remain in the park. Enrique Alvarado, one of the tent city community leaders, said people are waiting for the arrival of trailers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The trailers will not be ready for occupancy until a designated site off of Freedom Boulevard is ready. No date has been given for the site's completion.

Alvarado is frustrated by the delays. "We're still waiting for the trailers. I heard 'two weeks,' three weeks ago," he said. "We're back to square one... we're in the same situation as

we were right after the quake."

City representatives said the tent city's poor sanitation and lack of running water pose health and safety hazards to the campers. They fear that the coming rains will only worsen the situation. "Their children have been getting sick. Teachers have already been brought to the emergency rooms with bronchial infections," said city spokesperson Lorraine Washington.

Alvarado said there have been fewer reports of illness at Callaghan Park than at the Red Cross shelters at Ramsey Park and the county fairgrounds. He noted that the Red Cross has not provided doctors or nurses to the tent community.

FEMA recently opened the Buena Vista Migrant Camp as an interim housing option. Several families have sought shelter there, but most of those in Callaghan Park do not consider the migrant camp to be a long term solution.

"There is an understanding between the campers and the city," said Councilmember Dennis Ornes, who is in frequent contact with the campers. "We will not use force to get them to leave," he said, "but beyond supplying basic necessities [such as] rooms, garbage service and security, we will not support them."



# Tent Cities Are Front Lines In Battle Over Homelessness

By KATHERINE BISHOP

Beneath freeway overpasses, in parking lots and in parks, people around the country are creating tent cities that are fast becoming the front lines in political battles over the homeless.

These unsightly and often unsanitary settlements in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and other cities are intensifying the debate over homelessness, forcing communities to confront the issue and providing homeless people and their advocates with new bases for activism.

Local officials, under pressure from neighbors to dismantle the tent camps, say youthful squatters and others who agitate in favor of the encampments are exploiting the homeless for their own political ends.

### March on Washington Planned

Officials tore down shantytowns in San Francisco's Civic Center last month and in Tompkins Square Park in New York City in July, further inflaming an already heated issue in both cities. In Los Angeles, a temporary tent city in 1987 helped lead to the formation of two groups to help the homeless.

On Sept. 19, homeless people from Tompkins Square Park, where some shelters have been put up again, and their supporters plan to begin marching from New York City to Washington for an Oct. 7 demonstration to demand that Congress finance affordable housing. Similar marches and car caravans will be leaving from dozens of other cities. Mitch Snyder, a Washington advocate for the homeless, said organizers expect at least half a million people to participate.

Tent cities "always provoke a backlash," Mr. Snyder said. "But they are absolutely necessary. As long as the homeless disappear, it's O.K. When they come together and set up campsites and tent cities, it makes everybody uncomfortable. It's necessary to force communities to deal with the problem."

J. Malcolm Garcia, a formerly homeless man with a bachelor's degree in New York City who helps publish *By No Means*, a monthly newsletter in San Francisco giving the views of the

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THE POOR!



Encampments established by the homeless, like one in San Jose, Calif., where John Morton lives, are becoming a focal point in political battles over homelessness.

# Tent Cities Becoming the Front Lines

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## Encampments are forcing homelessness to be confronted.

homeless, said the camp there had forced the city's residents to confront their own feelings about the problem.

"People felt disgusted," Mr. Garcia said, "but they also felt very uncomfortable with their own disgust because they knew they had looked at a tragedy and seen it as an eyesore."

The camps have already led to pressure on city governments to change zoning laws to allow for shelters and low-income housing in more neighborhoods, said Martha Fleetwood, a lawyer with Public Advocates, a public interest law firm in San Francisco. She is also the executive director of Homebase, a regional research group on homelessness.

In California and Illinois, homeless people have organized temporary tent cities in front of the state capitols to press for more money for shelters and subsidized housing. The authorities have cleared out encampments from vacant lots in Chicago and a parking lot in Houston.

Officials in Phoenix tried another tactic in response to a growing tent city there. They sanctioned an encampment in a railroad switching yard and provided counseling, job referral and health services.

### A Changing Population

The new militancy of the homeless and their growing tendency to form communities stem partly from changes in the population, several advocates for the homeless said. Statistics from cities around the country show that at least half the homeless suffer chronic mental illness or prolonged drug or alcohol abuse. But among them who speak out on the problem, are educated, middle class and were recently employed.

A recent study by the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association found that the majority of the homeless in the city had graduated

from high school and had a history of holding jobs, mostly in clerical or professional positions or in the skilled trades.

The increase of formerly middle-class people in the ranks of the homeless "is raising the public's consciousness that homelessness is not simply caused by individual problems but by the decreasing numbers of affordable housing units," Ms. Fleetwood said.

"The public is more willing to listen the more the faces of the homeless look more and more like the rest of us," she said.

### An Organized Camp

Many of these trends are evident in a tent city beneath two layers of freeway overpasses in San Jose, where a group of about 70 people cleared away trash and debris and set up camp. Castoff sofas and chairs and a stove of concrete blocks furnish a communal outdoor living room.

Residents take turns pushing a shopping cart full of plastic containers to a nearby fire station to collect water for drinking, bathing and washing dishes.

John Morton, who worked for 10 years as a machinist, is a leader of the encampment and says it would not be easy to find a place to go if the California Department of Transportation forced the group out. "The other spots are getting so crowded," he said, "that it's hard to find a place."

In Los Angeles, the city sponsored an encampment in 1987 as an alternative to a tent city that had taken over some city streets in the Skid Row area.

Two groups representing the homeless sprung up from the camps. David Bryant, a leader of one group, Learn-

ing, Organizing, Voting and Employment, has been hired by the city to work on housing issues. The other group, Justiceville, is led by Ted Hays, a former nondenominational minister who voluntarily gave up having a home five years ago. He has been fasting since mid-July to dramatize demand that the city make good on a year-old promise to find land where the group could try to build geodesic domes house the homeless people.

### Heated Dispute in San Francisco

A dispute about an encampment in San Francisco boiled over this summer, when a shantytown at the Civic Center grew to nearly 400 residents. Their debris and human wastes fouled the area that city workers refused to remove the garbage.

Food Not Bombs, a political group that had been serving free food at the encampment, led efforts to invade the office of Mayor Art Agnos in protest. The Mayor ultimately ordered the Civic Center encampment dismantled. Wayne Justmann, a former high school physical education teacher, came a spokesman for the group living at the Civic Center. He said he believed that Food Not Bombs had taken advantage of the encampment to make political statement against city government.

### Similar concerns were evident in Tompkins Square Park dispute.

Squatters who have taken over about 20 abandoned buildings nearby and vocates for the homeless took a more visible role in the Tompkins Square Park protests than the hordes did, and the protests seemed focus as much on rising housing costs in the area as on the more immediate problems of the homeless.

In some instances, the homeless themselves have resisted the programs of outsiders. Last month, participants in an anarchistic convention in Berkeley, Calif., briefly rioted, ostensibly in support of an encampment People's Park, which is that city's most entrenched homeless community. The demonstrators smashed shop windows, hijacked a soft drink delivery truck and shouted the slogan "I Yuppie Scum!" But the park dwellers sided with the police against the demonstrators.

"Those demonstrators did not mobilize any support from the homeless community, although that seems to have been the intent," said Steve P. Kowitz, who coordinates homeless programs in Berkeley for the city's Health and Human Services Department. "The connection to the homeless has been made."

County officials estimate that there are 300 to 500 homeless people living in the county.

The deactivated military base is far enough away from a residential community so that a shelter there "would not adversely impact or cause concern from close-by neighbors," Roumiguiere said.

The buildings were last occupied in 1964 when they were used to house Southeast Asian refugees and were scheduled for demolition under a residential-commercial development proposed by Skip Berg and Jim Revolt.

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# Marin Considers Using Barracks For Homeless

By Catherine Bowman  
Chronicle Correspondent

With no neighborhood in Marin County eager to have a homeless shelter next door, county supervisors are looking at three old military barracks at Hamilton Field in Novato as a possible site.

The proposal is the latest suggestion after two San Rafael neighborhoods defeated plans earlier this year to erect shelters in their communities.

Supervisor Bob Roumiguiere, who suggested the Hamilton site,

said he is opposed to use of the National Guard Army as a temporary shelter for a third winter while the county continues to search for a permanent site.

"It would be completely unfair to impose this (shelter) on those people who have put up with so much," he said.

Residents who live near the armory in San Rafael have complained that some homeless people who used the temporary shelter — which closed July 31 — urinated and slept in their yards and aggressively panhandled them for money.

"People were afraid to send their kids to school because they got hassled," Roumiguiere said.

He said using one barrack at the 12-acre Hamilton site to house the homeless would be "far more humane" than putting people in the 55-bed army shelter. Two other buildings on the site, he said, could be used for counseling and other services.

## Prominent Family

# An Unusual Homeless Man

By Ray Tessler  
Chronicle South Bay Bureau

The great-great-grandson of the man who founded Santa Ana in Orange County 120 years ago is pioneering his own brand of homelessness in San Jose, where he survives with an offbeat style and attitude.

What makes guitar-packing Lonnie (Luke) Bagley unusual, beside his birth into a prominent family, is a spirit that lets him keep his dignity although he sleeps in the park and his clothes are a bit tattered.

"Does anybody know there are functional people on the street who are just caught in the system?" asked Bagley, 42, who learned that the hard way by losing his job, his marriage and his house.

Bagley has written a book and a short story about his experiences. He also sings and plays guitar in clubs where nobody knows he is a street person, and he cultivates some amusing survival skills in wealthy Silicon Valley.

On most days, Bagley can be seen riding the bus and wandering around San Jose with his guitar.

When he needs an ego boost and has money, he dons his 8-year-old three-piece suit and takes the bus downtown for a leisurely lunch among the business elite at an upscale restaurant. "I put on my suit and go feel normal," said Bagley. "It's like playing dress-up."

Sometimes when he needs a shave, he simply saunters into the stately Fairmont Hotel and spruces up in the rest room. "If I'm dressed nice, people don't know," he said. Bagley has been known to shower in a do-it-yourself car wash or at the gym.

He often sleeps in a church courtyard or in a local park, where he stashes his guitar up in a tree and slumbers unseen under the black lining of an old overcoat.

Life was not always like this for Bagley, whose family "have all been successful in their own ways."

His great-great-grandfather, William H. Spurgeon, is still celebrated as the founder of Santa



Lonnie (Luke) Bagley, who is homeless in San Jose, is the great-great-grandson of William H. Spurgeon, who founded Santa Ana in 1869.

Ana in 1869. Among other things, Spurgeon bought land, laid out the streets and served as chairman of the first county board of supervisors in 1889, according to the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society.

Coincidentally, the homeless Bagley was quietly visiting Orange County just as it was marking its centennial and remembering Spurgeon. He wrote about being broke, jobless and homeless for Christmas in a short story that appeared in a small literary review.

In the late 1960s, he attended San Jose State University for a while until joining the Navy. Afterward, he spent 15 years in food service, doing every job from dishwasher to restaurant manager.

In 1982, while working as manager for a food distributor in Oregon, the business failed and

Bagley became unemployed. Other personal tragedies ensued. Returning to California, he sang and played guitar in a tavern and lived off tips for a year.

Soft-spoken and intelligent, Bagley survived by holding low-paying jobs but finally wound up on the street nine months ago. "I decided to make a project of finding out who the homeless are," he said.

"The people we see all the time in the news are drinking or on drugs," Bagley complained. "There are a lot of people who dream of getting a job, but they're categorized."

"I've had many like him — long for steady work and battle to keep their hope alive. I just keep dreaming into believing that I can rebuild," he said.

Bagley passes in and out of the regular world, playing and singing at Gunther's in San Jose on Friday nights. People sense there is something different about him but do not realize they are being entertained by a man without a home.

Owner Gunther Meyberg said, "Everybody kind of likes him, but it is hard to figure him out. He wears shoes that are clean, but they have holes in them."

Bagley has done volunteer work to help the homeless, which is how he met Michael Pedro, vice chairman of Bubba Paris Friends of the Homeless.

"Bagley seems very knowledgeable and very educated," said Pedro, adding "some of these people blow me away, I don't know why they're out there."

Although Novato voters rejected the development in June, Berg and Revolt, the Army and the General Services Administration would jointly decide whether the barracks could be used as a homeless shelter, said Larry Gallagher, manager of Hamilton Field.

### A MODEST PROPOSAL FROM JABBERWOCKY JAY

(Jabberwocky Jay Lemo is a traveling woodworker, smiling storyteller and unrepentant activist. In response to police harassment for showing his woodcarvings on the pre-quake Pacific Garden Mall, Jay began negotiations with the Mayor to establish an Artist's Alley. More recently he has been seen floating in his sleeping bag at the Town Clock in the rain in continuing protest against the City's unsuspended Sleeping Ban. The following is a petition Jay intends to send to Santa Cruz's sister city in the USSR, Alushta.)

Greetings,

We, the undersigned, are citizens of Santa Cruz, or the friends, brothers and sisters to the people of Santa Cruz. Please help us! The ruling body of the government of our city has taken it upon itself to assume priority over the constitutions of California and the United States, and the United Nations Charter. The city has been carrying out a program of active persecution, suppression, and denial of basic human rights, all for the purpose of maintaining the image of a wealthy, upscale and aloof tourist town. We are the poor and the homeless.

Since our state and federal governments won't help us, we are now appealing to you for your support in our fight against the spirit of greed that has possessed many in the good town of Santa Cruz. This spirit has taken the form of oppressive civil ordinances, backed up by cruel, rigorous and unreasonable police action. All of which is in violation of our basic human rights.

After many years of protest, the state and federal governments continue to ignore these violations--failing to protect their own foundations by defending the rights of their own people. Most injurious to us is the "Camping Ban" (Ordinance 6.35.010), which prohibits sleeping outside between the hours of 11 PM and 8:30 AM or to lay out bedding anytime within the city or the outlying areas of Santa Cruz.\*

This law is vigorously enforced. Squads of police with dogs are sent out each night to awaken, harass, arrest, and even to beat homeless persons whose only crime was to succumb to the natural need for sleep. The object of this law is, blatantly, to chase homeless persons out of town. Unable to pay the fine and unwilling to go to jail, a homeless person is expected to just leave the city and not return--an arrest warrant being issued if he does not. If the fine can be paid, the city collects just that much more money from people that already can't afford to put a roof over their heads.

Therefore, many homeless persons, fearing police harassment, remain awake at night depending on daytime naps to sustain their health. Friends, please be prompt. Be prompt to address this issue. Sleep deprivation is a form of torture.

Next are the restrictive regulations that won't allow the

\* Editor's note: State law prohibits "camping" (i.e. sleeping) on state beaches. Police practice in the county is to uphold campers, even though the law is theoretically more lenient. By law, camping is only banned in specified zones and along all roadways. Theoretically, folks can get permission, outside Santa Cruz and Capitola, to lay down their sleeping bags on private property outside.

service of free food to the homeless. Only after many legal battles and several imprisonments have a few feeding programs been permitted. The act of giving a hungry person food without cost is sacred; but the city of Santa Cruz will, and has, sent people to jail for this simple act of charity. The city council calls attention to health regulations while ignoring the fact that many homeless are forced to forage through garbage cans. The economics of greed in Santa Cruz would rather let a person starve than allow a generous soul to offer food.

These are just two examples of how the city of Santa Cruz has been persecuting people that the ruling authorities have decided can't afford to live here. The cost is high. Prices are inflated, low-rent housing is scarce, and entry-level wages are low. The toll in human suffering and mental anguish is staggering. The shelter programs are overcrowded with long waiting lists, and so much like concentration camps that many would rather risk prosecution than face the subhuman conditions and close official scrutiny provided by what is gradually becoming a fascist police state.

This is just the beginning of a trend that we have observed nationwide. Santa Cruz has become the focal point of concern in the fight against fascism. The seed of an oppressive fascist police state has been planted here, and the greedy vine, if allowed to grow, could spread worldwide. Help us! Help yourselves! We are the poor and the homeless.

### Quake Put Refugees on the Move Again

By Evelyn C. White  
Chronicle Staff Writer

After fleeing bombs and bullets in war-ravaged Cambodia, Heam Lay San was looking forward to beginning a new life with her family in San Francisco's Tenderloin. But today she is alone because the earthquake so frightened her relatives that they all left town.

"I feel lonely and scared," said San, 23, whose father and two sisters moved to Modesto right after the October 17 quake. "They wanted me to go, but I am tired of moving. I wish they hadn't left."

San's family is among several hundred Southeast Asians who have left their homes in the Tenderloin since the earthquake, according to social service workers. Bringing back unpleasant memories of death and destruction in their homelands, the quake has prompted many Southeast Asians to flee for safety as they have historically done in times of crisis.

#### 'People Are Scared'

"A lot of people are scared," said Silen Nhoek, coordinator of refugee services for the International Institute in San Francisco. "They left their countries to avoid war. They don't want to see any more people get killed."

Nhoek said there are about 25,000 Southeast Asian refugees living in San Francisco, primarily in the Tenderloin. Although most of the refugees are on public assistance, before the quake a growing number had begun to open small restaurants or stores.

This progress is likely to be hampered now. Under the direction of a small band of Cambodian leaders who no longer believe the Tenderloin is structurally safe, about 10 to 20 percent of the refugees have moved to Modesto and Stockton where there are also large South of California. I don't want to stay in the Tenderloin. I don't want to go to Modesto, and they me to come, ton," said 29-year-old Krider said that, in addition to the trembling ground, lan the barriers also have contributed to fears among Southeast Asian.

east Asian communities, accord to Nhoek and Bill Krider, director of Indochinese Housing, a low-income housing complex at 340 Eddy Street.

#### What History Taught

"Their history has taught them that when the bomb falls, you run. You don't think it over; you just pick up and go to another place."

Krider said that about 40 Southeast Asian residents moved out of the complex after the quake, taking up vacancies in the building the first time in years. One woman said she and her family would move but cannot afford to.

"We want to leave and go to the Sunset District, because there no tall buildings there," said Nhm, who lives in a one-room apartment with her husband, mother and two children. "But we because we don't have enough money."

#### Determined Resident

Another resident said that though he is frightened, he is determined to stay in the Tenderloin.

"A lot of my friends moved to Modesto, and they me to come, ton," said 29-year-old Krider said that, in addition to the trembling ground, lan the barriers also have contributed to fears among Southeast Asian.

# 4 hurt in Civic Center rampage

## Pipe-wielding man attacks sleeping homeless people

By Amy Alexander  
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

Four people were injured one seriously, when a pipe-wielding man went on a late night rampage through Civic Center Plaza.

Police arrested Sidney Edmond, 28, at Eighth and Market streets after receiving a call at 11 p.m. Monday that a man had "run amok" and was attacking sleeping homeless people near Grove and Polk streets.

Officer Don Cartwright, who made the arrest, said Tuesday that Edmond had told officers he was defending himself against "those people" when he began the alleged attack.

The victims disputed that account.

"I was in my sleeping bag, and all of a sudden I heard this man screaming, 'You'd better get out of here, I'm gonna kill you all,'" said Anthony Russo, 38.

Russo and the three other male victims said Edmond had swung a two-foot-long pipe. Police did not recover the weapon.

Tito Bravo, 25, James Mooney,

36, and Larry Barron, 50, were also injured in the attack.

Mooney suffered a broken wrist, Bravo was treated for head lacerations, and Barron and Russo both sustained bruises on the back, neck and head. All were treated at San Francisco General Hospital and released.



Tito Bravo suffered head lacerations on Monday when he was attacked by a man with a 2-foot length of pipe.

Some of Civic Center's residents say the attack could have been avoided if they had been sleeping in tents.

"This is what happens when you have people out here without protection," said Barron, who was struck several times on the face and neck.

In July, after a months-long

"If I'd been in my tent, I would have heard him trying to get in," said George, a Civic Center camper who declined to give his last name. George said he had narrowly escaped the assault.

"I heard this loud whomp, and I looked up and saw this guy just wailing on Jim (Mooney)," said George.

Bravo, who said he'd lived in the park since last March, was awakened by a severe blow to the head.

"I thought I was dreaming, but when I put my hand to my head, I saw all this blood," Bravo said Tuesday evening. Wearing a blood-stained head bandage, Bravo sat in the same spot where he had been attacked.

Edmond, described by witnesses as "tall and lanky," then allegedly asked Bravo whether he "wanted some more."

"I told him, 'No man, no,' and then he went behind me and began hitting Jim," Bravo said.

Police said Edmond may have been involved in a fight earlier in the day with campers on another side of the park. Edmond has been charged with four counts of assault and is being held on \$20,000 bail. He will be arraigned Monday.

# Another Aftershock — Dramatic Rise in Bay Homeless

## Bay Area Grapples With 'New Homeless'

By Michael McCabe and Nanette Asimov  
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For the homeless, the world has not stopped shaking since October 17.

Their search for solid ground since the earthquake has been frustrated by a shortened supply of low- and moderate-income housing at the same time that the number of homeless in quake-affected areas has increased dramatically to as many as 20,000.

Many of the "new homeless" are especially ill-prepared for the rigors of dealing with inadequate housing, bureaucracy and the coming cold and rain of winter.

"We're faced with 'A Tale of Two Cities,' a homeless popula-

tion larger and more diverse than we have ever seen before," said Walter Park, executive director of San Francisco's Independent Housing Services.

Throughout the quake region, thousands who once lived in warm apartments and homes now shiver in tents in Watsonville, huddle with their children in San Francisco Army barracks, or double up with relatives and friends in the East Bay.

With continued ground-shaking in some areas, and with the ever-shifting numbers of buildings found to be unsafe, the dimensions of the problem are shifting daily. Some homeless



Virginia Romero handed out clothes to her extended family at the tent city in Watsonville's Callaghan Park

week at St. Mary's Cathedral for a rent-assistance voucher.

"Now I've been pushed around between the Moscone Center and over to the Presidio and by the Red Cross — and for the first time in my life I know what it means to be homeless. People put you into a special category, you know, homeless, helpless and worthless."

During the past week, city planners have been meeting with Red Cross officials to determine the best way to put in place short-term and long-term plans to deal with the homeless.

The ultimate goal is to completely replace San Francisco's \$3.5 million hotline hotel system — a system that has been criticized because it limits stays to less than a week and has had trouble with vandalism and alcohol and drug abuse among residents.

According to several sources at City Hall, the city wants to revamp the system by making sure that the Red Cross does not leave town before helping to pay several building sites to house the homeless, including the one now used by the Red Cross at Polk and Geary streets.

Part of the funds the Red Cross raised for quake relief — at least \$12 million, according to Lopez, and as high as \$40 million, according to others — would be used to pay for on-site staff to help stabilize the lives of the homeless. These would include social workers, job counselors and drug and alcohol rehabilitation workers.

Over the longer term, the city and the Housing and Redevelopment Agency want to organize nonprofit agencies around the city to buy and rehabilitate buildings to house the homeless.

"We need to make sure we can recapture some of that quake-damaged housing stock as it is rehabilitated," said Julia Lopez, the city's general manager in the Department of Social Services. "We have been talking to nonprofit housing organizations and they are interested in running these."

How the city will pay for all this is still to be worked out. There is talk of state funds and federal funds and bond referendums. In the end, however, the city will have to pick up a sizable chunk of the cost as Mayor Art Agnos contemplates the damage the quake has already done to the San Francisco budget.

### ALAMEDA COUNTY

The county planned to spend nearly \$19 million this year to help the homeless find

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people have found housing with the help of relief agencies, but their ranks continue to grow as additional buildings are found to be unsafe.

"We talk about aftershocks, but those were only geological aftershocks," said Ken Gross, Alameda County's principal analyst responsible for assessing the cost of the quake. "The social aftershocks will be felt for a long time and have a tremendous magnitude themselves."

Amid all the gloom, some say the crisis offers a dramatic opportunity to make real progress on the homeless problem since the numbers of homeless people exploded during the 1980s. In San Francisco, with its housing facilities for the homeless crippled, nothing less than a complete overhaul of the system is in the works.

### Time Running Out

Government planners and advocates for the homeless say time is running out before the second wave of the homeless problem hits. Most of the homeless now are housed in emergency, temporary situations. Others are rapidly wearing out their welcomes with friends or relatives.

The Red Cross says it will stop accepting new applications for assistance today, although cases opened previously will continue to receive service. And although the Red Cross may agree to stay in the Bay Area for an additional 90 days, no one expects it to stay on after that.

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### Variety of Problems

The 15-second earthquake rolled over such a vast area — from San Francisco's Marina District to Watsonville, from Oakland to Santa Cruz — that probably not since wartime has a disaster cut across such a wide variety of cultures and classes of people.

The victims include:

■ Elderly forced out of homes, hotels and apartments all over the Bay Area.

■ Latinos in Watsonville, dozens of whom have chosen to live in tents in a public park rather than in a Red Cross shelter. Most speak little English.

■ Southeast Asians who have fled San Francisco's Tenderloin and their rent-controlled apartments, possibly for good.

■ Relatively well-to-do apartment renters and homeowners doubling up with family or friends.

■ The chronically homeless in San Francisco, Oakland and Santa Cruz, many of whom may also have drug and alcohol problems.

Here is an overview of what some of the hardest-hit cities and counties are doing to deal with the homeless:

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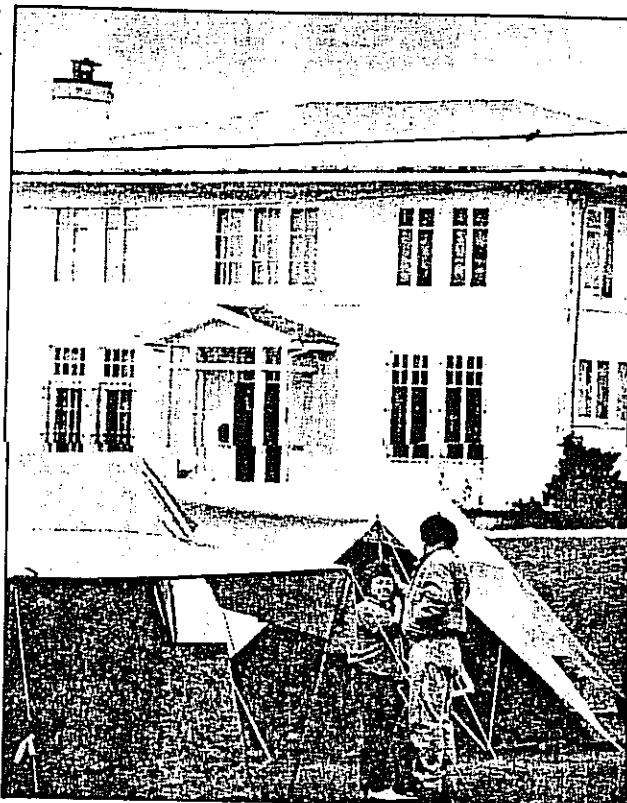
At least 2,500 people have been added to the estimated 8,000 pre-quake homeless, according to Walter Park, executive director of San Francisco's Independent Housing Services.

"The figure is constantly in flux and going up," Park said. "A few days ago, the Department of Building Inspections said 150 buildings have been red-tagged. Three days later, that figure went up to 240. They're finding more red-tagged buildings daily, especially in the South of Market."

In addition, more than half of the 1,000 people who were living in the city's hotline hotel system on any given night were forced to find new arrangements because their homes have been wrecked by the quake. That may mean they are staying with a friend, in another rundown hotel or in Golden Gate Park.

The city's largest hotline hotel, the Anglo Hotel on Sixth Street, which housed more than 180 men each night, has already been torn down because of structural damage caused by the quake.

"I was staying at the the Anglo Hotel when the quake hit, but I never really considered myself homeless," said Daryle Washington, 24, while he waited in line last



The quake forced this family out of a house in the neighborhood and into tents

food, clothing and shelter, but the earthquake may have boosted that outlay by more than \$2 million, said Ken Gross, principal analyst for the county administrator.

How painful this will be for the financially strapped county "depends on whether we're going to get reimbursed for it," Gross said. "If we cannot confirm that people in the Red Cross shelters had residences (destroyed by the quake), FEMA's not going to give us a cent for those people. They'll become a county burden."

Estimates are that more than 2,000 people were left homeless when the quake slammed through the county, destroying about 900 low-income housing units in Oakland alone.

Even if the county is well-reimbursed, said Gross, the earthquake has caused a dramatic increase in the demand for shelter and welfare benefits.

"I think we're gonna hurt," Gross said. "The line for picking up general assistance

*'People put you into a special category... homeless, helpless and worthless'*

checks at the Welfare Department w around the block. Usually it's just out t front door."

Before the quake, Oakland resider who applied for a federal housing subsi — called Section 8 — had to wait two to fit years for it.

"A Section 8 certificate was like t Hope Diamond," said Zenobia Embry-Nir mer, director of the Emergency Servic Network of Alameda County. Now it may t more like two Hope Diamonds.

"The earthquake just exacerbated an exposed a problem that the city had for long time before," said Oakland City Cou cil member Wilson Riles Jr., who is runnin for mayor. Riles said Oakland has no plan to build additional shelters or low-incom housing. Instead, he said, the city will loo to the state and federal government fo financing.

### WATSONVILLE

The earthquake has forced Watsonvill to face the housing problem it has treatel lightly for years.

Although the city already had a "hou ing coalition," the group had no budget and was a year old before it decided to count the city's homeless. By coincidence, this meet ing took place just as the earthquake struck. When its members emerged from under the table, their already critical burden had grown by 1,200 people.

Hundreds of people moved into large blue tents in Callaghan Park, near the center of town. The County Fairgrounds overflowed with the homeless, and the city only recently recovered its largest picnic ground, Ramsay Park, from nearly 3,000 homeless people.

Before the quake, the very poor lived hidden in the city's cracks and crevices: chicken sheds, garages and apartments with two and three families per room.

"We were about 1,000 units short," said city manager John Madin, referring to low- and moderate-income housing. Now, he said, the shortage is at least 1,400 units.

Mayor Betty Murphy called the housing shortage a "severe and ongoing problem for the city" but blamed Santa Cruz County for the housing shortage, saying the county was exacerbating the situation. The policy holds development growth to 1 percent per year.

More than 900 people, many of whom speak little English, are still living in two Red Cross shelters, Callaghan Park or with friends and relatives. Most work for minimum wage in the canneries or lettuce fields.

The City Council now is requiring landlords to offer rehabilitated apartments to the original tenants at pre-quake rents. The city also wants developers to rebuild low-income apartments along Main Street, which felt the quake's worst blows, said Mayor Murphy.

Meanwhile, the homeless wait.

For a decade Virginia Romero, 34, and her son, Juan Luis, 11, lived with four relatives in a yellow home with a white picket fence on Palm Avenue. The quake knocked the 2½-bedroom house off its foundation and sent the garage crashing down on three cars.

The neighborhood, with its front lawns and wide streets, was a suburban dream for the Romeros. The adults worked in the lettuce fields during the summer and collected unemployment in the winter, making about \$600 a week among them. The rent was an affordable \$550 a month.

Now the six live in a pair of donated tents around the corner in Callaghan Park. The tents are wide enough for a king-size

# BEAT THE DEVIL.

## In the Midst of Life

The place I've called home for the past year or so is a motel just off Route 1 as it heads down the Pacific coast from Santa Cruz to Watsonville. Late on the night of the earthquake a friend called me from her home near Carmel, an hour's drive south, to tell me what had happened. It was early the next day with me, since I was in southern Ireland, having just buried my mother. God was having a busy month of it. Aside from hurricane Hugo and the earthquake, He had found time to direct a few cows into the path of a train carrying pilgrims to a shrine at Knock, in County Clare. Why put the pilgrims on a train to pray to Our Lady of Knock if He was going to detain them with injuries after the train crashed into the cows? My brother said He must have planned it out, right from the moment He created Knock, centuries ago.

It was hard to get news of the earthquake's damage directly from my motel, but secondhand reports indicated it was still standing. When I got back last week the kind Dutch ladies who live next door had cleaned everything up. In my kitchen there was a bucket full of broken crockery and the remains of Robespierre's head. I had had plaster of Paris bas-reliefs of Robespierre and Saint-Just hanging on the wall. At a shock of 7.1 on the Richter scale Robespierre, who believed in the Supreme Being, plunged from the wall. Saint-Just, who probably agreed with Fouché that the words "Death is nothing but eternal sleep" should be posted at the gates of all French cemeteries, dropped too, but stayed in one piece. I could have applied to FEMA for money to buy a couple of teacups and a new Robespierre, but it didn't seem worth the trouble. Around the motel, residential and catering to the lower end of the income scale, the fear was that the owner would himself use FEMA money to upscale the place and throw everyone into the street.

A couple of days later I went for a walk round Watsonville with my friend Frank Bardacke, who's lived there for seventeen years. You would not have known it from the daily newspapers—initially at least—but Watsonville, about eighteen miles from the epicenter in the Santa Cruz Mountains, had been hit the worst. Of 765 buildings destroyed in Santa Cruz County, 333 were in Watsonville, as were 553 of the 2,438 buildings countywide suffering major damage. We walked along Lincoln Street and at first all seemed well, aside from tumbled chimneys, announcing the folly of building with brick in California. Then there'd be a swath of disaster: boarded-up windows, porches askew, red tags on the front doors indicating that the places were done for. With a house as with a person, the dividing line between life and death can be almost imperceptible. We'd look at an apparently healthy house marked with the fatal tag, and only after a minute or two see the skewed twist to the roof that meant the quake had bounced it off its foundation blocks and broken its back.

For my mother's funeral my brothers and I had rejected the vicar's suggestion that lessons be taken from some ravings in Isaiah and the Book of Revelations. My brother Patrick read the parable of the sower instead. Its lesson of

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prudent husbandry was cogently spelled out in Watsonville. Was it fate or carpentry that had stricken some houses and spared others? Watsonville is a Third World town, like west Oakland low on the news agenda as reporters preferred to cluster round the First World destruction in the Marina district of San Francisco. Being a Third World town Watsonville is cheaply built, and though the price of a handful of nails would have meant foundation posts securely toenailed in, a lot of the poorer houses were just resting on their pier blocks until the tremors pushed them off.

### Of Whom May We Seek for Succor?

Prospect, where Frank and his family live, is a nice-looking street: typically working class in a mostly working-class farm town; single story wood houses, a bit of lawn out front. On Frank's block the earthquake knocked out five houses, which had nine Mexican families living in them. By such a count you can reckon that Watsonville's population, officially 30,000, is probably almost twice that number. Throughout the town, garages behind Victorian, Maybeck-style houses had held families paying \$400 a month to sleep among the vermin, getting their power from the main building, into which more families were crammed. So as the earth shook and the shacks fell and some of the working poor upgraded from garage slum to emergency quarters under canvases, even the local newspaper, the *Register-Pajaronian*, felt emboldened to concede that the earthquake, a "natural" disaster, had merely highlighted the entirely human disaster of a town that, by the laws of motion of late American capitalism, had long ceased to provide affordable housing for the people from whose labor the wealth of the town derived. When the tremors stopped, people saw that the earthquake had posed more strongly than ever the question, What sort of a town is Watsonville to be?

Two hours south of San Francisco, Watsonville is at the head of the most productive vegetable-growing area in the world. Between May and October each year, as the mists roll in from the Pacific, the area produces about 80 percent of the fresh vegetables consumed in the United States. But for the past ten years, as the seasons rolled by, economic pressures have been building toward upheaval just as surely as the tectonic plates grinding against each other along the fault lines through the Santa Cruz Mountains.

In the old days, a decade ago, Watsonville faced south down to the fields of the Salinas Valley whence came truckloads of vegetables into the frozen food plants. Today, as Frank wrote in the excellent local bilingual monthly *El Andar*, it lives in the shadow of San Jose, one hour north: "Computer production has crept over Highway 17 into Scotts Valley, and in the last ten years housing projects have shot up on the north side of town, peopled by folks who come to Watsonville to sleep by the Pacific Ocean, leaving low-paid computer assembly workers to live in the smog and drink the polluted water of what was once the Santa Clara Valley. We now seem to sit not at the head of the Salinas Valley but at the foot of the Valley of Silicon."

### The Strength of Sin

In the days after the earthquake, developers in Santa Cruz County raised their eyes unto the heavens and counted the blessings of the Lord. As he strode past the shattered and condemned buildings of Pacific Garden Mall in the center of Santa Cruz, a developer named Louie Rittenhouse exulted to a reporter from the *Monterey Herald*: "We're going to bring Santa Cruz into the 20th century. As the City Council was saying the other night, some things that were tolerated in Santa Cruz will no longer be tolerated. Like panhandling and sleeping on park benches. Over is over. The earthquake shook up the old political system in Santa Cruz." The "pro-social, old growth" values, Rittenhouse proclaimed, are gone. In their place will come taller buildings, hotels of magnificence, a convention center.

In Watsonville the City Manager, John Radin, toured the streets, civil engineer in tow. Radin dreams of a Watsonville renewed in the image of Santa Rosa, a metastasizing node on the lymph glands running north from San Francisco. To observant citizens there seemed to be a politically coherent pattern to Radin's allocation of red tags. Down would go the International Senior Center for poor people, and down would go other venerable obstructions to progress. Here was the civil engineer hired by Radin ready to certify with his red tag that such was the sensible course for a city properly mindful of the life and limb of its citizenry. Let loose the wrecker's ball—as in Santa Cruz, where it took just such a ball several hours to fell the supposedly fragile landmark Cooper House.

But Radin's joy was not unalloyed. This small farm town he's been managing is politically sophisticated. A few years ago the workers in the packing houses held solid in an eighteen-month strike (marvelously recorded in Jon Silver's video *Watsonville on Strike*, available from Migrant Media, Box 2048, Freedom, CA 95019). Earlier this year the Supreme Court ruled that Watsonville's system of citywide elections was unconstitutional because it discriminated against Chicanos. Although the vast majority of the population is Mexican and Chicano, only one Chicano has sat on the City Council, and he is a real estate agent. Mandated district elections, scheduled now for December 5, promise to give some voice to the Mexican and working-class neighborhoods in the town. Many candidates have vowed to use that voice to fire City Manager Radin.

But in Watsonville, it is not the official candidates, right or left, who lead the way. After the earthquake some homeless workers planted their tents in Callaghan Park, right in

## CORRECTIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AND UPDATES

.....A tip of the hat to Officer Townsend for keeping faith with the Homeless Table. Though we have little praise for Dave's rousts, ID checks, and midnight intimidation of homeless sleepers (which also happened that night), we recognize that, like others, he is frequently "under orders." Early Wednesday morning, he borrowed a copy of the *Street Sheet*; unlike his boss, Jack Bassett, he returned the sheet after reading it, as requested. Thanks, Dave--a small thing, but from such trifles, deeper respect and trust can grow.

.....Clauer Reappears In the Crowd: Popping up several days ago at Jailtime Judith's midnight koffeeklatch, bruised-but-not-broken John Clauer seemed the better for the several weeks of R & R he's been taking. His face is now healed and his body in working order, after he was beaten and jailed several weeks back by a "wilding" SCPD vigilante (see *Street Sheet* #61 & 62). When the investigation launched at Mayor's initiative is completed, we hope this dangerous cop is reassigned to a well-monitored desk job until he relearns the basics.



The view from the property profiteers...

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Plenty of rentals

To the editor:

I keep reading, and hearing, about our poor, downtrodden, ignored homeless.

We had many Hispanics in our rentals. After the quake, they went out and found a place to live all by themselves. They weren't carried, pushed or begged. Life goes on. The majority of the people still in tents and shelters have lived off the system continually and are still expecting everything done for them. They have all been fed, clothed and bedded down by the Red Cross or Salvation Army every day.

Of course, living in tents and shelters isn't my idea of a great life. But it is free. Most people wouldn't want to live that way. Of course they do get interviewed by TV stations, entertained by groups, have parties thrown for them. Right now it is very good politics, too.

Then I read about no housing for these poor, displaced people. That is truly a crock. In the Pajaronian Saturday night were three lines of rentals. Most of them apartments, studios, duplexes, and, behold, even some houses. One man on TV this morning was crying for housing - anywhere, Salinas, Hollister, anywhere. He should have added "as long as I am taken there and it is free."

Rents have not been raised (as some are saying). Landlords have dug deep to return units to better than before shape.

What are our representatives, local and state, going to do about this situation? Lay down and get walked on? This used to be "home of the free, land of the brave." It's more like "land of the free, home of the true giveaway."

ANITA MEIDL  
Meidl Real Estate  
Watsonville

Round up the Mexicans?

I WAS WATERING the yard one day when a car drove slowly by. The people inside, a man and a woman, stared at me pointedly until the car disappeared around a bend.

That didn't bother me because outsiders often drive through Topanga Canyon, hoping to see a werewolf or a past-life regressionist, for which this laid-back, mountaintop town just west of Los Angeles was once famous.

But then they drove by a second time, still staring, and I finally shouted, "You want something?" and they sped off.

Working in the yard is something I don't usually do, so I was not familiar with the customs of passers-by. Perhaps they always stared. Perhaps garden-viewing was a new pastime among the culturally deprived.

"You know why they were staring?" a neighbor said. He had been walking his dog and had seen the interplay. "They think you might be a Mexican who lives in the woods."

I didn't know what he meant until I read the paper. A story said, more or less, that the Topanga Town Council was asking locals to report those who hired illegal immigrants, the majority of whom were Mexicans.

We were to take down license numbers of neighbors and/or contractors who stopped to pick up workers and call the license numbers in to a hot line.

The idea, it seemed, was to discourage immigrants from getting work in Topanga because some were setting up encampments in the mountains, creating a fire danger that threatened the community.

Smoking cigarettes and singing "La Cucaracha" around the old campfire might be fun, but let one spark hit the chaparral and it's goodbye, Topanga.

The passers-by were apparently self-appointed vigilantes who thought I might be an illegal Mexican due to the amber tint of my complexion and the shabbiness of my attire. I do not shave, comb my hair or wear cashmere and silk when I water the yard.

The news story created an uproar in Topanga, which in itself is not new. We are often in an uproar over new construction, public nudity, defecating dogs, and whether or not hug therapy is a valid form of communication.

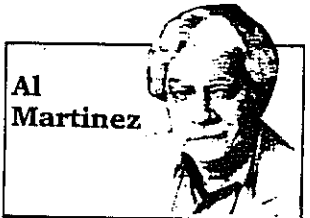
But this was serious. Was Big Brotherism at play here? Was Topanga trying to close its borders even as the nations of Eastern Europe were opening theirs?

I'm all for shutting down camps and preventing fires, but take license numbers? Report them to a hot line?

Was this tight little bastion of liberal thought and tolerant attitude at last giving way to the philistines who were reshaping the community with million-dollar houses?

Were we ready to lynch Mexicans and report neighbors to save our homes? Not me, amigo. Not me, neighbor.

Since that ominous announcement, there has been all kinds of



Al Martinez

backtracking by the Town Council. "I was misquoted." "That's not what we meant." "The story had the wrong slant."

It seems what happened was the subject of illegal encampments was discussed, during which the idea of taking license numbers was broached. Thereafter, it gets confused.

One council member says yes, they were thinking about taking down the license numbers of individuals hiring Mexicans for yard work. Another says they only wanted to report contractors who hired workers by the truckload.

A third adds that the whole thing is only an option that will never come to pass.

The Topanga Hot Line has been in existence for 12 years as a way of informing locals about fires and floods. It was never intended as a snitch-line, and I doubt it will ever be used as such.

But what bothers me is even passing flirtation with the notion that the end might justify the means: You round up Mexicans to save the town.

It isn't without precedence. You round up Jews to preserve racial purity. You round up witches to save the children. You round up heretics to save Christianity.

The Topanga Town Council took no action on the "option" to save the town. It should have. It should have said publicly and clearly that Big Brotherism would never be an option and human rights would never be trampled for the sake of human convenience.

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the center of town, where visitors from Marilyn Quayle to Mick Jagger to Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas could spot them. City officials implored the people to remove to sanctioned refuge on the edge of town, out of sight and out of mind. The homeless stayed put. Here was the place people suspicious of government agencies could bring relief. Here was the political pressure of visible deprivation, as opposed to the obscure hell of a garage shack behind a picket fence.

I walked through the park with Frank. There was a crowd round someone who had come to hand out a load of supplies. Others were standing near the bank of public telephones where for a while after the quake people could make free calls to Mexico. Frank chatted with a friend who told him that though the people were spending their days around the tents, they were sleeping in a house across town. "Why?" Frank asked. "It's cold," the man answered matter-of-factly. As did many of Watsonville's astute inhabitants, he understood how to use symbolism. Here, with the unauthorized tent city, was an opportunity maybe to prize a trailer home out of FEMA, to coax opportunity from disaster.

Up the road in Santa Cruz the homeless similarly seized their chances. As the doors of an earthquake-relief shelter opened, they hurried in. Three days later officials booted them out, angered that a respectable disaster should be exploited in this disreputable fashion. In fact, as coverage of the earthquake in the *Workers Vanguard* for October 27 showed in colorful detail, a large part of official emergency procedures are exercises in containment of potential political upheaval. Vested authority understands the seditious solidarity generated by an earthquake, which reminds people as forcibly about social foundations as about the frailty of houses just resting on their pier blocks. The quakes in Managua and Mexico attest to that.

The Trumpet Shall Sound

Watsonville and the earthquake pose one of the central political questions of the late 1980s. The earthquake left somewhere between 2,000 and 3,000 people homeless. Meanwhile, "executive townhomes" are rising off Pennsylvania Drive at a starting price of \$176,000 for two bedrooms; this in a town where by official count 17 percent of the residents live in overcrowded conditions and, as we have seen, the real figure is probably twice that.

West of Watsonville, along the sea's edge, is Sunset Beach, and the condo complex of Pajaro Dunes: mostly empty second homes of San Franciscans, sometimes rented out for corporate retreats. Between Pajaro Dunes and the town stretch artichoke fields worked by people who have nowhere to sleep but their cars. Everyone in Watsonville can see the class geography, and the quake has brought to the surface the earthly potential of an act of God. At what point should a town declare eminent domain and seize developments like Pennsylvania Drive and Pajaro Dunes to house its people? Saint-Just knew the answer.



Bay Area Struggles to Help the 'New Homeless'

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mattress and tall enough to stand in, but at night they are chilly and they get wet in the rain.

Still, the makeshift community is reluctant to move into Red Cross shelters on the outskirts of town. The families like their autonomy and want to keep an eye on their red-tagged homes.

At Callaghan Park, families cling to the hope that the Federal Emergency Management Agency will come through with its promise to provide 150 trailers. Romero heard it could be December before the first ones are ready, but she is determined to get her family into one.

SANTA CRUZ

The elderly and the physically and mentally impaired were the hardest hit by the quake in Santa Cruz. In the downtown area alone, more than 400 rooms in four large residential rooming houses have been lost.

In addition, there are hundreds of other people in Santa Cruz who were not in permanent housing or just getting a place when the quake hit, said Luther Perry, chairman of the Housing Recovery Task Force for Santa Cruz County.

"There are a lot of folks, and we

don't know how many, who lost their jobs (and) who don't have either a stable housing situation or money to buy groceries," Perry said. "These kind of folks fall through the cracks for official assistance plans."

The elderly who were staying in the four big hotels that were either been condemned or seriously damaged are staying with relatives, in board-and-care houses or in hotels paid for with vouchers.

"We got maybe 200 senior citizens who are living day to day," Perry said. "These folks are very worried and some have had to be hospitalized because of stress."

One of those who stayed at the Casa del Rey in Santa Cruz was Mary Siler, 74. She has been staying with her niece in San Jose while she looks for a permanent place to stay with rent she can afford. She does not expect to find anything at the \$550-a-month rate she paid at the Casa del Rey.

"I still feel like I'm in a daze trying to find something," Siler said. "I saw on the news where they were wrecking my old hotel and I cried. I thought I'd spend the rest of my life there - I guess I almost did."

Paul Brindel, Santa Cruz County's shelter project director, said he considers everyone who was homeless before quake to be a victim of the quake.

"I cannot separate the two, even though the Red Cross and FEMA say they have to prove that their situation is somehow connected with the quake.

"Nobody seems to realize it yet, but we are going to have to have massive state and federal aid just like they had to bail out the savings and loan industry." Regardless of the level of federal and state aid, in the long term people displaced by the earthquake will be indistinguishable from the "old homeless."

So city planners and homeless agencies are working with the Red Cross to find ways to move the "new homeless" out of shelters and into permanent housing.

Before the Red Cross balls out of the Bay Area, San Francisco planners want to make sure it leaves a good chunk of the money raised after the quake - estimated to be \$25 million or more - right here for homeless relief.

"The situation now is analogous

to Germany and Japan after the second world war," said Bob Prentice, Mayor Agnos' coordinator for homeless programs. "In some ways it was a disaster for them, but they rebuilt and became successful. We have an opportunity here to create more housing capacity but not in the same form as before the quake."

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**SANTA CRUZ**  
PROTEST THE  
SLEEPING BAN

# STREET SHEET



Mandatory support fee: \$1.50

"I know not whether laws be right/ Or whether laws be wrong;  
All that we know who lie in jail/ Is that the wall is strong;  
And that each day is like a year,/ a year whose days are long.  
--Oscar Wilde, *The Ballad of Reading Gaol* (1898)

## LATE FLASHES    LATE FLASHES    LATE FLASHES    LATE FLASHES

.....Moonrise Mike Snatched in Mid-Slumber....Completing three weeks of constant daylight vigiling and nighttime sleeping at the Homeless Table next to the Post Office, Mike was spirited off to the slammer Monday morning (Dec. 4) around 6 PM. Moonrise was cited the previous night by Officer Bawty' [pronounced BAH-tee] Black, dubbed by some "The Happy Ticketeer" for his merry manner in passing out sleeping tickets; Bawty has shown adopted a winning smile as he proceeds, often on his own initiative, to spread his own form of Yuletide joy in the form of \$138 "camping" citations to homeless throughout the city.

After Bawty's Sunday-morning pre-Xmas greeting was followed Monday morning with a speedy arrest, Jailtime Judith and a sleepy-eyed gang of all-nighters from Lost Charlies, rushed down to survey the situation. Was Mike being arrested for misdemeanor sleeping rather than the usual low-level infraction? Misdemeanors are punishable by up to \$1000 fine and 6 months in jail, require that a Public Defender be appointed for the accused if s/he cannot afford one, and also allow for a jury trial. Last time the police arrested someone on misdemeanor sleeping charges was last May, but they were ultimately dropped. It is currently unclear just what the police are charging Mike with since that part of his ticket was left blank! Show up in court 8:30 AM on Dec. to watch the next chapter of this thrilling saga.

Mike was unperturbed by the arrest and claims he saw Bumbuster Bassett at the jail and told him that he would continue his all-night protests regardless of how much trouble the Chief Cop tried to make for him. We encourage others to pass on hugs and blankets to Mike if not a little personal presence out there as the nights grow colder and longer.

.....Too Loud For Comfort?....Loudmouth Leith Austin exchanged words with Mayor Mardi Wormhoudt near the Transit Center last Saturday as the town pontiff entered her car. Referring to a past promise made by Mardi a month and a half ago to answer any letters about the Sleeping Ban, Leith demanded of her "Mardi! When are you gonna talk to me?" According to Leith, Mardi replied, "I'm never gonna meet with you. You're too loud and obnoxious, and all you're doing is disagreeing with what I have to say." Leith's irreverent and

<sup>1</sup> Bawtie a Scottish term for a big dog. Black's friendly manner but menacing position makes him a formidable and confusing creature to encounter at midnight. One of Bassett's friendlier hounds.

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ear-splitting reply? The same which greeted his Majesty, the Police Chief, when he treated Leith like a filthy alien: "Die, Yuppie Scum!" Shriill aliens vs. Yuppie Scum return Dec. 6 at 8:30 AM for further antics--coming soon to a courtroom near you!

.....Sanctuary to be Shuttered?....Rent problems, police pressure, internal difficulties between day staff and management, and the failure of a Rainbow doner to come through with needed funds may result in the imminent closing of Lost Charlies at 614 Front St., still open for homeless sanctuary 11 PM-8:30 AM as of Monday night (Dec 4). A window accidentally got broken Sunday night when a man on crutches slipped, and earlier some overcharged employee with a can of black paint did a rather drab job of graffiti redecorating. On Monday, further turmoil between workers and management produced unnecessary conflict. But Jailtime Judith was on the scene that night sheparding the sleepy and planning to dole out her usual modest cereal breakfast for the truly hungry, donated by the Salvation Army and the Greybears.

.....Raucous Rocky Tackled Near Table....Busted and reportedly bruised by 5 cops shortly after Moonrise Mike was hauled off, Rocky Stone was slammed to the ground and taken to jail on a number of old warrants that the activist had thought were settled. One of them: "misusing city property" for posting a "Save Grey Whale Ranch" flyer outside Rainbow Records back in February when the Homeless Table had its home near there. Mike reports that Rocky was holding his left shoulder in pain and had cuts over his right eye on entering the holding cell.

Judge Atack agreed to release the prisoner, but became angry later at laughter in the courtroom from Loudmouth Leith, who was watching proceedings from the front row with a savage eye. Atack had demanded of Omar the Magnificent, a sometime street activist in custody whether he was concealing any felonies, and to Leith's unconcealed amusement, demanded of Loudmouth whether he wanted to join Omar in the pretty orange jail jumpsuit that the county provides for its prisoners. Leith explained that he found the judge's questioning of Omar prejudicial, but preferred not to go to jail at this time.

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### On the street

Should the owners of buildings that collapsed in the quake be held responsible for people injured?  
Asked in downtown Santa Cruz



**Maggie Raymond**  
Hospital admitting clerk, Santa Cruz  
No, I think that it was unavoidable — an act of God. I think that if they knew they were unsafe, then it's another question. They (victims) should get assistance from government agencies. They shouldn't hold the store owners responsible.



**Jennifer Davis**  
Student, Santa Cruz  
No, I don't think so at all. It was so out of the owners' control. It's not like they intended to hurt someone.



**Laurel Klatt**  
Expression facilitator, Santa Cruz  
I think that the people who said the building is safe to be in and have businesses there in the first place should be held responsible. The owners should have been aware of it.



**Daniel English**  
Self-employed painter, Scotts Valley  
I wouldn't hold them accountable. I probably live in a building that is substandard. I probably wouldn't let anyone on the property or rent a room if I could be held accountable.



**Victoria Sulski**  
Artist, Santa Cruz  
They should be partially responsible. Five years ago there was an effort to retrofit the buildings. The only problem was the cost. It was extremely expensive. If it was required, there wouldn't have been any businesses on the mall. They have to be responsible along with the city. It should be shared.

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**Tenderloin**  
STREET SCENE: There an interesting scene on the corner of Ellis and Larkin streets Tuesday as a down-on-his-luck panhandler tried his best lines out on the heed-eyed yuppies making their way to a chic local eatery.  
He was having little luck until in a flash of inspiration, he hit the BMW and Brooks Brothers store where they live.  
"Remember," the down-and-outter said, "statistics show that most of you are just two paycheek away from doing what I'm doing." At last count the panhandler had collected about \$11 from passers-by and was considering lunch at a place within his elevated price bracket.

.....Last Minute Save for Scribner?...Loyalist determination may have won the day--and possibly the night as well--for those determined to keep Scribner Park open to citizens of all classes and incomes. Friday afternoon (Dec. 1) Councilmember Catherine Beiers informed us that her calls to the Mayor, Parks & Rec, and others of the Gang of 7 (City Council) had forced a rollback in the Garage Grill's *lebensraum* plans. Don Lane confirmed at presstime--Monday evening--that the great hulky private barbeque had been moved out of the park and the Garage Grill owners instructed to stop "relandscaping" the area until Gang of 7 formally approves. Lane was asked to contact Jim "Liberticide" Lang of City Parks and Rec to secure the return of the Scribner bench, carted off by city employees. Liberticide's past triumphs over the homeless include ousting them from city parks, denying them an hour a week of free showers at Harvey West park, and personally intervening a year ago as acting City Manager to intimidate homeless food servers at the Town Clock. Parks and Rec, under Lang, was directly responsible for the removal of benches on the mall outside of Bookshop Santa Cruz and Gottschaulks. But this time the bezonian<sup>2</sup> bureaucrat may be denied a victory in his on-going transient-trashing campaign. Keep your eyes on Scribner Park--sometimes the voice of the people has its impact.

Jailtime Judith and No-Nonsense  
Norman burn their sleeping tickets  
at the Town Clock Sleep-In

END LATE FLASHES

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## Ex-tenants sue Cooper House owner

By GUY LASNIER  
Sentinel staff writer

SANTA CRUZ — Former tenants of the Cooper House have filed suit against the building's owner, charging he was responsible for the loss of their property when the Santa Cruz landmark was demolished.

The case filed in Santa Cruz County Superior Court is the first lawsuit stemming from the Oct. 17 earthquake.

Gary Keeley, owner of The Crepe Place, and three other tenants charged that Jay Paul, the Los Gatos developer who bought the Cooper House in 1988, was negligent when he agreed to the demolition of the former county courthouse.

The building, built in 1896, was severely damaged during the quake. The city red-tagged it and ordered its demolition under emergency rules. Demolition began Oct. 28.

Keeley, Louis Swisher, owner of Crystal Kaleidoscope; A.C. Smith, of Bento Bak restaurant; and James Ogle, of Ogle's Gallery; and Jimmy's, said they were not consulted about the pending demolition and that inventory, equipment and leasehold improvements were unnecessarily lost.

The plaintiffs charge that Paul moved ahead with the demolition to take advantage of funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Swisher was able to salvage a small amount of his inventory from the rubble. He has opened for busi-

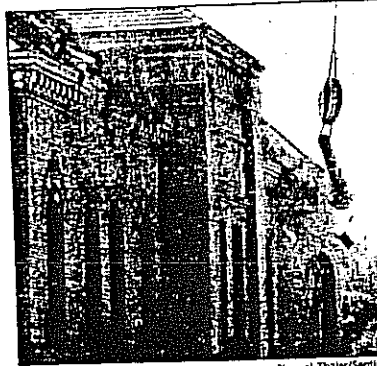
The ex-tenants charge that Cooper House owner Jay Paul moved ahead with the demolition to take advantage of funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

ness in one of the downtown pavilions with new inventory.

Smith will open his sushi restaurant in another pavilion soon.

Keeley is "the hard-luck story of 1989," said Irwin Joseph, the Santa Cruz attorney representing the plaintiffs. Keeley spent about \$200,000 to reopen in the Cooper House last May after a landslide a year ago closed his restaurant on North Pacific Avenue.

The suit asks for damages but specifies no amount. "There are rock-solid damages," Joseph said. "This is not a lawsuit based on emotion. It is based on duties and obligations of the landlord that were breached," he said.



Samuel Thaler/Sentinel

The landmark Cooper House fell last month.

Joseph said he was serving the suit this week.

Paul spent several hundred thousand dollars converting the second floor of the building into offices. He had planned to move in this fall.



<sup>2</sup> bezonian (pr. bee-ZOH-nee-an). Archaic term for an unscrupulous person. Lang's actions are those of a deceptive bureaucrat who covers all his anti-homeless decisions by claiming them to be the natural result of "reasonable" liberal categories. Showers, sleeping, basic human needs and rights, are not "within his department's jurisdiction." Sweet words and liberal excuses conceal a reactionary agenda. Lang's actions can be called unscrupulous in that they demonstrate a fundamental absence of comprehension and compassion for the needs of transients and homeless. A liberticide is one who prefers to annihilate liberty, in this case, the rights of the unsightly street people to assemble, to sit, to bathe, ultimately to be in Santa Cruz without a middle-class income.

FROSTY NIGHT NIPS AT DEMO NUMBERS;

SLEEPING BAN VIGIL MOVES TOWARDS FOURTH WEEK

A large gathering of nearly one hundred tie-dyed and tattered foes of the city's Sleeping Ban shared food and music at the Town Clock Monday night (Nov. 27). From as far away as Washington D.C. came a burly smiling activist, who answered to the name Lover-of-Horses. LOH noted he'd already encountered police sleepstranglers a week before at the massive Sleep-Out that followed the Clock Starting ceremony. While he was trying to catch twenty winks in his van, they knocked at his door again several days ago and politely asked him if he knew that it was illegal to dream at night "outside a domicile" in Santa Cruz. LOH as politely responded that he did indeed, and had driven across the country specifically to come to Santa Cruz, go to sleep, and go to jail.

LOH was previously involved in a month-long demo at the Ellipse, 200 yards South of the White House, where he urged a universal homestead act, a debt amnesty, and a new Continental Congress to oust the entire Congress of insulated incumbents. The persistent protester headed West in response to a brochure distributed by Linda the Lark urging "Come Out of Hibernation and Sleep with the Homeless in Santa Cruz this Winter!" With LOH's hole card exposed, police wakeup artists folded the hand and bid him goodnight, leaving their East Coast visitor at liberty to return to his criminal pursuits.

Some came and went. Visiting dignitaries Metsiah<sup>3</sup> Mark Levy, songster and satirist; Andrew Morin, Satellite Shelter boss; and Bathrobespierre Robert, *Street Shit Sheet* scandalmonger; had all retired to their warm beds far from the frosty Town clock by 1 AM. Jailtime Judith, doing double duty as homeless den mother at the Lost Charlies restaurant sanctuary and as protest organizer at the Town Clock demonstration, was also exhausted and asleep in bed at home when the smalltown stormtroopers arrived after 3 AM.

Others were not so lucky. Jabberwocky Jay faithfully kept watch, took yet another ticket, and reported that a total of 7 got bitten by the ticket-wielding sleep eaters. One man was arrested on an old Sleeping warrant and another for giving "false information." (Frequently homeless and transients give false names in order to avoid the three trips to the courthouse needed to challenge the \$138 citation; the SleepSlayer Juggernaut then issues an arrest warrant which snatches wanderers from other counties and returns them--at taxpayer expense--to the local lock-up.

One paddy wagon, one van, one squad car, and six armed with unjust authority and lethal force descended on the group and were able to deal with the slumber threat to public safety. Participants declared their determination to fight in ~~CAHPE~~ ~~FAP~~ ~~the~~ ~~fight~~ ~~to~~ ~~peel~~.

**/Committee on homelessness**

The Cabrillo Homeless Project and the UCSC Student Alliance with the Homeless have joined forces to draw attention to the needs of the homeless in Santa Cruz County.

A meeting of the new organization, which is seeking support from the community, will be held tomorrow from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Cabrillo College Fireside Lounge, in the campus's 900 building. For more information, call Arlyn Texeira, of the Cabrillo Homeless Project, at 475-9229, or Brandon Morgan, of the UCSC Student Alliance with the Homeless, at 427-1035. Register Pajaronian 11/29

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FIRST FEMA TRAILERS ARRIVE. The first trailers for homeless quake victims began arriving Thursday at the Crestview site behind the courthouse on Freedom Boulevard. At the same time, FEMA officials began working their way through the stacks of applications for the free, temporary housing. It is expected that people will start moving in next week.

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MONTEREY COUNTY OKS TRAILER SITE. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved the use of two acres owned by Southern Pacific in Pajaro for FEMA trailers for people displaced by the quake. The decision allows 24 trailers to be placed on the Salinas Road parcel.

<sup>3</sup> Metsiah (pronounced "met-SEE-yeh") A bargain. A great discovery. A deal. As in "Life is the greatest metsiah--you get it for nothing."

UPDATES UPDATES UPDATES UPDATES UPDATES

.....Slight Correction to that Police Abuse Hotline number from the man we call "Squaredeal" Santos (our moniker for him, not his). Santos is still up to help folks wanting to turn in police complaints. Give a call to Bathrobespierre Robert at 458-9648, and he'll get you in touch with Santos. The number listed in Street Sheet #63 is not yet operational.

There are others to contact if you've got reports to make --and we urge you to make 'em if bad things have happened to you-- Check out Moonrise Mike at the Homeless Table near the Post Office or Jailtime Judith at the Lost Charlies Sanctuary (314 Front St.) 11 PM -6:30 AM. We've got the forms and the typewriter if you've got the time and the determination.

.....Sleeping Vigil Shivers On! Moonrise Mike and Analeptic\* Anthony continue to make Pacific and Water Sts. their homeless home. Speaking before the Gang of 7 (City Council) for the first time last Tuesday, Moonshine declared that the outdoor vigil 24-hours-a-day right next to the main post office, would continue until the City does something about its "arrest the outsiders" decrees. Bathrobespierre Robert and Kim the Sparrow also urged the Gang to moderate its Special Treatment for Homeless Sleepers, but the only response of the "progressive" powwow was silence.

.....Satellite Shelter Good News for Most; Cold Comfort for a Few. Last Wednesday night at the Satellite Shelter Program (now moved to Calamity's Cupboard back of the River St. mini-Shelter) one generous soul had to volunteer to stay behind because of insufficient church floor space after waiting a frosty and dark two hours. Those with no sleeping bags were taken first, then those with bags, leaving only the Last Volunteer to vanish into the night. As caustic observer C.M. Berger quipped, "People who are asked to 'volunteer' to stay behind are essentially being asked 'Who wants to volunteer to get a sleeping ticket, a fine, or jail?' Instead of opening up the River St. mini-Shelter property to overnight camping--at least, for those unable to get into the Interfaith Satellite program, the city government has consigned the overflow to frosty weather and Sleeping Ban harassment. Say--what a way to make sure that Santa Cruz doesn't become a "magnet" for "undesireables!" Smart thinking, Gang of 7!

.....Lost Charlies Cha-Cha-Cha. The good news: Berkeley Farms and the Salvation Army are now backing Jailtime Judith's Breakfast-for-Bums with daily donations to provide the only morning meal for the homeless in Santa Cruz. (314 Front St., 6:30 AM every day). Also on the upside--no further police intrusions at the nocturnal nesting spot for homeless locals since Dexterous Don was dragged off to jail for 1/2 a beer a week ago.

The bad news: Faithful Fred P., executive director of the Children's Rights Group leasing Lost Charly's, got pressure from the owner to "clear up complaints." When Fred investigated, he found

\* Analeptic, we remind you, is pronounced "Ann-ah-LEPT-ic" and means "restoring strength." We don't know where he gets it or how long it's gonna last, but Anthony's been braving the concrete and the cold for night after night out there with Moonrise. When he's not skateboarding or threatening to move South for the winter, that is.

MAYBE if NOT all of those coming from the theatre next door. Another business owner privately told Fred that he'd been contacted by the police and encouraged to file a complaint, even a lawsuit. Accordingly, Fred contacted police chief Bassett to get the specifics on what the complaints are and what the chief wanted.

On asking Bassett to cite specific ordinances that the restaurant was violating, the head flatfoot mentioned vague complaints and general laws on alcohol and panhandling. Fred then sought assurances from the town's Head Gun. He asked that Bassett's armed sleepbusters stay off the property when the cafe was closed unless they were invited, had a warrant, or probable cause to believe that a crime was being committed. Bashful Bassett hung up on Fred and contacted the owner straightaway. The owner then demanded Fred cough up \$1500 in rent the next day or vacate forthwith. Ever the diplomat, Fred was still working with the owner at presstime. Nice policework, Jack; but isn't it time to substitute professionalism and progressivism for the current calvalcade of senseless harassment and personal power-tripping?

.....Restaurant Roundalay. Had any troubles getting service in the local Dennys, Winchell's, Emeline St...or anywhere, for that matter. Several weeks ago, we received a report some Winchell's staff were directing homeless people to get their coffee elsewhere and refusing to sell to some of us. Leave reports of such discrimination (which is illegal under state law--if anyone would ever bother to prosecute or sue) at the Homeless Table. Sympathizers may investigate and spread the word about places that choose to treat transients like blacks in the old South.

Meanrise Mike...

All-time sleep champ!



### Carmel north?

To the editor:

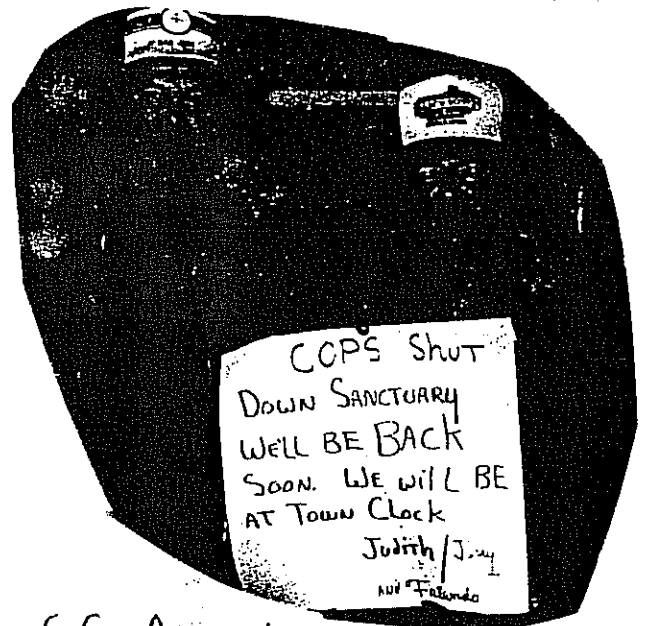
Santa Cruz city authorities are undertaking massive changes in the character of the downtown area (previously the Pacific Garden Mall and Scope Park) without public debate or even city council vote. Scope (or Scribner) Park, the target of a landgrab by the Garage Grill earlier this year, was protected for public use (particularly by the poor and homeless) last summer. Then, the S.C. City Council voted *not* to lease the park for \$1 to the Grill as a privatized fenced-in area, but rather to return the proposal to committee for further review over the objections of Councilman John Laird.

Also on the "sweep out the street people" agenda was a "Mall Renovation" pilot project by Mayor Wormhoudt's Focus Downtown development group, costing \$100,000. The costly plan sought to remove benches, tear out "view-obstructing" trees, substitute spiked planters for the current brick ones that folks sit on, and tear out the grassy knoll in front of World Savings Bank in favor of a patio with white tables for paying customers.

Now, under the cover of "earthquake demolition," this "renovation" plan, the unnecessary destruction of what seems like dozens of trees along the mall, and the Scope Park privatization have been undertaken by decree. What kind of "progressive" policy have we here? It shows contempt for the environment, for the street community, and for the democratic process. Continuing city police harassment of homeless under the Santa Cruz 11 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Sleeping Ban is the backdrop of these undemocratically-implemented plans to turn Santa Cruz into Carmel North.

ROBERT NORSE  
Santa Cruz 0128/84

Register - Prisoner



S.C. Armory is closed!

## Armory closing delayed

Earthquake-displaced residents who were to have vacated the National Guard Armory today will be allowed to remain at the shelter until they are relocated into government-owned trailers, American Red Cross officials announced today.

"In fact, there is no deadline," said Red Cross spokesman Dallas Pierson. "What we'll do is keep it open a little longer."

In cooperation with the city of Watsonville and the National Guard, Red Cross officials decided it was in the residents' best interest to let them stay at the Airport Boulevard shelter through the trailer-site preparations stages. The Crestview area property where the Federal Emergency Management Agency's first trailers will be placed is expected to be ready next week.

Currently, 60 people are living

at the armory, which Red Cross officials last month said would be needed by the National Guard after Dec. 1. Pierson said the National Guard has made other arrangements for continuing their exercises.

In a vocal demonstration, armory residents two weeks ago resisted efforts to move them to the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, where the Red Cross had hoped to consolidate all its shelters. The Red Cross, which cut off armory site services for a couple of days, gave in to residents' wishes not to be uprooted from their close-knit living arrangement and be moved in with strangers. Currently, 200 people are living at the fairgrounds, where separate sleeping quarters for single men and families have been set up across from the Harvest Building, which serves as the dining and recreation area.



GARAGE GRILL SAGA CONTINUES: SCRIBNER PARK OR BURGERS-FOR-BUCKS?  
UNKNOWN GRAFFITI MASTER DEFIES POLICE, GREASE PALACE PROFITEERS

John, one of the owners of the Garage Grill confirmed last week that Scribner Park had been leased to his restaurant last spring by unanimous City Council (Gang of 7) vote. Homeless workers hired by John were already painting his large waist-high planters a dark ugly green to serve in blocking off 1/3 of the park as a private outdoor restaurant area. John explained that liquor laws required the confiscated area to be available only through the Grill (and thus only to paying customers). He noted that the remainder of the Park was now the Grill's responsibility, that the Grill was liable for any insurance claims there, and that how public the park was to remain was a matter still to be determined. City Parks and Rec, not the Garage Grill management, John said, had removed the park bench and trash cans previously there.

Police seemed determined to clear the area in anticipation of yuppie clientele. At dusk Tuesday (Nov 27), a day after John informed Robespierre Robert that the area was now private property, police roused oldtimers from the Park at dusk, claiming it was under Parks-and-Rec night curfew regulations. Several days before, the police had assured an interested inquirer that the Park was private property. And on Wednesday, Hobohunter Hennig was hard at work, checking IDs and conferring with Garage Grill personnel to divide the pre-Grill homeless citizens from the post-Grill homeless workers.

On Thursday morning, Kim the Sparrow was putting flowers and clothes on Scribner's statue when she was surrounded by police. Bubbah Brian and Roborant<sup>3</sup> Rowdy witnessed the diminutive but sharp-tongued street urchin dispute the legitimacy of the police concern, the need for 4-6 officers and 20-45 minutes of ID checks. Officer Bastinado<sup>4</sup> Bailey reportedly responded by physically backed Kim into a corner, verbally abused her with obscenities like "asshole," and finally hauling her off on a year-old Sleeping ticket. Kim also received a "dog off the leash" citation for her 8-week-old puppy. When legal observer Bubbah asked if abuse and assault were standard police practice, he was sternly directed not to "interfere." Kim is due in court Dec. 20 8:30 AM for arraignment.

Users of the Park, however, were quite determined to maintain the public character of the area. Roborant Rowdy expressed strong opinions on the status of the Park: Tom Scribner, the labor agitator whose statue gives the Park its name, would have turned over in his grave to see the current landgrab.

Apparently Scribner's kindred spirits were already hard at work. On at least four separate occasions, large black letters spelling out "Give Back the Park; Impeach City Council" and other cries for justice appeared on the back wall of the park. As quickly

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<sup>3</sup> Roborant (pr. RAH-bo-rant) A refreshing, stimulating medicine or physical agent.

<sup>4</sup> Bastinado (pr. bas-tih-NAY-doh) An Oriental form of punishment (also used in El Salvador) consisting of blows with a stick on the soles of the feet or on the buttocks.

We do not suggest Bailey is a master of brutal cruelty, but that here he inflicted inappropriate curbside punishment in a provocative and sadistic manner.

as the Grill-hired painter sought to 'erase the verdict of the street by whitening out the words, the night wind and some rogue wallwriter brought the message back again--clear and stark in the morning light. How many coats would it take till they learn that too many truths have been "whited out?" There are some truths, it seems, that can not be erased, effaced, or ignored.

(See Late Flashes, p. 1, for the most recent update on the Park.)

POETRY IN THE DARK

(Misty is a native Santa Cruzan, recently returned, who presented us with this bit of beauty at the late November Sleep-In at the Town Clock, some hours before 11 were arrested in protest against the Seeping Ban.)

A Distant Thought

A distant night  
bird marks the sun  
I rise as I have always done  
to freshly scented sycamores  
and cold bare feet on hardwood floors

My steaming coffee warms my face  
I'm disappointed in the taste  
but there's a peace the early brings  
the morning world of living things.

So I will drink my coffee  
and watch my shadows grow  
and fade away in far light  
and sleep alone again tonight.

**First trailers  
or displaced  
amilies arrive**

HELA ZABIN

As the first trailers began arriving at the temporary Crestview trailer site yesterday afternoon, FEMA workers reported that they are working their way through the stacks of applications for housing aid from people staying at Callaghan Park and the Red Cross shelters at the National Guard Armory and the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds.

Santa Cruz County Supervisor Sherry Mehl said she met with U.S. Rep. Leon Panetta, Watsonville Mayor Betty Murphy, State Sen. Henry Mello, Assemblyman Sam Farr and representatives from FEMA, the Red Cross, Caltrans, the State Housing and Community Development and others to talk about how the emergency housing process is going. The group has been meeting regularly to make sure people staying in the shelters and at the tent city find housing.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon, Mehl said that FEMA has determined that while many of the people are eligible for housing assistance, many haven't yet applied.

Some 40 people at the fairgrounds are in that category, she said. Five who are staying at the armory and seven at Callaghan have also not applied.

Mehl said that the group has assumed that those who haven't applied are simply afraid, for one reason or another, to step forward and ask for help. She said FEMA has been working with people at Callaghan Park and will also be sending people from local agencies who might be better known in the community to talk with those in the shelters. Out-

One of the common problems is that not all the adults living together in a group situation can produce rent receipts, she said. Even producing other proof of residency, such as mail sent to the old address is difficult for some, especially those who aren't able to get back in their homes.

Some of the people staying at the fairgrounds shelter aren't eligible for FEMA aid because they were homeless before the earthquake, said Mehl.

People living in tents who have been found eligible will be given first priority to get into the trailers once they're set up, she said. Two trailers were brought in yesterday afternoon for tests, she said, adding that people may be able to move in as early as Monday or Tuesday.

reach is also planned to a group of people who are staying in an unauthorized group of tents at the fairgrounds and to people who are staying in their neighborhoods.

Others who have applied have been found ineligible, she said.

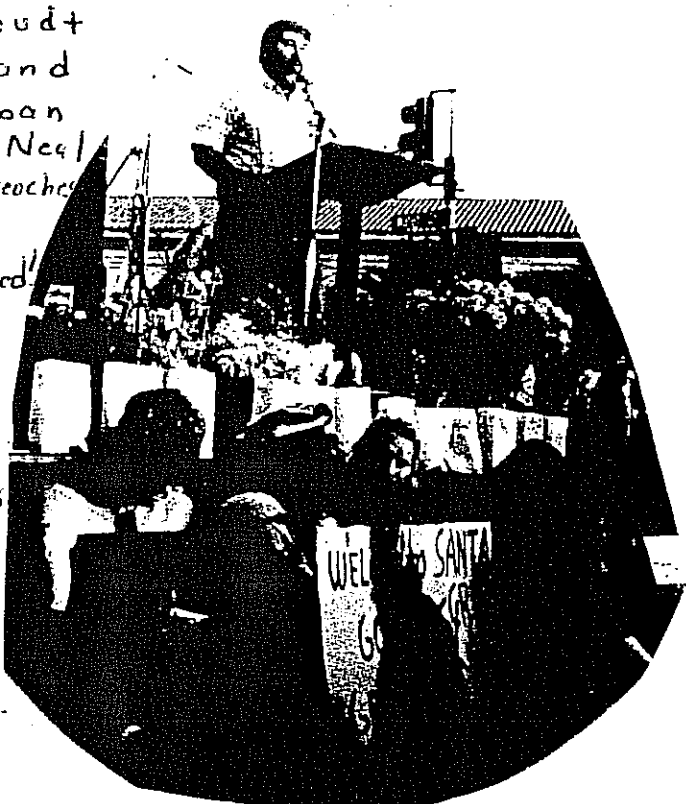
Two at Callaghan have been determined to be ineligible, so far, she said. In both cases, however, the applicants put the address they plan to move to on their applications, rather than their old address.

She said FEMA will be going back over all the applicants from shelter residents that it has found ineligible.

"There's still some sticking points in terms of eligibility," said Mehl. The group is working with FEMA on changing some of those, which have to do with the numbers of people living together, especially those who are

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# Hispanic Prospects Unsettled in Historic Watsonville Election

By Bill Hafferty and John Wildermuth  
Chronicle Peninsula Bureau

Watsonville  
A power struggle by Hispanic voters that reached the U.S. Supreme Court last March will culminate Tuesday in an election that will reshape the political landscape of earthquake-torn Watsonville.

In August, a federal judge ordered the city to elect its council members by district, the result of a Supreme Court ruling in a 1985 suit charging that Watsonville's at-large system of council elections discriminated against Hispanics.

Although Hispanics accounted for almost half of the city's population in the 1980 census, no Hispanic had ever been elected to the council until Tony Campos, a wealthy real estate broker, won a seat in 1987.

There will be Hispanic candidates in five of the seven districts Tuesday, and under normal circumstances, at least two of them would be heavily favored.

However, nothing in Watsonville has been normal since the earthquake on October 17.

"It's going to be a very close race now," said Robert Chacanaca, a candidate in one of the districts not tailor-made for a Hispanic candidate. "If the election had happened before the quake, the results would have been easier to predict."

The new districts originally were drawn to provide the city's Hispanic voters with two "safe" seats, areas where the Hispanic population approached 80 percent. Both those districts were around the downtown area that was hardest hit by the quake, said Joaquin Avila, a Fremont lawyer who was the principal attorney in the 1985 lawsuit.

**Residents Displaced**  
Many of those residents were displaced by the disaster, to shelters outside the city or even to Mexico, where they moved in with friends or relatives. When the November 7 election was postponed until December, after the end of the strawberry harvest, it meant other eligible voters were gone, following the crops.

With voters more concerned about earthquake recovery than about local politics, Tuesday's turnout is likely to be low, said City Clerk Lorraine Washington.

"Before the quake, I expected about a 50 percent turnout," she said.

## Two murdered; cases unrelated

By JAMIE MARKS and JOHN ROBINSON  
Sentinel staff writers

**SANTA CRUZ** — A transient was knifed to death on Seabright Avenue late Wednesday night and in Watsonville the body of a murdered Latino man was found dumped near a labor camp Thursday afternoon.

The murders are not related, police say, and investigators are searching for leads in the cases.

Santa Cruz Police Lt. Jeff Locke said that the Santa Cruz victim was stabbed around 11:50 p.m. Wednesday on Seabright Avenue near Gault Street.

The crime was reported by a Seabright resident who found the man staggering down the street. Locke said the resident asked the victim if he needed help and the victim yelled that he was all right and to leave him alone. When the resident looked out a short time

# Affordable housing Plenty of ideas; no definite plans

By CHELA ZABIN  
STAFF WRITER

Federal, state and local officials, land developers, representatives of housing agencies and other community members met yesterday at Watsonville City Hall to talk about long-term housing needs at a meeting called by State Sen. Henry Mello.

No plans were laid, but there were plenty of suggestions about possible sources of money and ways to set up affordable housing.

Interim housing is well on the way to being set up, said Mello, opening the meeting. The Crestview trailer site should open next week, families have moved into the Buena Vista migrant labor camp, work has begun on the St. Francis School site and the Southern Pacific site in Pajaro for trailers, and progress is being made at the Fairgrounds site, he said.

But, "if we don't move quickly (on permanent housing), in 18 months, we will exhaust what we have," Mello said.

Dan Pennington, regional director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development, quickly outlined several housing assistance programs that are available to earthquake victims.

Among them are \$2 million dollars in loans for owners-occupants, \$2 million in loans for owners of rental properties (with incentives for keeping rent at affordable levels), a \$5 million grant program for shelters and \$1.5 million for the Farmworker Housing Grant Program. There are also urban and rural "predevelopment" loan programs.

Pennington said HUD representatives would meet with local officials and agencies to work out how to make the funds available. There is no income limit for eligibility on the owner-occupant or rental-property loans, but applicants must demonstrate that they were unable to receive sufficient assistance elsewhere, and must have first attempted to get aid from FEMA.

He urged anyone who might want to apply for the loan programs to apply for FEMA help first before the Dec. 15 deadline.

Other funds for a variety of housing programs are available as a result of propositions 77 and 81 passed by the voters last year, said Krist Lane, consultant with the State Senate Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

Fred Nowtware, from the California Housing Finance Agency, spoke briefly about his agency, which provides below-market interest rate financing for the development of affordable housing. Two main types of housing can be built under the program, which is financed through the sale of tax-exempt revenue bonds: single-family (owner-occupied), and multi-family residential.

Watsonville-area Supervisor Sherry Mello said the county would need to work out long-standing zoning and planning problems in order to deal with the housing problem. County planners were in the middle of reworking the permit process when the earthquake hit, she said. She asked Mello for some help with consultants and planners.

## Two murdered; cases unrelated

garding the killing is asked to call Santa Cruz Police detectives at 425-3726.

In Watsonville, Sheriff's deputies are investigating the apparent murder of a Latino man whose body was found about noon Thursday in a clump of bushes along the Pajaro River near Murphy's Crossing Labor Camp.

The victim had a bloody face and his body appeared to have been dragged from a car, according to Sheriff's Deputy Jim Johnson.

The body was discovered when a passerby stopped to relieve himself in the bushes. Detectives said the body had been there for at least 12 hours.

The man who found the body called deputies from the labor camp.

A camp resident, Daniel Ayala, also reported seeing the body.

"He looked like he was about 35 years old. He had a real bloody face and looked like he was shot in the head," said Ayala.

Robert DeMonte, regional administrator for HUD, said there may be more Section 8 vouchers available for Santa Cruz County, and that his agency was awaiting word on another more long-term rental subsidy program.

But DeMonte also said the only way for affordable housing to increase in the Monterey Bay area is through increasing the housing supply, which, he said, was up to the local agencies to do by loosening restrictions and in some cases by obtaining land themselves. He also said the housing problems are "really a poverty issue," which will take considerable state and federal funding to deal with.

Andy Schiffrin, aide to Santa Cruz County Supervisor Gary Patton, said increasing the housing stock isn't a solution to the shortage of housing for the poor.

"Simply increasing the supply will just bring in the wrong people," he said. "It just isn't do it."

Watsonville Mayor Betty Murphy said Watsonville has already made use of many of the programs mentioned at the meeting, but the cost of land in the area is so great that it becomes extremely difficult to build housing for the poor.

Since Mello had been asking each of the local officials what he could do to help the situation, Murphy jokingly asked him if there was any way he could pass a law to bring down the price of land.

Ed Moncriel, executive director of Community Housing Improvement System Planning Association, and Pacific Grove Councilwoman Susan Whitman, who is president of the Affordable Housing Corporation of Monterey County, talked about the need for public and private agencies to work together to build affordable housing.

Whitman said her agency, which is primarily interested in rehabilitating existing housing, will be concentrating its efforts in North Monterey County. Moncriel said his agency has focused on farmworker housing and offered his expertise on working with various funding agencies.

Developers Jess Rodriguez and J. Lehr, the developer of the Landmark property in Watsonville, also talked about various projects they have planned, which include affordable housing units. Both expressed interest in working with agencies that could help fund housing for the poor. Lehr said it was possible some units could be available on the Landmark Property by next fall.

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**TRAFFIC PROPOSALS FOR MOSS LANDING.** Several ideas are being considered to alleviate traffic congestion along Highway 1 in Moss Landing, but they are still far from actually.

Installation of acceleration and deceleration lanes are the most likely improvements, along with a two-way left-turn lane in the center of the highway. But both projects have not yet reached the official proposal stage, which they may do early next year, and then they must compete for funding with projects statewide.

**COUNCIL MEETS FOR LAST TIME.** The current Watsonville City Council met for the last time Tuesday night. An emotional Mayor Betty Murphy praised her colleagues and the city staff for their hard work following the earthquake. A new council will be elected Tuesday, in the city's first district elections after the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund lawsuit that dismantled the at-large voting system.

**RENT-FREEZE DEBATE.** Watsonville City Council decided to form an advisory committee to hear complaints about rent-gouging in the wake of the Oct. 17 earthquake.

The council's decision came after a long public session, during which half the speakers predicted abuses if a rent freeze is not put in place and the other half said the opposite. A one-year rent freeze had been proposed two weeks ago by a council committee; the proposal was later withdrawn.

**COTTAGE INDUSTRIES HURT BY QUAKE, TOO.** The Oct. 17 earthquake devastated not only the downtowns of Watsonville and Santa Cruz, but also hurt the businesses of hand-crafters who work at home and depend on holiday sales for their profits. Many holiday crafts fairs have been canceled or moved, and crafters find themselves with storerooms full of inventory and supplies.

"It will take us a long time to get out of this," she said. "It's going to take a great deal of leadership."

Deadline for FEMA applications is Dec. 18. Applicants for disaster assistance can also be made over the telephone, by calling 800-525-0321. For information on the HUD earthquake assistance housing programs, call 800-525-5478.

And 100% for Beach Flats? Let the St. George residents have access to their belongings!

**Emergency housing law needs clarity**

**T**HE CITY COUNCIL has passed an emergency ordinance relating to demolition and conversion of residential hotels, the application of which is uncertain in the aftermath of a natural disaster like the Oct. 17 earthquake.

A clarification of what that law means to structure like the St. George Hotel is in order lest Santa Cruz live with some unoccupied "white elephants" for many years while the housing crisis worsens.

Housing is a precious commodity in San Cruz, and one of the duties related to health and safety of a city is for the governing body to preserve and plan for an adequate amount of it in a community.

There are ordinances within the city books which require that 50 percent of placement housing be built when previous housing is lost because an owner converts to another use. And, there are exclusions from that law for buildings brought down health and safety reasons.

That's all well and good, but it's also uncertain how those laws and the emergency ordinance unanimously approved Tuesday will apply when the conversion/demolition comes up because of a natural disaster, "act of God," if you will.

The first of the "whereas" clauses in emergency ordinances says the law is necessary "to prevent premature conversion of the remaining multiple single room occupancies dwellings within the city."

The cause is clear but its applicator something like the St. George Hotel is fit under current circumstances. The worst scenario will be if that facility isn't deemed unsafe, the owner refuses to put up an estimated \$4 million to make it habitable, leaving in a vacant building and no replacement housing being built.

Friday, Dec. 1, 1989

Why only 50% re-placement housing for the downtown?

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Pursue murderers Not sleepers!

COURTROOM CAROUSEL

.....Three Cases Dismissed in Five Minutes!! Commissioner Watt's Courtroom G was loaded with 'camping' cases Friday (Dec. 1), but no complaining cops. Jailtime Judith, Bubbah Brian, Silent Stephanie, all had their cases dismissed "for insufficient evidence" when the ticketing trollbuster failed to show. Good news for the three sleepseekers, a good trend in Watts' court, and good judgment on the part of the police department. Except...if the cops don't intend to show up to prosecute these cases (in infractions like these, the complaining officer serves as the public prosecutor), isn't issuing tickets and forcing sleeping demonstrators to go to court three times a form of harassment? Is the Pope Catholic? Is sleeping outdoors a crime in Santa Cruz?

.....Javeljabber? Jack to Joust Loudmouth Leith! Skeptics scoffed at the notion that Police Pontiff Jack Bassett would actually take his misdemeanor panhandling charge against Leith, aka Rainbow-Lite, Berkeley's bete noire past a preliminary hearing. After all, Leith had already been rushed to jail without a chance to sign a ticket for bumming a cigarette from the Chief and loosing his dreaded curse--"Die Yuppie Scum." The D.A. and Judge Kelly both wanted the charge quietly dropped, but sitting in the back of courtroom C, his power to punish not be denied, Javeljabber refused to allow the court to quietly bury this ridiculous charge. In response, Leith demanded a jury trial and a public defender, and announced he would seek council with courtroom crusader, Grinning Ray Grueneich. Preliminary legal skirmishing will begin Jan . XXXXXX

.....Another Case from the Files of the PreQuake Homeless s Harassment: Police had moved to clear the public area around the Veteran's Monument area at the top of the mall of "undesireables" back in September in a series of harassment/ticketing blitzes. This smoke-and-mirrors shananagan, unreasonable, unconstitutional, and unconscionable, evaporated in Kelly's Courtroom C Friday (Dec. 1) when charges were dismissed. "No Guns" Radici, a white-clad peace activist, was one of the planners of the Celebration of Life that drew 1000 to the Mall one early Sunday evening some weeks back in a candelit circle-the-mall celebration, whose flower memorial was later vandalized by police.

They're Staying

Watsonville Latinos left homeless by last month's earthquake are still camping in Callaghan Park's makeshift tent city. Despite city requests for campers to relocate to Red Cross shelters, most Latinos have resolved to stay in the park until adequate

housing is available. For many Latinos, the tent city has become a political symbol of their self-determination.

Latinos cite the shelters' lack of privacy and their distance from their children's school as reasons for staying in the park. "We prefer to stay here," said Virginia Romero, one of approximately 150 low-income Latinos camping in the park. "We don't want to leave [the park] and be moved around from shelter to shelter," she said.

long term solution.

"There is an understanding between the campers and the city," said Councilmember Dennis Osmer, who is in frequent contact with the campers. "We will not use force to get them to leave," he said, "but beyond supplying basic provisions [bathrooms, garbage service and security] we will not support them."

Boulevard is ready. No date has been given for the site's completion.

Alvarado is frustrated by the delays. "We're still waiting for the trailers. I heard 'two weeks,' three weeks ago," he said. "We're back to square one... we're in the same situation as we were right after the quake."

City representatives said that the tent city's poor sanitation and lack of running water pose health and safety hazards to the campers. They fear that the coming rains will only make the situation worse. "Their children have been getting sick. Ten children

have already been brought to the emergency rooms with bronchial infections," said city spokesperson Lorraine Washington.

Alvarado said there have been fewer reports of illness at Callaghan Park than at the Red Cross shelters at Ramsey Park and the county fairgrounds. He noted that the Red Cross has not provided doctors or nurses to the tent community.

FEMA recently opened the Buena Vista Migrant Camp as an interim housing option. Several families have sought shelter there, but most of those in Callaghan Park do not consider the migrant camp to be a

*7 Javeljabber One who takes joy in jabbing at javels. A javel (JAH-vel) is an archaic term for a vagrant. Jack's police policies towards street people are illustrated by his persistent advice to City Council against changing the Sleeping Ban. In the summer of 1988, he successfully opposed Jane Yokoyama's proposal that people sleeping in their own vehicles be ticketed only upon complaint. The current Sleeping Ban allows for total police discretion and does not require any citizen complaint.*

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**AFFORDABLE HOUSING.** State Sen. Henry Mello met with local officials on several occasions this week to discuss long-term solutions to the area's housing crisis. No definite plans were laid, but various ideas emerged, including tapping a variety of state and federal programs that finance low-cost housing through the sale of bonds or subsidize rents for qualifying tenants.

How about same affordable housing in Santa Cruz and fewer sleeping tickets?

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**WATSONVILLE COUNCIL SETS UP HOUSING FUND.** The Watsonville City Council decided to set aside \$200,000 of its earthquake-relief fund for permanent low-cost housing. The city has already received \$515,000 in donations and expects \$350,000 more from the rock-concert benefit telethon held Sunday.

The rest of the money will be made available to city residents and business owners for home repairs, short-term utility payments, food, clothing and transportation. A committee will be formed to determine policy and oversee distribution of the money.

"No Guns" was singing peace songs while standing on the 4" high raised brick area around the monument when cops demanded she leave. She refused, refused to sign a "misusing public property" ticket, and was taken to jail in cuffs. Out two hours later, she returned again to continue her singing and this time was jailed for "disturbing the peace." Sandy "Slyshoes" Loranger, however, was ready to testify on her behalf as a witness, and nary an officer appeared to pursue the matter. Another victory, yes. But also another time-consuming bit of harassment.

'No Guns' on The Sleeping Ban!

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# UCSC offers space for FEMA trailers

By JOHN ROBINSON  
Sentinel staff writer

LIVE OAK — A temporary Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer park may be built on the UC Santa Cruz campus to house seniors displaced by the Oct. 17 earthquake, state Sen. Henry Mello said during a meeting at the Live Oak Senior Center Tuesday night.

It is the first such FEMA trailer park proposed for the north county.

According to Stephanie Hauk, special assistant to UCSC Chancellor Robert Stevens, the park would hold up to 100 trailers and house about 150 seniors. It would be located adjacent to High Street, between the arboretum and the Barn Theatre.

The site was chosen by FEMA officials after the city and county approached the university with the idea. Zoning and permit requirements have been worked out with the city, and the project needs only a final go-ahead by FEMA for work to start, Hauk said.

"We wanted to do our part and be socially responsible," Hauk said. "We are going to take the appropriate steps to ensure that the impact (on the campus and neighborhoods) is minimal."

Hauk stressed that the park will be for seniors only and not for families or workers. She said that if FEMA was to move other groups onto the campus, the uni-

versity might withdraw the offer.

Seniors were particularly hard hit by the earthquake, which destroyed and damaged several retirement hotels on the Pacific Garden Mall. An estimated 500 seniors were displaced in the quake, Mello said. Of those, up to 300 are in need of both temporary and permanent housing.

Most of those displaced lived in the St. George, Palomar and Casa Del Rey hotels.

The Casa Del Rey was razed last week and will not be rebuilt.

The owner of the St. George Hotel has applied for a FEMA demolition permit and meets federal requirements for demolition. The future of the building is undecided, however, as the city is fighting the demolition in an attempt to save the building.

The Palomar Hotel will be repaired, but the work will be costly and will take at least six to eight months. Once the Palomar is repaired, there is no guarantee that rents will remain low for seniors.

The loss of the hotel rentals has exacerbated a housing crisis for seniors and low-income tenants that existed before the quake.

In an attempt to find more seniors housing, a task force is also negotiating to lease the Garden Nursing Home on Ocean Street and another vacant mid-county nursing home for temporary seniors housing.

The main solution to the prob-

lem, however, will be the UCSC trailer park, Mello said.

Under FEMA guidelines, the 720-square foot trailers come furnished and rent free. The occupants pay for utilities and other services. The trailers are available for only 18 months, although Mello said the deadline is somewhat flexible.

The choice of who is given a trailer is up to FEMA, which meets with each applicant to determine the best option for their needs. Mello stressed that in order to be eligible for a trailer, seniors and other earthquake victims must be registered with FEMA.

A FEMA trailer park is currently under construction in the Corralitos area. The first shipment of 150 trailers should arrive at the Corralitos site this week, Mello said.

FEMA has up to 1,000 trailers available, although it is expected that the county will need less than 300.

While a temporary trailer park may ease the problem of displaced seniors in the near future, many in the audience were concerned with long-term housing for seniors.

Mello said that at least 300 new rooms for seniors will have to be constructed to make up for those destroyed. He said that such construction has to be done concurrently with the provision of temporary housing.

The sleep in is to BREAK The Camping Ban

one p'clock - police came informed individuals that they were in violation of law. there were 6 cop cars and 2 paddy wagons. 9 were arrested. Judith, Linda, and Ilef also 5 were rainbow people. Judith feels bad that the rainbow people were here more for the party and not for the people's needs. people who were really protesting were afraid the cops were pissed off so they came down harder on us the sleep-ing protesters, so rainbow folks got to be more conscious. "I want to treat people the way they treat me" (Judith) "I care about mards, as much as I do Linda, and if we can't communicate with people on intelligent and compassionate levels, how can we expect that in return. and I don't get into calling names - I hate the law, not the people. we want folks to come in - for a sleep in with the rainbows, cause they didn't make the confrontation, they are loving people, but the reason they were with us is not what we needed from them." (Judith)

### the protest

a brother planned the protest to happen while the mayor at his town clock, and asked some of us to support, and I agreed because he's always supported me, but I told him I was going to leave if he insulted the mayor or disrupted the ceremony while we do our protest quietly in front of the bandstand. you could tell there was a vapour with the rest of the crowd - and then when the mayor started to walk out, a brother passed word down that they were gonna start chanting when the mayor started speaking. so several of the protesters that felt it was an inappropriate time for a confrontation went back across the street to the "Impeach Ratz" and of course the J.C. sentanel made it appear that the protesters were involved in the confrontation with the mayor and attempted disruption.

### the all nite sanctuary at los charles

THE homeless teens of los charles have opened their hearts and their doors to create a homeless sanctuary open all night for free coffee and a safe place to sit and chat other services will be available dependent on donations contact: Judith 459-8239

I am out here doing this to relieve some of the pressure on my bro's and sis's, not to antagonize the authorities, to make their lives more miserable - if you can't help with the hard work it takes to make their lives easier then, we don't really need you - IT'S WORK TO BE FREE

NOT A GRANDSTAND SHOW

### ANYTHING ELSE IS EXPLOITATION OF THE HOMELESS.

there will be a switchboard, resource referral, and job referrals, private calls for people, and a message phone, and any help that I can provide!!! Judith Beinert - 459-8239

Tuesday, November 28, 1989

# New Civic Network To Watch S.F. Cops

By Rick DeVecchio  
Chronicle Staff Writer

A series of police actions that have outraged a number of different San Francisco community organizations in the past year has prompted the groups to form a network to monitor police activity.

"We are a diverse coalition of political, legal and community groups and individuals who have come together to speak out against unchecked police abuses," declared the Alliance to Stop Abusive Police in a statement of purpose to be issued today at a news conference.

Nineteen groups and individuals have endorsed the alliance, including the National Lawyers Guild, the American Civil Liberties Union, Community United Against Violence and the Nicaragua Center for Community Action.

The members, many of whom claim they have been victims of excessive force by police, share the belief that existing checks on police power are inadequate, said Lester Olmstead-Rose, organizer for Com-

munity United Against Violence.

"It's clearly a consistent pattern of police problems," said Olmstead-Rose, whose organization protested an October 8 sweep by officers during a demonstration in the Castro area. "The people who try to bring the department to accountability don't seem to have the stamina to push and push for reform."

Besides the Castro demonstration, he cited the 1988 clubbing of United Farm Workers leader Dolores Huerta and the surveillance of demonstrators on Central America.

Supporters of the new group assert that more civilian involvement is needed in running the department, despite recent changes by Mayor Art Agnos and Police Chief Frank Jordan.

Agnos appointed criminal lawyer John Keker to the Police Commission last week. Jordan reshuffled the police crowd-control squad and pressured his brother, a deputy chief, to resign over the handling of the Huerta and Castro incidents.

For those without FEMA funds -- how about a low-income campground in the Pogonip?

### Keep Santa Cruz's soul alive

In 1987 I made three trips to Santa Cruz in search of a place to live when I retire from my college teaching job in a few years at age 55. On my third trip, I bought a house in Aptos.

I am originally from Holland and I discovered in your town a special spirit that I have not encountered anywhere else in my many travels in the United States. It was one of the principal reasons for my decision to come live the area.

I do not agree with an article sent to me by a friend who works for the Washington Post that Santa Cruz has lost its soul, as the article has it. It is, after all, the people of the town who created the unique community that I fell in love with when I first came in March 1967. I hope that despite their painful losses, most of the people who suffered there will want to stay and with the help of state and federal funding will want to rebuild.

Please do not allow Santa Cruz to become just another rather nondescript U.S. town. Many Pacific Garden Mall buildings are gone or too damaged to repair, but it was not those buildings, however quaint and lovely some of them may have been, that made Santa Cruz such a jewel of a town. Rather, I found its value in the interesting ambience of a mixture of European and California way of living in the positive attitudes and friendly smiles I encountered in so many places, in the relaxed atmosphere amid the business activity, the tolerance of diversity and the intellectual stimulus.

When you rebuild, keep in mind these characteristics of your very special town and let them come alive again for the profit and to the delight of many.

Long live Santa Cruz  
Anje C. van der Naald  
Lehigh University, Pennsylvania SENT 11/29/89

SANTA CRUZ  
CITIZENS  
TAKE NOTE!

## GUSTS FROM THE BACKSTREETS

.....Off-Mall Maneuvers. Java Janet ran into local brownshirt bullshit last Monday afternoon (Nov 27) when several of these costumed clowns came upon her as she was selling the *Street Shit Sheet* near the three-story auto garage, a block from the library. Two "security police" (brownshirts) and one motorcycle cop directed her to take her papers and scam or face further harassment. Retorted the angry Janet, a visitor from the Santa Barbara Homeless coalition, who is now working as a dishwasher, "Before we leave this hellhole, people here are gonna have the right to sleep." Footnote: to avoid further hassle, Janet left and then called the ACLU. But the local ACLU has to done nothing to help the homeless challenge police abuse in the courts in the last year and a half. Whether they will continual their abysmal record of complete neglect in homeless court matters can only be guessed at. The smart money sez, don't waste your bets.

.....Mad John Telfair Announces Courtwatch, Anti-Drug Demos. Weary, but undaunted in his continuing struggle to free friends and comrades held on locked psychiatric wards, John T. has been maintaining his weekly vigil at the Town Clock every Friday afternoon against Forced Hospitalization and more recently has been holding daily protests sometimes at Dominican Hospital, the next day at the Public Guardian's Office, then at the Mental Illness Industry nerve center at Emiline St. Indeed, no one knows where this white-haired lunatic locofoco will strike next! Sleuths interested in tracking him down and joining him should call Mental Patients Captive Liberation Front at 426-3201.

John has also recently appeared in court to offer support, company, and lodging to folks the shrinks want to stigmatize as "severely disabled." (That label means that "patients" can be held against their will, and doped up on tardive dyskinesia-producing in Board and Care facilities under conservatorships..."for their own good," of course. John's answer: Just Say No!) John reports that since the quake, "Mental Health" magnates report a new 200-300 victims...er, make that "clients."

Mad John tells us that his latest struggle is to free Laurie Finster, whom he describes as a psychiatric political prisoner. Nine years a captive of locked wards and forced drugging, Laurie finally won her freedom last spring but came to the attention of Psychiatric OverLords immediately after the Quake when she had a personal crisis at the Civic Center homeless shelter. There she was seized and hauled off to a 72-hour hold, a 14-day hold, and finally a temporary conservatorship, complements of the Dominican Hospital Mindmashers.

Dumped last week in Crestwood Manor, a Board and Care warehouse of low repute in San Jose, Laurie has regained her will to fight, John reports, and has enlisted Grinning Ray Grueneich as her legal shrinkthrasher in a jury trial next month. Local Superior Court judges seem willing to swallow whatever excretia the esteemed witchdoctors/jailors give out, provided it sounds psychiatric enough.

The actual criterion for being held for 72 hours, 14 days, or put under temporary or year-long conservatorship is "danger to self," "danger to others", or "grave disability." When these masters of spirit-splaying roll their doped-up patients into court, the docs may claim their victims are "uncooperative," "paranoid,"

unwilling to accept their drugging without protest.

Even though defendants have shown the capacity to pay their own rent, feed themselves, garner support from friends, and even admit they're "mentally ill" and "in need of medication," Superior Court judges just sigh and dump them back in the psych labs until the good doc gives his ok. People under conservatorships may not refuse medication without the ok of their conservator. So Laurie may come staggering into court so bombed on psychiatric dope she can't feel or think straight. These phony hearings (called the LPS calendar) take place in Superior court every Friday at 1:30 PM. Attend and shed a little light upon these dark doings.

Marin Homeless Hold Service For 2 Who Died

By Catherine Bowman Chronicle Correspondent

Many of Marin County's homeless and their supporters gathered in San Rafael yesterday to remember two of their band who died last week.

Using a citrus tree as an altar and a donated microphone, several homeless people memorialized Aretus (Mom) Gordon, 50, and Sharon Davis, 39.

Gordon collapsed and died of a heart attack in a park two blocks from San Rafael City Hall on August 29, two days before Davis, who had cerebral palsy, died of a heart attack at Marin General Hospital.

Homeless advocates have charged that Davis was denied treatment at Marin General Hospital the day before she died because she was "too trashy" from living on the streets.

Hospital spokeswoman Nancy Nickel has denied the charge, saying Davis had never been refused treatment.

"We, as a society, allowed two women to die on the streets of San Rafael," said Ambbeel Hall, a homeless Vietnam veteran. "We need all the citizens of Marin to help us."

Standing in the bright sunshine on a patio next to Macy's department store, Hall tried to quiet a few homeless people who shouted out the names of the six people they said had died on the streets of Marin this year.

"Don't be part of the problem if you're not going to be part of the solution," Hall said.

Before and after the service, several homeless people, some carrying signs that said "You are one paycheck from homelessness in Marin" walked along Fourth Street past well-dressed shoppers and employees on their lunch breaks.

Several who attended the service said they hoped it would help people recognize the plight of homeless people in Marin County.

Flags All Furl'd

America is becoming increasingly a land of advantaged and disadvantaged. The tone and timbre of America's voice alludes to sensitive concern, but her government's actions continue to define her as selfish, acquisitive and militantly narrow-minded. It is vital we not confuse the symbol with the ideals for which it stands. It is, after all, the ideals we do not wish to see burned.

That little old lady in the doorway was cold. I wished I had an American flag to burn for her to warm her up. But there was none available.

America's real flags are furl'd inside people's heart. They wait for someone blessed with both guts and political credibility to unfurl them again, drawing to her or him a loyal opposition — thoughtful people capable of calling things by their true names, of meeting serious human responsibility and of acting adult. The little old lady still waits in the doorway. She hasn't much time. Winter is here.

(Howell Hurst is publisher of the Sma Business Times.)

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Pacific Art and Mall

By GUY LASNIER Sentinel staff writer

SANTA CRUZ — Slide shows, shadow sculptures and holographic displays are some of the ideas being proposed for the sides of empty mall buildings.

Others include projections of buildings onto scrim, the hanging cloth backdrops found on theater sets, and interpretive displays on vacant lots.

Separate groups of local artists have been working independently to create ideas for the battered Pacific Garden Mall, both in the next few weeks and over the long-term.

"We want to get something up of high quality immediately," said Robin Kandel, an artist who called others together a week ago. "Art is usually an afterthought, now we have the opportunity to make sure it is not an afterthought."

Several artists met Thursday with the Downtown Commission, Arts Commission and city staffers to coordinate efforts for a Downtown Santa Cruz Arts Project or Pacific Garden Mall Arts Project as the plan is variously known.

Typically, the city has "a whole lot of rules why you can't do this," said city Parks and Recreation Director Jim Lang. "In this case they couldn't find any," he said.

More meetings are scheduled for next week. A group of architects and three-dimensional designers will be meeting Wednesday to plan for

dramatic entrances to the downtown commercial pavilions, said Mya Kramer, a graphic artist working with the Downtown Association.

Architect Hugh Carter, president of the Architects Association of Santa Cruz County, is hoping to pull together an intensive three-day workshop for the beginning of January with local and national architects and students to "come up with a realistic vision of the future."

Kramer, who as part of Aftershock, a group of artists, writers and marketing people working with the Downtown Association, sees the chance for "an incredibly visual display" downtown. She anticipates it will be "big on design and little on materials."

Thanksgiving week "every sign painter in Santa Cruz" came together to paint the display signs for the Pavilion entrances, she said.

Kramer said artists nationally are interested in what is happening in Santa Cruz.

Performance spaces are envisioned by some. Also, "large colorful plywood clusters," said Kristine Albrecht.

Some artists are designing distinctive Christmas wrapping paper that downtown merchants could use.

A key point is to make the mall "alive at night with lighting projects," said William Rubel, chairman of the Downtown Commission, who called the various independent groups together. Some lots where buildings once stood present opportunities, Rubel said. There could be "real historical exhibits and fake historical exhibits," he said.

And to the Republic For Which it Stands ...

BUDDLING ONE Saturday night in the doorway of one of San Francisco's most elegant Union Square stores was an old lady. She was tiny and frail.

Asleep, she sat leaning forward, her head on her lap, her arms wrapped around her head. She was obviously poor, possibly alcoholic or drugged, probably mentally ill.

As she sat there, the federal government had just finished making it a crime to deface the flag. The paradox was all too invisible to those of us passing by in our evening finery.

The flag is only a symbol of ideals. America supposedly stands for. It is not the ideals themselves. Nevertheless, our government and we the people have allowed our government to take their time and our money to make it a crime for us to deface the symbol, although the ideals for which it stands we obviously find impossible to believe in or to accomplish.

Ideals vs. Symbols

Our inadequacy, our failure to deliver on the ideals of our society, inches steadily toward crisis proportions while we enshroud ourselves in the symbolic cloth of the flag.

From coast to coast our streets are filled with homeless, mentally-ill people, castoff for whatever reasons from a frenetically-driven, technological-consumptive society.

While we publicly tongue-lash South Africa for apartheid, America's black population experiences insufferable economic deprivation and social isolation. Oceans, lakes, rivers, fields, air, even the planet's atmosphere, continue to be seriously damaged by corporations ignoring facts and refusing to accept responsibility for their businesses' actions.

Regarding drugs, we blame the drug lords. We blame the youthful gangs. We blame anyone and everyone but those responsible.

I am pained by that little old lady in the street and by those on drugs. I am fearful of the pollution and the destruction of the atmosphere. But most, I am fearful of the politicians who assiduously avoid exploring the fundamental issue at hand.

High Tech is Fine... How about an Artist's Alley for street merchants?

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Housing overhaul aimed at closing loopholes

The WASHINGTON POST WASHINGTON - It could be called Samuel R. Pierce Jr.'s legislative legacy.

Congress last week approved a sweeping overhaul of programs at the Department of Housing and Urban Development aimed at plugging loopholes and halting practices that have cost taxpayers billions of dollars.

The legislation, pushed by HUD Secretary Jack Kemp and awaiting President Bush's signature, includes stiff new regulations for government housing programs and fines of up to \$1 million for lenders, developers and others who break the rules. If HUD officials waive the regulations, they must disclose their actions to the public.

This year's HUD scandal - revelations of fraud, influence peddling and the alleged diversion of thousands of dollars into the pockets of former Reagan administration officials and their friends - made the overhaul a political necessity.

For the first time, HUD will get a chief financial officer, who must implement a financial management system, and the Federal Housing Administration, shaken by heavy losses, will get a comptroller. The legislation also authorizes a mortgage review board to oversee financial institutions taking part in FHA programs.

In the future, HUD must use a formula that considers local needs of states and communities when it allocates funds for public and Indian housing, rental assistance and other housing programs for poor people. In devising the formula, HUD will have to consider overcrowding, substandard conditions and vacancies in local housing, as well as population and poverty rates.

When allocating HUD funds to private companies or individuals, the department must now take into account any other public

money a project will receive, and must certify that the government is providing additional assistance only in the amount needed to "provide affordable housing."

"No more will greedy developers be able to pyramid subsidies into windfall profits," Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee's housing subcommittee, said during debate on the revamping measure.

Restrictions on the use of the hearings this year said consultants, like former Interior Secretary James G. Watt, were paid thousands of dollars to influence HUD funding decisions.

HUD secretary's discretionary funds were prompted by testimony before congressional subcommittees that then-Secretary Pierce and his aides dispensed millions of dollars for projects that developers wanted but that local governments often did not.

One of these funds, under the Community Development Block Grants program, will be replaced by "special purposes" awards targeted to only a few uses.

The secretary also can reserve up to 5 percent of funds earmarked for housing programs to cover needs arising from disasters and other emergencies, for desegregation programs and to settle litigation.

Consultants hired to help developers, lenders or others seeking funds under HUD programs

also must meet strict guidelines or face fines and up to five years in prison. They must register with HUD, naming their employers, the size of their fees and report any government employment within the previous two years. Witnesses at congressional



Sleeping Tickets under the well-lit flag at the Town Clock!

HOMELESS

# There's no place like home in San Francisco

By GEOFFREY McDONALD  
Guardian Bureau

SAN FRANCISCO—A standoff between homeless encampment in the Civic Center Plaza here and the city government ended on July 20 when police swept through the encampment, rousting squatters and impounding their belongings. The Plaza had become a living space for hundreds of homeless who christened their community "Camp Agnos" after the city's liberal mayor. Police threw away over 12 tons of furniture, mattresses, shopping cartages and other domestic articles. Over 50 people were arrested during the 3-week standoff.

The sweep ended a series of confrontations which pitted the Chamber of Commerce, the local media, Supervisor Bill Maher and the police against the homeless. With Mayor Agnos trying to accomplish the eviction with a minimum of outcry from homeless groups and civil liberties groups. Outside City Hall the homeless held demonstrations and organized food giveaways in cooperation with Food Not Bombs, a grassroots group that distributes free organic food to the public. The presence of the homeless in the midst of city politicians and tourists focused attention on the homeless crisis here. By official estimates there are around 6000 homeless people in the city. Between 600 and 1200 are children, an increase of at least five times over the



Down and out in San Francisco. A thin line separates the homeless from those with housing cash.

last four years. Last year 116 homeless people died in the streets, an increase of nearly 50 over the previous year, according to the *Tenderloin Times*. City officials estimate that there are between 350 and 600 homeless people with AIDS or AIDS Related Complex (ARC). In the nine county Bay Area there are an estimated 3000 beds for 45,000 homeless

people, according to Public Advocates Inc. Most temporary housing is unsafe and unsanitary and merely acts as a turnstile for the growing homeless population.

Last year the San Francisco Housing and Tenants Council reported that more than 17,000 low-income rental units had disappeared in the past decade through demolition,

urban renewal, conversion or upgrading. Downtown development meanwhile has skyrocketed.

Earlier this year, Bain and Company, a management consulting firm, presented a profile of a typical homeless person in San Francisco to the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, a nonprofit civic study group. The study showed that the average homeless person here is a high school graduate with work experience, similar to the level of the country's general population. "A thin line separates the homeless from those with housing cash," said Dick Boyce, a co-author of the study. "Twenty percent of households in San Francisco make less than \$10,000 a year and have no savings and no insurance. Most people are just one complication—a family breakup, job loss, medical problem or other—from being in the streets." The report also showed that being homeless is a full-time job and that most homeless spend around 37 hours a week going to free medical clinics, soup kitchens, clothing giveaway sites or shelters.

In late June, police began harassing the homeless at Camp Agnos in 4 am raids, announcing from police van loudspeakers that they had to leave. Some were physically pushed to defuse the situation, the homeless presence of Food Not Bombs, who were in front of City Hall to distribute food. Intermediary efforts by the Homeless blocked the police from entering the plaza. "We were there three weeks," Kristich told the *Guardian*. "If they had just let us sleep, they would have allowed us to leave. They didn't want to let us sleep. They wanted to let us starve. They wanted to let us die." The Homeless and the Board of Supervisors are in a dispute over the use of the plaza. The Homeless want to use it as a permanent sleeping place. The Board of Supervisors want to use it as a public space. The Homeless want to use it as a permanent sleeping place. The Board of Supervisors want to use it as a public space.

A bad copy but a good story...  
From The Guardian 2/16/89  
More on Food Not Bombs next issue.

## Rent-control debate heats Watsonville council session

By JAMIE MARKS  
Sentinel staff writer

WATSONVILLE — Although a rent-control ordinance wasn't on the agenda, it became the hottest issue at the last meeting of the current City Council Tuesday night.

Latino and community activists urged the council to adopt a one-year ordinance to freeze rents at their pre-earthquake rates, claiming that "rent gouging" is occurring and may escalate in the months to come.

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Even though defendants have shown the capacity to pay their own rent, feed themselves, garner support from friends, and even admit they're "mentally ill" and "in need of medication," Superior Court judges just sigh and dump them back in the psych labs until the good doc gives his ok. People under conservatorships may not refuse medication without the ok of their conservator. So Laurie may come staggering into court so bombed on psychiatric dope she can't feel or think straight. These phony hearings (called the LPS calender) take place in Superior court every Friday at 1:30 PM. Attend and shed a little light upon these dark doings.

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# Housing overhaul aimed at closing loopholes

The WASHINGTON POST  
WASHINGTON - It could be called Samuel R. Pierce Jr.'s legislative legacy.

Congress last week approved a sweeping overhaul of programs at the Department of Housing and Urban Development aimed at plugging loopholes and halting practices that have cost taxpayers billions of dollars.

The legislation, pushed by HUD Secretary Jack Kemp and awaiting President Bush's signature, includes stiff new regulations for government housing programs and fines of up to \$1 million for lenders, developers and others who break the rules. If HUD officials waive the regulations, they must disclose their actions to the public.

This year's HUD scandal - revelations of fraud, influence peddling and the alleged diversion of thousands of dollars into the pockets of former Reagan administration officials and their friends - made the overhaul a political necessity.

For the first time, HUD will get a chief financial officer, who must implement a financial management system, and the Federal Housing Administration, shaken by heavy losses, will get a comptroller. The legislation also authorizes a mortgage review board to oversee financial institutions taking part in FHA programs.

In the future, HUD must use a formula that considers local needs of states and communities when it allocates funds for public and Indian housing, rental assistance and other housing programs for poor people. In devising the formula, HUD will have to consider overcrowding, substandard conditions and vacancies in local housing, as well as population and poverty rates.

When allocating HUD funds to private companies or individuals, the department must now take into account any other public

money a project will receive, and must certify that the government is providing additional assistance only in the amount needed to "provide affordable housing."

"No more will greedy developers be able to pyramid subsidies into windfall profits," Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee's housing subcommittee, said during debate on the revamping measure.

Restrictions on the use of the hearings this year said consultants, like former Interior secretary James G. Watt, were paid thousands of dollars to influence HUD funding decisions.

HUD secretary's discretionary funds were prompted by testimony before congressional subcommittees that then-Secretary Pierce and his aides dispensed millions of dollars for projects that developers wanted but that local governments often did not.

One of these funds, under the Community Development Block Grants program, will be replaced by "special purposes" awards targeted to only a few uses.

The secretary also can reserve up to 5 percent of funds earmarked for housing programs to cover needs arising from disasters and other emergencies, for desegregation programs and to settle litigation.

Consultants hired to help developers, lenders or others seeking funds under HUD programs

also must meet strict guidelines or face fines and up to five years in prison. They must register with HUD, naming their employers, the size of their fees and report any government employment within the previous two years. Witnesses at congressional

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# Pacific Art and Mall

By GUY LASNIER  
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SANTA CRUZ - Slide shows, shadow sculptures and holographic displays are some of the ideas being proposed for the sides of empty mall buildings.

Others include projections of buildings onto scrimms, the hanging cloth backdrops found on theater sets, and interpretive displays on vacant lots.

Separate groups of local artists have been working independently to create ideas for the battered Pacific Garden Mall, both in the next few weeks and over the long-term.

"We want to get something up of high quality immediately," said Robin Kandel, an artist who called others together a week ago. "Art is usually an afterthought, now we have the opportunity to make sure it is not an afterthought."

Several artists met Thursday with the Downtown Commission, Arts Commission and city staffers to coordinate efforts for a Downtown Santa Cruz Arts Project or Pacific Garden Mall Arts Project as the plan is variously known.

Typically, the city has "a whole lot of rules why you can't do this," said city Parks and Recreation Director Jim Lang. "In this case they couldn't find any," he said.

More meetings are scheduled for next week. A group of architects and three-dimensional designers will be meeting Wednesday to plan for

dramatic entrances to the downtown commercial pavilions, said Mya Kramer, a graphic artist working with the Downtown Association.

Architect Hugh Carter, president of the Architects Association of Santa Cruz County, is hoping to pull together an intensive three-day workshop for the beginning of January with local and national architects and students to "come up with a realistic vision of the future."

Kramer, who as part of Aftershock, a group of artists, writers and marketing people working with the Downtown Association, sees the chance for "an incredibly visual display" downtown. She anticipates it will be "big on design and little on materials."

Thanksgiving week "every sign painter in Santa Cruz" came together to paint the display signs for the Pavilion entrances, she said.

Kramer said artists nationally are interested in what is happening in Santa Cruz.

Performance spaces are envisioned by some. Also, "large colorful plywood clusters," said Kristine Albrecht.

Some artists are designing distinctive Christmas wrapping paper that downtown merchants could use. A key point is to make the mall "alive at night with lighting projects," said William Rubel, chairman of the Downtown Commission, who called the various independent groups together. Some lots where buildings once stood present opportunities, Rubel said. There could be "real historical exhibits and fake historical exhibits," he said.

# And to the Republic For Which it Stands . . .

**BUDDLING ONE** Saturday night in the doorway of one of San Francisco's most elegant Union Square stores was an old lady. She was tiny and frail.

Asleep, she sat leaning forward, her head on her lap, her arms wrapped around her head. She was obviously poor, possibly alcoholic or drugged, probably mentally ill.

As she sat there, the federal government had just finished making it a crime to deface the flag. The paradox was all too invisible to those of us passing by in our evanescent finery.

The flag is only a symbol of ideals. America supposedly stands for it. It is not the ideals themselves. Nevertheless, our government and we the people have allowed our government to take their time and our money to make it a crime for us to deface the symbol, although the ideals for which it stands we obviously find impossible to believe in or to accomplish.

### Ideals vs. Symbols

Our inadequacy, our failure to deliver on the ideals of our society, inches steadily toward crisis proportions while we enshroud ourselves in the symbolic cloth of the flag.

From coast to coast our streets are filled with homeless, mentally-ill people, castoff for whatever reasons from a frenetically-driven, technologically-consumptive society.

While we publicly tongue-lash South Africa for apartheid, America's black population experiences insufferable economic deprivation and social isolation. Oceans, lakes, rivers, fields, air, even the planet's atmosphere, continue to be seriously damaged by corporations ignoring facts and refusing to accept responsibility for their businesses' actions.

Regarding drugs, we blame the drug lords. We blame the youthful gangs. We blame anyone and everyone but those responsible. I am pained by that little old lady in the street and by those on drugs. I am fearful of the pollution and the destruction of the atmosphere. But most, I am fearful of the politicians who assiduously avoid exploring the fundamental issue at hand.

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America is becoming increasingly a land of advantaged and disadvantaged. The tone and timbre of America's voice alludes to sensitive concern, but her government's actions continue to define her as selfish, acquisitive and militantly narrow-minded. It is vital we not confuse the symbol with the ideals for which it stands. It is, after all, the ideals we do not wish to see burned.

That little old lady in the doorway was cold. I wished I had an American flag to burn for her to warm her up. But there was none available.

# Marin Homeless Hold Service For 2 Who Died

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Many of Marin County's homeless and their supporters gathered in San Rafael yesterday to remember two of their band who died last week.

Using a citrus tree as an altar and a donated microphone, several homeless people memorialized Aretus (Mom) Gordon, 58, and Sharon Davis, 39.

Gordon collapsed and died of a heart attack in a park two blocks from San Rafael City Hall on August 29, two days before Davis, who had cerebral palsy, died of a heart attack at Marin General Hospital.

Homeless advocates have charged that Davis was denied treatment at Marin General Hospital the day before she died because she was "too trashy" from living on the streets.

Hospital spokeswoman Nancy Nickel has denied the charge, saying Davis had never been refused treatment.

"We, as a society, allowed two women to die on the streets of San Rafael," said Ambbee Hall, a homeless Vietnam veteran. "We need all the citizens of Marin to help us."

Standing in the bright sunshine on a patio next to Macy's department store, Hall tried to quiet a few homeless people who shouted out the names of the six people they said had died on the streets of Marin this year.

"Don't be part of the problem if you're not going to be part of the solution," Hall said.

Before, and after, the service, several homeless people, some carrying signs that said "You are one paycheck from homelessness in Marin" walked along Fourth Street past well-dressed shoppers and employees on their lunch breaks.

Several who attended the service said they hoped it would help people recognize the plight of homeless people in Marin County.

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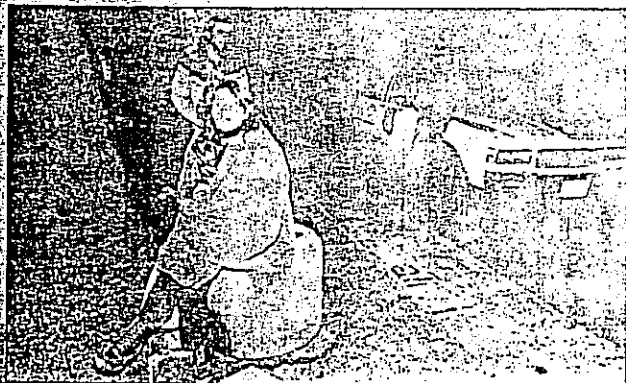
# There's no place like home in San Francisco

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**SAN FRANCISCO**—A standoff between a homeless encampment in the Civic Center Plaza here and the city government ended on July 20 when police swept through the encampment,ousting squatters and impounding their belongings. The Plaza had become a living space for hundreds of homeless, who christened their community "Camp Agnos" after the city's liberal mayor. Police threw away over 12 tons of furniture, mattresses, shopping carriages and other domestic articles. Over 50 people were arrested during the 3-week standoff.

The sweep ended a series of confrontations which pitted the Chamber of Commerce, the local media, Supervisor Bill Maher and the police against the homeless, with Mayor Agnos trying to accomplish the eviction with a minimum of outcry from homeless advocates and civil liberties groups. Outside City Hall, the homeless held demonstrations and organized food giveaways in cooperation with Food Not Bombs, a grassroots group that distributes free organic food to the public.

The presence of the homeless in the midst of city politicians and tourists focused attention on the homeless crisis here. By official estimates there are around 6,000 homeless people in the city. Between 600 and 1,200 are children, an increase of at least five times over the



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last four years. Last year 116 homeless people died in the streets; an increase of nearly 50 over the previous year, according to the *Tenderloin Times*. City officials estimate that there are between 350 and 600 homeless people with AIDS or AIDS Related Complex (ARC). In the nine county Bay Area there are an estimated 3,000 beds for 45,000 homeless

people, according to Public Advocates Inc. Most temporary housing is unsafe and unsanitary and merely acts as a turnstile for the growing homeless population.

Last year the San Francisco Housing and Tenants Council reported that more than 17,000 low-income rental units had disappeared in the past decade through demolition,

urban renewal, conversion or upgrading. Downtown development meanwhile has skyrocketed.

Earlier this year, Bain and Company, a management consulting firm, presented a profile of a typical homeless person in San Francisco to the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, a nonprofit civic study group. The study showed that the average homeless person here is a high school graduate with work experience, similar to the level of the country's general population. "A thin line separates the homeless from those with housing: cash," said Dick Boyce, a co-author of the study. "Twenty percent of households in San Francisco make less than \$10,000 a year and have no savings and no insurance. Most people are just one complication—a family breakup, job loss, medical problem or other—from being in the streets." The report also showed that being homeless is a full-time job and that most homeless spend around 37 hours a week going to free medical clinics, soup kitchens, clothing giveaway sites or shelters.

In late June, police began harassing the homeless at Camp Agnos in 4 am raids, announcing from police van loudspeakers that they had to leave. Some were physically abused. To defuse the situation, the homeless rejected the presence of Food Not Bombs, who set up a table in front of City Hall to distribute free food. Intermediary efforts by the group's healthcare for the homeless blocked the police from blocking the plaza. "We stopped the eviction for three weeks," Keith McHenry of Food Not Bombs told the *Guardian*. "If not for community efforts, they would have been long gone."

On July 1, Agnos declared that permanent structures such as tents would not be allowed in the Plaza (though the homeless could continue to sleep there in sleeping bags). This angered the homeless community, who live with strong winds and inclement weather much of the time. On July 10, homeless representatives and activists met with the Board of Supervisors to present

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More on Food Not Bombs next issue.

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# NY Squatters Evicted By Cops

After removing drug dealers and junkies from the former PS105 school building on East Fourth Street, a task that police have been unable to accomplish in the many years the building was vacant, neighborhood residents, activists, and homeless people from the Lower East Side, Tompkins Square Park, and even some people from the Housing Now March to Washington last month, set up the 'Alpha Etc City (ABC) Community Center' on September 24.

On October 26, at about 12:00 noon, officials and workers from the HPD (Department of Housing, Preservation and Development), accompanied by various bureaucrats from City Hall and many cops, illegally evicted homeless people inside the Community Center. After building residents defended the center from HPD's sledge hammers by dumping urine and bags of rubble from the top floor, the work crew and cops backed off across the street while ABC supporters gathered on the front steps. Then the cops viciously attacked the people on the steps. Arrests were made, mostly for disorderly conduct. One man was charged with three felonies for throwing an egg! Clayton Patterson was arrested on charges of "unauthorized use of a sound device" after berating the cops with a megaphone.

Fortunately, the Community Center's lawyer, Stan Cohen, was on the scene. He negotiated an agreement whereby the squatters could voluntarily leave receiving only DATs (Desk Appearance Tickets), however some were also charged with 'reckless endangerment' for throwing rubble from the windows earlier. Cohen also succeeded in getting the eviction stayed by a court order with a hearing scheduled for several days later.

Within hours however, HPD had the stay

overturned allowing them to proceed with the eviction. By nightfall, the remaining six people had left the Community Center. They were tickled and paraded in front of the cops but none of them could be identified as trouble throwers.

By this time media had arrived. An HPD representative told reporters that the Community Center was to become the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens, but he admitted that work would not begin until next Spring. Squatters responded by asking why they were being evicted in October, just as cold weather was due.

As the night approached, the number of angry people increased and the number of riot cops grew as word spread that the eviction stay had been overturned. At about 6:20, a fire was kindled near the intersection of Avenue B and Fourth Street. Then riot cops charged the crowd and pounced on selected people including a woman who had argued with the cops earlier. They beat and dragged her behind police lines where she disappeared. As people ran, more trash fires broke out in the streets, including a huge one on Avenue C and Fourth Street. Fire trucks arrived and tried to keep on top of them. More swarms of the streets were made by riot cops who make arrests and mostly beat women in the crowd and dragged people behind police lines. Some eggs were thrown at them, and cops on the roof of the corner building threw bottles at the demonstrators. Shortly after 10pm, during another charge by riot cops, one cop had an M-80 firecracker explode in his face after he beat someone. He was laid away crying in pain. One police sergeant beat a female and male squatter and then threatened a man for photographing him. Apparently his latest charge was set off by one person allegedly throwing an egg at the cops. Along with beating demonstrators, they also viciously beat a homeless woman who was sitting on her belongings after her eviction from the Community Center. She was taken by ambulance to Bellevue Hospital for serious head injuries.

For the next two hours, people stood by and laid the flames of the large bonfire in the intersection as cops reformed their lines waiting and hoping that the crowd would disperse.

At about midnight, riot cops rushed at the intersection again scattering demonstrators in three directions. Having broken up the demonstrators, cops in full riot gear with shields marched down Fourth Street and picked off people to arrest, mostly for allegedly lighting fires and throwing eggs earlier.

Everyone arrested this time was put through the system for a few days (no more DATs), and several were charged with felonies in order to make it more difficult for them to get released any time soon. Fires continued to break out in the streets as riot cops kept marching towards people, pushing and beating them along the way. Some of those attacked were people just trying to get home down the blocked-off streets. By 3am most of the demonstrators had gone home and cops retreated back to the Community Center on Fourth Street which they kept blocked off.

Later that morning, after cops searched for but were unable to find anyone else inside, former residents were allowed to re-enter the building to get their belongings. Still later, it was sealed and re-locked and kept under police guard. A new demonstration was called that night in Tompkins Square Park, but it was heavily infiltrated by plainclothes cops, some of whom were well disguised. This demo consisted mostly of RCYB (Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade) people leading marchers around the neighborhood, chanting and berating cops in front of the ABC Community Center. At ABC, cops got very nervous and called for reinforcements who arrived quickly in riot gear and in plainclothes. But soon the marchers continued past ABC. Luckily for the lattoots, the crowd wasn't as angry as the night before because this time the

cops didn't respond with their usual violence.

When all is said and done, the one question that remains unanswered is: Why didn't the cops ever respond to the hundreds of complaints by neighbors over the years about the junkies and heroin dealers that infested the old school building? They claim they don't have enough cops, yet when they are called by HPD to clear the building of squatters and homeless people, they are able to respond with hundreds of bloodthirsty cops. It is fairly obvious where their priorities are and who they really work for.

(A total of 42 people were arrested the night of October 16th. They have been charged with a variety of crimes including felonies. A community meeting was held at Tompkins Square bandshell on Nov. 4th concerning the ABC Community Center.

These events occurred in the same neighborhood as the Tompkins Square police riot of August 6-7 1988, in which cops were videotaped, photographed and witnessed brutally beating people. Not a single cop has been brought to justice for that riot. In the Lower East Side gentrification, evictions and militant resistance by squatters continues.

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Monday night approximately 50 homeless activists demonstrated at the Town Clock. Seven protestors were ticketed in violation of the ban, which states that from 11pm to 8:30am no one may sleep outdoors in vehicles or in any structure not intended for human habitation.

One of those ticketed, Judith Beinart, a volunteer at Los Charales restaurant, said she wants to see the city council either repeal or modify the camping ban. Los Charales, a burger stand on Front Street near Movie Theaters 1 and 2, had served as an ad-hoc shelter for several homeless teenagers who work there, but the police stopped the sleep-ins in a midnight raid in early October.

Los Charales recently opened an all-night sanctuary where "although they are not allowed to sleep, they are let in from the cold and the rain," says Beinart. People watch TV, drink coffee and play chess in an effort to stay awake. "I try to keep them from sleeping because the police would love an excuse to shut me down," she said.

Supporters of the camping ban say that there is enough shelter in Santa Cruz and there is no reason for homeless to stay on the streets. But Beinart says that with only about 80 shelter beds in Santa Cruz, there is no way to shelter the estimated 300 to 350 Santa Cruz homeless.

The Satellite Shelter Program, which arranges for homeless to sleep at local churches, recently lost much needed space when one of their main churches was condemned because of earthquake damage, according to Andrew Morin, director of the Satellite Program.

The Program may become additionally pressed for space if the Red Cross unloads the "pre-quake" homeless, who, Morin says, the Red Cross does not want to continue helping.

The Red Cross, Morin says, need to provide housing to everyone displaced by the quake before the camp can pull out. But he adds that the inevitably individuals and families will fall through the cracks. Especially, he says, because the Red Cross is trying to distinguish between the "pre-quake" homeless and the "post-quake" homeless. This, he says cannot be done because most of the people who are homeless now were borderline homeless before the quake.

Michelle Shippen, analyst for Human Resource Agency, says that the agency requests the Santa Cruz Army be opened for shelter, decision to be made by the Civil Board of Supervisors next week. Currently, the Army has damaged sewer pipes and no running water problem aggravated by an earthquake. Shippen says the problems will not be fixed soon but county can install portable toilet situation that she says is less ideal, considering the army will be used during harsh winter conditions.

## One Fine Day on Ave "A"



## Reprieve for quake refugees

**By JAMIE S. CACKLER**  
Sentinel staff writer

**WATSONVILLE** — An earthquake disaster shelter at the National Guard Army will not close today, but will remain open "as long as necessary," Red Cross officials said Thursday.

The army shelter located on Airport Boulevard, had been scheduled to close two weeks ago, and then again today, but earthquake refugees protested a plan to move them to another shelter at the County Fairgrounds.

The estimated 60 residents will now be permitted to stay there until more permanent housing is available, said Red Cross spokeswoman Sandra Pomeroy.

Shelter and National Guard leaders changed their decision, she said, "because we expect that the (mobile home) trailers from FEMA should be coming fairly soon."

The 12-foot by 60-foot coaches are being installed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency at an "instant mobile home park" on county-owned land behind the Watsonville county courthouse annex on Freedom Boulevard. The 43 mobile homes will remain there for up to 18 months.

Another mobile home park is under construction at the St. Francis School property on Highway 152, and a third park is planned for the County Fairgrounds. Between them, the three parks will provide about 120 mobile homes.

"We expect that these people will be moving into these (mobile home) or some other housing soon," Pomeroy said.

Red Cross officials earlier said they wanted to consolidate the slowly shrinking shelter populations into a larger, better-equipped pavilion at the fairgrounds. And National Guard authorities said they needed the army for other purposes, including guard exercises and Gov. George Deukmejian's annual program to house pre-quake homeless when the weather is cold.

But residents of the shelter vowed to protest the move by "sitting in" in front of the army building if they were transferred.

## Public toilets may grace retail zones

**By Ralph Jennings**  
Staff Writer

The Berkeley City Council is considering a measure to furnish the town with portable restrooms.

Noting a lack of public restrooms in well-populated business districts such as Downtown Berkeley and Telegraph Avenue, council members decided at a meeting Tuesday to look into placing portable toilets around the city.

"It's something that's very much needed," said Councilmember Maudelle Shirek, who represents South Berkeley. "Something has to be done other than what's going on now, because it's a health hazard."

Shirek and other council members said that people walking the streets — many of whom are homeless — urinate and defecate on sidewalks or private property when they cannot find bathrooms.

Although public bathroom facilities now exist in People's Park, Willard Park, on the UC Berkeley campus and in other public buildings, the streets continue to be popular as toilets.

However, some council members expressed skepticism about the proposal, initiated by downtown representative Ann Chandler, saying that public toilets have drawbacks as well as assets.

"I was thinking about some mischievous person who stops (the toilet) up because he's angry or something," said Councilmember Mary Wainwright.

Wainwright, who represents South-west Berkeley, added that while the

proposal for toilets would confer health benefits, no one in her district has asked for any restrooms they do not already have.

Members of the council agreed that more research should be done before the city actually places new bathrooms around the city.

"I would like to see some recommendations first about when (the toilets) would be there and how long they'd be there," said Councilmember Alan Goldfarb, who represents the Berkeley Hills.

Goldfarb also said that certain toilets are "ugly" and "unsanitary." But Chandler said the need is increasing for decent restrooms.

"I've received more complaints recently over public bathroom facilities," the council member said.

Following the council's recommendation Tuesday night, city staff will look into the feasibility of installing portable toilets at various locales and later come up with a report for the council to approve or reject.

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Berkeley + Watsonville have an interest in public restrooms... how about it, Gang of 7?

12/3/89 REGISTER - FADARENAN  
Restrooms needed

To the editor:

Now that almost all of Watsonville's Main Street is trashed, the powers-that-be have an unprecedented opportunity to build the ideal shopping center. If handled wisely, our downtown area could thumb its collective nose at all surrounding shopping centers and malls.

Instead of planning what the merchants, landlords and builders want, I suggest that they consider customers and those indigent persons who accompany shoppers, like spouses, children and handicapped people.

Now comes my pet peeve: restrooms.

Older men and women, and children, gotta go often. Many times I've cut my visit short because I didn't know where there was a decent restroom. Had I been comfortable, I'd probably have browsed around and bought something expensive just for the heck of it.

Restaurants and service stations maintain nice, clean restrooms, so

why can't shopping centers? I know the standard answer: People are pigs — you can't believe the things they'll do! And vandals and graffiti!

What's wrong with hiring an attendant? A possible solution would be to have pay toilets, or pay a quarter to enter the restroom. I'd gladly part with two-bits to relieve myself, wash up and maybe sit awhile in the ladies' lounge.

Ford's women's lounge was nice except it was in the mezzanine and some people found it difficult or impossible to climb the stairs. (I liked their drinking fountain with a lower facility for little guys.)

All else being equal (but seldom is), I would choose the shopping mall where I knew I could go to a decent restroom within reasonable distance.

Impactical and impossible? Think about it.  
DORIS MOLLENHAUER  
Watsonville

ANOTHER FACE-OFF: The Not Bombs, a San Francisco-based organization that prepares a serves meals for homeless people once again firing off with the In "We're trying to get our sit back from the police," Keith N Henry of Food Not Bombs is Tuesday, McHenry and his 1 workers have been arrested for contributing food without proper permits.

But McHenry said police of confiscate pots, flyers and of goods without making arrests.

Sgt. Jerry Senkir of the San Francisco Police Department is unable to provide specifics regarding recovery of their possessions Food Not Bombs, but he said it certainly possible that mem from the organization were sitting with the police to retrieve belongings. SF Examiner 11/30/89

Within hours however, HPD had the stay

Mechanics have complained of the

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# DON'T TRUST FEMA!



FEMA came recently under attack for not acting fast enough after Hurricane Hugo hit the east coast. Senators Ernest Hollings, D-SC called FEMA officials the somest bunch of bureaucratic jackasses he had ever seen. Appropriately worried about the agency's public image, George Bush visited FEMA's headquarters the morning after the earthquake and instantly granted the state's request to declare the Bay Area a disaster region, eligible for emergency aid.

In an article entitled "FEMA faces its greatest test yet" that appeared in the SF Chronicle on October 26, it says "FEMA's performance will shape its reputation and perhaps its future as the leading national agency responding to disasters."

What the mainstream press had been ignoring, though, is FEMA's extremely dangerous activities besides earthquake and hurricane relief such as plans to suspend the U.S. Constitution and plans to declare martial law or their "Continuity of Government" program to win a nuclear war.

FEMA was created in 1979 by Jimmy Carter to

consolidate scattered Federal emergency programs. Concomitant with the initiation of FEMA was Carter's president Directive 59 — a little known, but vitally important order which mandated that the US armed forces be able to carry out a prolonged nuclear war. FEMA's "Continuity of Government" responsibilities include determining who is in control of the nation according to the Presidential succession by keeping track of which bunkers and mobil command posts have been bombed out and which still exist.

Relying on computer links to the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency for information, FEMA is technically not supposed to engage in intelligence gathering. However the now defunct Berkeley based Livermore Action Group discovered through the Freedom of Information Act that their anti-nuclear activism was closely monitored by FEMA.

In 1981, then-president Ronald Reagan appointed his long time friend Louis O. Gluffrida director of FEMA. In 1970 Gluffrida had written a paper at

the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania entitled: "National Survival—Racial Imperative," in which he considers the possibility of rounding up of the 21,000,000 American Negroes in assembly centers or relocation camps." Drawing a comparative analysis with the detainment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II, Gluffrida concludes that it would take too long to "process the 21,000,000 American Negroes," and suggests instead a more manageable scenario — the arrest and detention of 500,000 of the most vocal and militant black leaders.

In 1971 then governor Reagan appointed Gluffrida to head a new facility — the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) at San Luis Obispo. CSTI's most notable contribution to law enforcement is the developing of the first SWAT team (for "special weapons and tactics"). During his 10 years at CSTI director Gluffrida trained nearly 30,000 officials from all 50 states and 25 foreign countries. He personally taught the Civil Disorder Management course and

authored a manual entitled "Legal Aspects of Managing Civil Disorders."

It was in this manual that he first began to theorize about martial law: "No constitution, no statute or ordinance can authorize martial rule. Martial rule comes into existence upon a determination (not a declaration) by a senior military commander that the civil government must be replaced because it is no longer functioning anyway... The significance of martial rule in civil disorders is that it shifts control from civilians to the military completely, without the necessity of a declaration, proclamation or other form of public manifestation... Martial rule is limited



on by the principles of necessary force."

As director of FEMA both of Gluffrida's papers became part of the government's policy. A 1981 Department of Defense Directive stated: "In those areas in which martial law has been proclaimed, military resources may be used for local law enforcement. Normally a state of martial law will be proclaimed by the President. However, in the absence of such action by the President, a senior military commander may impose martial law in areas of his command where there has been a complete breakdown in the exercise of government functions by local civilian authorities."

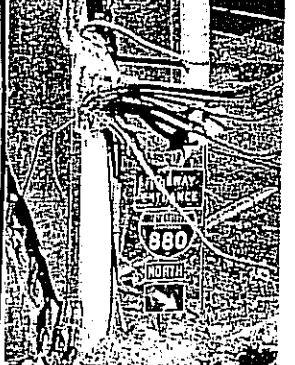
In 1984, Reagan issued Presidential National Security Directive #52 which authorized FEMA to undertake a secret nation-wide "readiness exercise" called REX-84 ALPHA. That Orwellian exercise tested FEMA's readiness to take command of Defense Department personnel, all fifty state National Guard units and the newly-created "State Defense Forces." The State Defense Forces are actually ultra-right "survivalist" paramilitary groups which have been integrated into state law enforcement by legislation in Louisiana, Alabama, and Texas.

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# AUTHORITIES TAKE CARE OF EARTHQUAKE

The great earthquake of October 17 that shook Northern California was a big media event. Some aspects were well covered, but others were mostly ignored. Slingshot takes a critical look at the state's reaction to the emergency:

The most horrific destruction caused by the 7.1 earthquake was the collapse of the Cypress Overpass on the Nimitz freeway in West Oakland. More than a mile of the top tier of the freeway collapsed, burying hundreds of people in their cars during rush hour traffic. 41 people were killed and many more wounded.



The cause of all the death and suffering on the Nimitz freeway was not the earthquake, but inadequate safety measures by Caltrans (the state agency in charge of building and maintaining freeways). After the deadly San Fernando Valley earthquake in 1971 that toppled freeways, various state bodies have recommended seismic safety measures. Those recommendations have mostly been ignored as state records of the Cypress Overpass show. Continued deterioration due to age, heavy traffic and deferred maintenance has been noticed since 1978. There were visible chips and cracks in the concrete pillars. Engineering instructors even took students on field trips to the Cypress Overpass to examine a textbook example of peril.

When the Nimitz freeway was built in the mid-50's it created a lot of opposition in the community. Many people lost their houses to the freeway that literally tore apart a thriving community. In a way, the Nimitz created the East Bay suburbia, making it possible for people to commute to their jobs in the city. Now Caltrans plans to rebuild the freeway. But in a forum that took place in a local church on November 5, more than 80 residence vowed to oppose Caltrans' plan. William Love, a Paralta College administrator and West Oakland resident said that it was not the duty of poor and mostly black West Oakland to help suburban commuters to get to San Francisco. He also mentioned his grandfather who argued against the freeway's construction in the 50's. "They told him to get out of there because colored folks couldn't talk about that kind of thing." Those days are over, he said. They will not let the state destroy their community again.

When the Cypress Overpass finally collapsed the people of West Oakland spontaneously organized tools and their neighbors to rescue the survivors. They brought ladders, crowbars, lorklifts, even a con-

veyor belt to bring down the injured from the twisted and shattered concrete. Industrial workers from Coca-Cola, the J.T. Trucking Company Local and other factories on the east side of the freeway brought heavy equipment; a particularly effective device was constructed by placing one container on top of another, to gain added height, and filling both up with a lorklift to serve as an emergency elevator.

Scores of injured people were warmed and nursed by the people of the neighborhood and carried off to hospitals by an impromptu fleet of cars, trucks and taxis. When the first paramedics arrived at the scene they worked together with the local rescue volunteers.

It is in crisis situations like this, when spontaneous cooperation and compassion for other people becomes the most natural thing in a neighborhood that is usually referred to as drug ridden and violent. (A headline in the Daily Review read: Even Oakland's drug addicts help with freeway rescue) The government, authoritarian in its nature, feels threatened by that sort of cooperation. They fear that people could get empowered by their own actions and realize that cooperation and solidarity are much stronger motivations than selling one's labour for money, and that there is no need for rulers. That is



Civilian volunteers spontaneously organized rescue efforts...

why the police put an end to the intense search for survivors on the Cypress Overpass when they finally arrived at the scene. They had to restore their authority by sealing off the whole area and refusing any help from volunteers.

Derrick Lovings, who only lives a few blocks away from the collapsed freeway was one of the first volunteers. He was very frustrated by the police action: "We probably took more people off the freeway than the fire department did. Yet when the police arrived, they took it for granted people were looting. People ran up there and saved people, but when you came down you got hassled for it." What angers Lovings the most is that the police didn't want to risk going up on the freeway themselves, but prevented others

from doing so. "If they weren't going to do it, let other people do it", he said adding that some officers even drew their guns to prevent civilians from going up on the freeway.

The morning after the earthquake Mayor Wilson announced that there were no survivors. "We made four passes of the entire area with trained dogs, and we found no signs of life." Nevertheless four days later another survivor was found, it is possible that many more lives could have been saved if the authorities would have cooperated with civilian volunteers.

Similar abuses of authority occurred in Santa Cruz. About 100 people were ready to risk going to the rubble of the Collee-Floasting Company coffee shop that collapsed and buried Robin Ortiz who was working there. But the police roped off the area and prevented civilians from helping. The "law" expert rescuers passed bricks to each other one by one until the authorities announced that even these efforts were called off until the next morning. In an angry shouting match with cops, Robin's friends demanded that the rescue continue. They were told that only the "command center" could order the search to continue. So six of her friends started marching towards the command center chanting "Don't stop the search". At a police barricade the cops jumped them and dragged them off to jail. The search did not continue that night. When rescuers finally found Robin's body, she was dead.

After the 7.1 earthquake shook Northern California all the media focused on the Marina District in San Francisco, even though less affluent neighborhoods were damaged just as hard. Watsonville, a town of farm- and cannery workers near the quake's epicenter was hit the worst. The majority of its brick-houses are destroyed leaving thousands of people homeless. The National Guard armories and the Veteran's Hall offer room for about 500 people each night. Many more are camped out in front of yards, schools, parks and vacant beds in and around Watsonville. The town has taken on the appearance of a refugee city. Many of the illegal immigrants who lost their homes and possessions are reluctant to seek grants, loans, housing or unemployment assistance because of concern that information passed to relief agencies will end up in the hands of the INS.

In Oakland the number of the homeless increased by the thousands. Over 500 buildings were declared unsafe, including dozens of low income residency hotels.

San Francisco's low income hotel residents shared a similar fate. In the Tenderloin and South of



A mural in West L.A.

Market more than a thousand units were declared unsafe. An emergency shelter was set up at the Moscone Convention Center for those people. The atmosphere at Moscone was much different than at the Marina Middle School, a "first class shelter" set up for the yuppies of the Marina whose houses were destroyed. Poor-looking people were turned away from there, while food donated from the city's finest restaurants was being served and chiropractors and massage therapists soothed the afflicted. At the Moscone Convention Center on the other hand minimal supplies were available. There were no showers, no truck loads of clothing and people were not informed about relief and other support services. The center closed its doors for the homeless after five days to make room for a plastic surgeon's convention. Since then the homeless have been moved to a number of shelters and the relief efforts for them are going extremely slow.

For many of the poor people who cannot return to their low-income hotels, it will be impossible to obtain any emergency aid. FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) that is among other things responsible for hurricane and earthquake relief requires proof of at least three months of continuous residency for anyone to be eligible for emergency aid. Many of the low-income hotels forced their tenants to relocate every 28 days in order to keep their transient occupancy credentials. Once again, the people that really need help can't get it.

—David Wildcat



...until the police took over and chased all volunteers off the highway.

The REX exercises have been held every two years since 1978. REX-82 tested industry's ability to mobilize quickly for military production. The REX-84 ALPHA scenario supposed that a direct military intervention in Central America would send a flood of refugees spilling over the border into the Southwest US.

The most ominous element of REX-84 ALPHA was code-named "Operation Night Train." Operation Night Train called for FEMA, with the cooperation of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), to apprehend and detain some 400,000 refugees in a six-hour period. REX-84 ALPHA established ten detainment centers for internment of the refugees on military bases across the United States. The refugees would be held until the President determined that the national emergency was over. One of the designated military bases, Camp Krome, Florida, was established as a joint INS-FEMA Immigration Center.

—David Wildcat

How about it, Santa Cruz?

## Berkeley Free Clinic offers dental services

By Kristen Peinado

Berkeley citizens can get free dental work and certain kinds of medical appointments at the Berkeley-Community Health Project, representatives for the clinic said.

Without having to prove financial need for eligibility, patrons of the clinic can receive help for a variety of medical problems, said Andy Stern of the free clinic located at 2339 Durant Avenue.

"Patients can be treated for skin problems, sexually transmitted diseases, upper respiratory tract infections, abdominal problems, and bladder and ear infections," among other problems, Stern said.

Patients can also get blood tests, pregnancy tests on Saturdays and, when a M.D. is present, inoculations for tetanus and gamma globulin at the clinic, Stern said.

However, he said, people cannot be treated for broken bones or sprains. Nor can people expect to get x-rays or routine check-ups at the clinic.

"If you need a routine check-up, go to the city health department or the West Berkeley Health Center," Stern said.

Patients can also receive free dental work, including cleanings and fillings, said Carlin Ko, another of the clinic's representatives.

"We don't do cappings or root canals," Ko said of the clinic's dental program.

The clinic operates on a drop-in basis, with hours for dental work from six p.m. to nine p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and medical work from seven p.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

Contact the Berkeley-Community Health Project at (415)548-2570 for further questions.

Ever tried to get a filling if you're poor in S.C.

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# HOUSING NOW! A LESSON IN COOPTATION

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'Housing Now'

Editor — Thank you for your in-depth coverage of the homelessness crisis. It might interest your readers to know the main cause of this problem. Although the federal government claims to be spending a great deal of time and money trying to tackle the problem, the reality is quite different. In 1981, the federal government was spending \$33 billion a year on low-income housing. By last year that amount had been cut to a mere \$8 billion. In order to pay for tax cuts and huge military buildups, something had to go; as usual, it was the poor. We have cut spending on low-income housing by 75 percent at a time when rents are skyrocketing and many families must spend more than 60 percent of their income on rent.

On October 7th, thousands of Americans will join together in Washington, D.C., to let our elected officials know that we need solutions now. The march has been given the title, "Housing Now! Homeless, Advocate Mitch Snyder has gathered leaders from all walks of life, mayors, church leaders, nonprofit organizations, celebrities, ordinary citizens, and, of course, the homeless, to support this march. We have to let our representatives know that these cuts are unacceptable in light of the present crisis. Go to Washington on October 7th, or if you can't, write a letter to your representative. Demand that the housing budget be restored. We need "Housing Now!"

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An on-the-spot story

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Shelter for homeless

To paraphrase Will Rogers, "I know is what I read in The Imer," and what I read is the main feature of Mayor Agnos' "Super Shelter." But the City Knows How has only come up \$1.5 million so far.

We had no trouble finding \$2 million to beautify Market Street again. So while homeless men and women wait two to six years for shelter, they will have lovely gurbatones to sit on.

When are we going to admit turning the tide of homelessness beyond the scope of any city. I need homes, not just shelter. Feasibility is a national disgrace. Calls for re-evaluation of national priorities.

CONNIE MAI  
San Fr.



On Saturday, October 7th, 1989, 125,000 people, composed of different races, sexes, and political opinions, exercised the most fundamental expression of citizen discontent.

They marched on the Capitol of the United States demanding a most basic human right for the least of our brothers and sisters—namely, and homelessness with "Housing Now". With banners, buttons, and balloons identifying such diverse groups as Steelworkers, Autoworkers, Teachers, and many other AFL-CIO unions, student groups, and the D.C. Government, as well as homeless activists from around the country, and countless thousands of homeless or near homeless people. We experienced a well coordinated effort of mainstreaming the now five year old American Homeless Movement. While such an event, reminiscent to many of the famous 1963 Poor People's March on Washington, when Dr. Martin Luther King made his inspiring "I Have A Dream" speech, the march did not fulfill expectations for those to whom it was fully intended. For example, what about the 1300 homeless people who were (and some still are) left stranded in D.C. by the bureaucratic incompetence of co-optation by those who felt that mainstreaming the homeless movement is a workable solution. Many of these were given promises up front regarding their return trip that proved false upon arrival in D.C. (The Community for Creative Non-Violence Provided 200 one way tickets home, all in all a magnanimous gesture.) Despite history's lessons that direct action in the streets has a positive result on government action toward the people, this march was a sham in the sense that deals were made, contradictory alliances assumed, and hard-working, concerned people were effectively disenfranchised from this basic right to petition the government (article one of the bill of rights).

Initiating in January in Atlanta, Ga, 40 homeless people (about 1/2 from the activist-oriented chapter of the Philadelphia Union of the Homeless) along with 60 supporters from around the country met with the result being to issue a call for a "Housing Now" march on Washington with an occupation of the current housing an Urban Development headquarters building in S.W. D.C.

Immediately, the lessons of professional co-optation came into play. Mitch Snyder, nationally acclaimed direct action opponent and leader of the Committee for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV), worked his way into a position as a National co-chair with Ms. Valerie Harper, the acclaimed actress. To assure national recognition, money and bodies to sufficiently populate the march, a deal was cut between Snyder's CCNV and these bastions of compassion; 1) the AFL-CIO; 2) the District of Columbia government, headed by Mayor Marion Barry, a man whose scandal ridden administration is a legendary joke of national proportions.

The deal was this: no C.D. (Civil Disobedience) in return for lots of AFL-CIO bodies and union money. (CCNV admits to a 100,000 donation. Sources within the "Housing Now" coordinating staff told me it was closer to 1,000,000 easily).

C.C.N.V. is a "floor model solution" for homelessness by the Barry regime in D.C. It is another regimented shelter with a slightly better record than most. It houses 900 men, women, and children nightly, is governed by a voting elected body of its residents, and is largely financed by the D.C. government. It is sold nationally as the model "federal district shelter" it was won in 1983-1984 through repeated occupations, arrests, two 40-day hunger strikes by Mitch Snyder and some others, and a good grass-roots organizing effort in a city where the disparity is as pronounced as any. (3 blocks from the white middle-class tourist-laden Capitol is the CCNV location (Third & D Sts. NE). Across the street, a beautifully marbled D.C. courts building, and similar ones to the south. Across the street to the north, however, are rows of blocks of dilapidated, abandoned housing. Once the District's labor force lived here. Today crack rules.)

This cooptation, or sell-out, if you will, by Snyder and Co. led to a revolt in the movement. Since 1985 the more militant arm of the homeless movement has been centered around the "National Union of the Homeless." Under several different names, the "union" as it is called from within is a highly hierarchical set of Philadelphia-trained organizers in 15 or 16 cities. Dominated until two weeks ago by the Malcolm X-like personality of one Chris Sprout, the union has won a number of houses and other concessions around the country. Their main success, however,

was in the original work in Philadelphia. Sprout, a former businessman-turned-homeless is a compassionate, effective organizer. He tended to run the union top-down.

Two months ago, Sprout resigned and entered a rehab house. An ensuing struggle between the Albuquerque, N.M. chapter president and the non-Sprout devotee from Philadelphia named Leona Smith resulted in an unfortunate dilemma. Ms. Smith entered the "Housing Now" final preparation stages as a national homeless spokesperson (and official co-sponsor of the march) with a divided organization behind her while at the same time Snyder and Co. were coopting "the union" types with promises to the AFL-CIO and Mayor Barry that no C.D. would take place—H.U.D. would remain open.

The Homeless Union then decided to hold its own convention. The "Housing Now" people (its national office is located in the basement of Mitch's CCNV shelter) went out of their way to create logistical chaos.

The union convention was a larger circus tent sleeping 400 in distant southeast D.C. beyond RFX

daily can we, as revolutionaries, now address? How can we get "Housing Now" for every man, woman, and child? And the question that gnaws at me. In Washington, D.C. (everyone who lives there dismisses the word Washington and nearly everyone feels a sense of an occupied city) where poverty and want is so readily present in the eyes of our rulers, why did we waste all that angry, constructive, radicalized energy of hundreds and even tens of thousands on marching to a George-Bush-appointed's office? As Ronald Reagan has said, negotiating with kidnapers is a bad policy. Well Reagan, Bush, Sam Pierce, and now Jack Kemp are part and parcel of a group who have kidnaped homes, lives, and hopes. Sounds like a group not to negotiate with. Or as was said on the Saturday march chant: "What do we want?"—"Housing!"—"When do we want it?"—"Every single day!"

We have petitioned our rulers for a basic necessity of life. As Jefferson said, if our rulers fail to perform, then we as revolutionaries must act.

—Mike Cochran

I met a 35-year old White, male, unemployed carpenter from LA. I would classify his politics as Republican moderately-conservative. He said to me, "I've built houses for lots of people. How come I can't have a house?" I just shrugged.

I met a 40-year-old Viet-Nam vet. 17 1/2 years in the Army. He hit an officer and now he gets nothing from the government. In Austin, where he lives, they are doing an eight-person squat on a city owned lake. They have kidnaped a city-owned goose and are holding it ransom unless the city leads the homeless on Thanksgiving. It dominates the Austin Statesman newspapers. The night before the H.U.D. march, Abdul was shining his boots. I said, "When I got out of the Army, I swore I would never shine a boot. Why are you doing this, Abdul?" He said, "Brother, we're going to war tomorrow." After the H.U.D. debacle on Friday night, Abdul was drunk. He stayed in D.C. rather than go back to Austin.

I met another person on this trip. For the first week of the conference/march, she made the trip pleasant. In many ways she is more revolutionary than Slingshot. She may not know it, though. She did say to me with a worried look. "It is going to take

a revolution, isn't it?" Again, I just shrugged. I shrugged in part because I had the flu for two weeks. Traveling can drain you. But what came out of this "Housing Now" march was positive. Many questions demand to be answered.

Why Homelessness? Can it be organized effectively? On a national scale? Is it revolutionary? Is it a movement or cause that is inherently cooptable? What pain and suffering that the homeless endure

## HOUSING WHEN?

—Mike Cochran



# PEOPLE'S PARK: NO SELL OUT!

People's Park, the piece of land that was liberated in the spring of 1969 by the Berkeley community is once again under attack. In a private meeting, UC Berkeley Chancellor Ira Hayman and Berkeley Mayor Lori Hancock decided to cut a deal. In effect, Hancock, who has long portrayed herself as a supporter of the park and a progressive, sold out People's Park by compromising with the university and accepting their claim that they actually own the land.

The Daily Californian, traditionally supportive of People's Park, gave three cheers for Berkeley Mayor Lori Hancock and UC Berkeley Chancellor I. Michael Hayman in a November 7th editorial. Many people, especially students, now think that People's Park has actually been won by the people and that the issue is resolved. This is far from the truth. The fact is Hancock and Hayman met and decided to divide the park between the city and the university without consulting anybody who would be affected by their decisions.

As long as the university claims to own People's Park the issue will not be resolved. The idea of People's Park is that it is a USER DEVELOPED park, which means whoever is using the land gets to decide what to do with it. The university administration didn't use the land after they bought it and demolished all the houses in 1967. They have no right to make any decisions concerning People's Park. The administration seems to have troubles understanding that. They have continually ripped up foundations for badly needed public bathrooms built by volunteers concerned about the park, as well as bulletin boards and children's swings.

The two lovebirds signed and announced the "memorandum of accord" at a press conference on October 26. The accord calls for the university to build sports facilities on their portion of the land. Besides that the agreement contains provisions for the homeless, police and fire services, university expansion, traffic, parking and sewers. It is a personal agreement between the mayor and the chancellor and all of its provisions are subject to approval by the Berkeley city council and the UC board of regents. The agreement meets the city council's demand for one million dollars from the university for the city's services. But it does not address the concerns and demands voiced by homeless people, students, and other community residents that will be negatively affected by the LRDP. The city council endorsed the accord unanimously on November 7.

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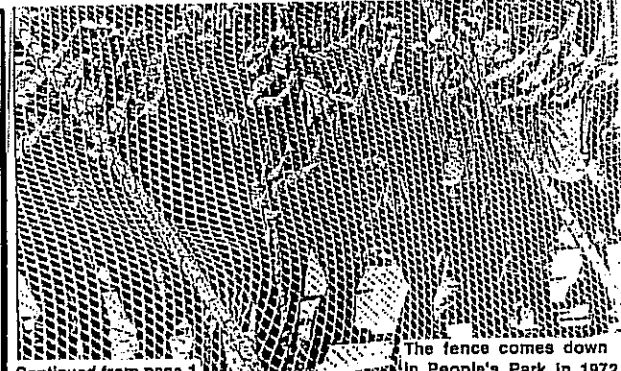
cessions from the university to the city makes the agreement, according to the university's Long Range Development Plan obvious. The LRDP is the university's controversial \$500 million plan to expand by constructing 40 new buildings within the next 15 years. When the first draft of the LRDP was released in April of 1989 it included the construction of dorms on People's Park and encountered strong opposition from students, community, and city council.

People's Park supporters organized numerous events around the Park's 20th anniversary to oppose the university's plan. On May 19, 1989, a commemoration for James Rector (the man who in 1969 was killed by police bullets over People's Park) turned into a full fledged riot. The police provoked the confrontation when they tried to put out a bonfire on Telegraph Ave. near the site where Alameda County Sheriff's fired the deadly shots 20 years ear-

lier. Several hundred people chased away the cops and many of the rioters on Telegraph Ave. were jailed (see the full moon).

On May 23, 1989 Alameda County Sheriff Charles Plummer, who is the regional coordinator for Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Operations, sent a letter to Mayor Hancock and Chancellor Hayman urging them to find a solution to People's Park. He wrote "our abilities to manage occurrences of civil disobedience are not necessarily as good as they were in 1969. . . . When considering future courses of action you should be keenly aware that the resources of law enforcement in this county are limited. . . . It will be a very, very expensive proposition if we get into something like we had in the 60s, it would bankrupt this county, as a matter of fact." Pressured by Plummer's letter Hayman and Hancock met to discuss People's Park for the first time on May 30. This happened

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The fence comes down in People's Park in 1972.

only a few months after Hayman sent a letter to the Berkeley city council dated February 21, 1989 in response to the city's opposition to the LRDP. He wrote "we [the university] have gone out of our way to work collaboratively with the city and to help on many issues. I sense that what the campus gets in return is a declaration of war." Hancock responded on February 24 with a letter stating that this city will not roll over and give blanket approval to all university projects." She also said that she "would be pleased to sit down with you to discuss our ideas for the resolution of ownership and development issues related to People's Park." But Hayman refused to meet with Hancock until the Alameda County Sheriff Plummer intervened.

What the signed agreement between the Chancellor and the Mayor signifies is a proposed truce between the city and the university, conveniently announced one week before the release of the second draft of the LRDP. The agreement is the new marketing strategy for the LRDP, its goal is to divide People's Park and its supporters. By installing their sports facilities the university wants to reclaim at least a portion of the land and hopes to reduce any opposition for future construction on People's Park. (No university official has made any statement about the future of the Park after the proposed 5 year lease runs out.

The proposed site of the university/city joint multi-service facility for the homeless is way down in west

Berkeley. This can only be seen as an effort to relocate the homeless population of People's Park to keep them out of sight (and out of mind) of students. University officials are still negotiating with the Catholic Worker over an agreement for their "People's Cafe." For more than half a year now, the Catholic Worker has been serving breakfast and coffee out of their 66 foot trailer which they hauled onto People's Park without university consent. The university offered to lease the property at 2427 Dwight way to the city for a dollar a year over a three year period as a new location for the People's Cafe trailer. But because the university refuses to give a permit to the Catholic Worker to stay open in the evenings it is still unclear if and when the People's Cafe will be moved to the new location, which is only two blocks away from the Park. Again, this is another effort by the university administration to keep the homeless population out of the Southside area.

Despite these university regulations, the People's Cafe will be open on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings starting this week according to John Cooper of the Catholic Worker.

The fight for people's park is far from over. Supporters of People's Park must oppose any division of the park. There are enough sports facilities in Berkeley already. People's Park supporters, keep your eyes and ears open and be ready to defend the park against any attack from the university or city. Let a thousand parks bloom.

-David Wilder

## Save Scribner Park! SC City Council stiffens codes

By GUY LABRIER  
Sentinel staff writer

SANTA CRUZ — The City Council approved two emergency ordinances Tuesday night that establish standards for rebuilding earthquake-damaged buildings and require replacement housing when single-room occupancy hotels are demolished. The new building codes are effective immediately and cover all damaged buildings. The codes are designed to bring the buildings close to current building standards. A future ordinance will cover undamaged unreinforced masonry buildings, Chief Building Official Dick Stubendorff said. The new codes are not designed to make buildings "earthquake safe," Stubendorff said. But they will ensure people will be able to get out safely.

The ordinance approved Tuesday night also establishes a new city commission, a five-member appeals board to hear challenges of specific enforcement decisions. "We don't need a new board," commented Councilman Joe Ghio. "Yes we do," said Planning Director Peter Katzberger. The board would consist of building professionals who would rule on appeals of Stubendorff's decisions. "The public has to have recourse," Stubendorff said. He said he's had "good response" from people interested in serving on the board.

On the subject of single-room occupancy hotels, the council unanimously approved an ordinance requiring that any owner seeking to demolish or convert a hotel provide

half as many rooms in another project.

The city already requires that 50 percent replacement housing be built when previous housing is lost. In the high-density beach area the requirement is 100 percent replacement.

Since the earthquake, approximately 400 rooms in single-room occupancy hotels have been lost with the demolition of the Casa del Rey and Colonial Hotels, and the abandonment of the Palomar Inn and St. George Hotel.

The manager of the Palomar has said the owners intend to repair the hotel. Barry Swenson, owner of the St. George, said he intends to demolish his hotel.

Planning director Katzberger said it is not clear whether the replacement ordinance would pertain to the St. George because it is currently an empty hotel that the city ordered vacated.

Swenson has applied for a demolition permit, Katzberger said. There was no opposition to the ordinance. Representatives for the mentally ill and low-income hotel residents spoke in its favor.

Gary McNeil, an attorney with Legal Aid, urged the council to require more than 50 percent replacement housing. "Fifty percent won't provide for the needs" of St. George Hotel residents, McNeil said.

Legal Aid's Housing Law Center was on the street level of the hotel. Most of the hotel's residents had low incomes, McNeil said.

## Quake relief groups leave victims angry

By Dara Tom

Earthquake victims who were left homeless and in need of assistance said disaster relief is a disaster in itself.

"It's madness. Total madness," said a 25-year-old single mother.

Lorene Banks and her 1-year-old daughter Melissa have been to the Red Cross processing center in East Oakland countless times in order to renew vouchers and find help to buy a new bed.

"I had to show them I was using a T-shirt as a diaper before they gave me diapers," Banks said.

Melissa's crib was demolished in the quake and Banks' bed was broken. "I've only got two sheets (on the bed)," said the frustrated mother. "I appreciate (the Red Cross) help, but where are me and my baby going to sleep?"

Although Red Cross has processed 3,700 cases, distributed more than 900 housing vouchers and closed more than 1,200 cases — meaning cases are "on the road to pre-disaster normal life" — there are still hundreds of victims caught in the bureaucratic shuffle. "I haven't gone to the doctor because I've been running around" from office to office, said 60-year-old Anita Payne.

Payne went to the Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster center and was told she had to fill out an application before she could see Red Cross.

From FEMA, she went across town to Red Cross' processing center and waited in line to see a case worker.

After hours of waiting, Payne became frustrated and left.

But it was not until her third trip to the Red Cross center that she was told she did not have to go through FEMA to see a Red Cross case worker.

"They don't need to have a FEMA application," said Jim Aldrich, a spokesperson for Red Cross.

However, FEMA center manager Johnny Taylor said the opposite. "Victims have to go through here to get to Red Cross. This application gets them off the floor (of a shelter) and into the system."

While FEMA and Red Cross are giving mixed signals, people who are still homeless are not getting anything except the run-around, according to some earthquake victims.

"Red Cross is having a nervous breakdown. Can anyone help?" asked Lisa Levin, a discouraged earthquake victim.

Levin was forced to leave the UC Hotel in Berkeley, and she moved to five different Red Cross shelters in 12 days after the quake.

She complained that Red Cross failed to provide adequate food for her health condition. Levin would faint every few hours because she needed high-protein foods for her hypoglycemia.

Even after paramedics were called into one of the shelters to check on her, Red Cross did not provide the needed foods.

"They really didn't give a damn," Levin said.

Other critics claim that racism, ill-trained workers and lack of organization have affected the expediency of assistance.

According to Red Cross, discrimination is minimal because many of the volunteers are from out of town and do not have preconceptions about the low-income disaster victims.

However, critics claim that having out-of-town volunteers is the cause of discrimination. Many volunteers do not have the understanding of the dire situation of low income clients and consequently volunteers have a rough

time dealing with clients, the quake victims said.

Carolyn Teah, a counselor at Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity (ECHO), said a Red Cross volunteer told her, "they should be staying with their own kind," referring to the fact that some low income victims received temporary housing vouchers for the Hilton Hotel.

"The worker was (out of line)," said Jay Scott, a spokesperson for Red Cross. "I don't know of the incident, and hopefully we won't utilize that kind of worker."

Mahlon Harmon, a worker for the Office of Community Development, spoke of an incident where a Red Cross worker escorted a client to the wrong office, thus delaying the case work.

"Red Cross institutes rules and then breaks them," Harmon said.

"Red Cross has to be more sensitive to (victim's) needs," said Martin Cano, a program director at ECHO.

Cano points to the fact that the FEMA center and Red Cross are miles apart, making it difficult and time consuming for victims to go back and forth.

The two agencies are in separate locations because "that's the way we

work with FEMA," said Aldrich. Red Cross has a referral table at the FEMA center, but all processing is done in East Oakland.

Cano also suggests that Red Cross allows victims to phone rather than coming down in person to make an appointment, only to be told to return at a later time or date.

"They (Red Cross) should treat (victims) like real people," Cano said.

"Red Cross is working as fast and efficient as we can," said Aldrich. "We're asking for patience and cooperation."

Levin's housing and food voucher expire Dec. 13. After that her situation

looks dim. FEMA turned down Levin for assistance, but she is appealing the case.

"We're competing with college students (for housing). Once landlords find out we used to live in a low-income hotel, they slam the door. I don't know (what we're going to do). I have no idea."

# Mobile-home rent control measure stirs emotions

By CHELA ZABIN  
STAFF WRITER

If there's one thing proponents and opponents of Measure N, the mobile-home rent-control ordinance, agree on, it's that lawsuits are likely to fly if the measure passes.

That's reason enough to vote against it, said City Councilman Rex Clark, who wrote the argument against Measure N on the sample ballots mailed to voters. In his argument, Clark urges voters against the measure, which, he says, "could cost YOU, the TAXPAYER, hundreds of

thousands of dollars" in legal fees.

But Henry Garrison, one of the measure's leading proponents, says fear of lawsuits shouldn't sway the voters.

"Vote your conscience," he said. "You don't have to lie down and play dead every time they threaten you."

## A year-long process

The drive to place Measure N on the ballot for this election began in May, two months after the City Council passed a mobile-home rent-control ordinance that

Garrison and other homeowners said favored the park owners. Homeowners had begun a petition drive last December, but held off when the council started working on an ordinance.

The ordinance, passed in March, rolled back rents to Jan. 1; set an annual maximum rent increase of 70 percent of the Consumer Price Index or 5 percent of the current rent, whichever is less; allowed for certain surcharges and increases in utility charges after Jan. 1 to be passed through to tenants in addition to the rent; and allowed a park owner to raise the rent by

10 percent when a coach was sold.

It also set up a Mobilehome Park Committee consisting of an equal number of representatives of the park owners and park residents plus one additional person approved by both sides to carry out the provisions of the ordinance and to settle disputes.

While park owners and some council members describe the current ordinance as a compromise, carefully hammered out after months of discussion with homeowners and park owners, Garrison said there was little homeowner input in the process.

In the end, he said homeowners went back to the petition drive.

Measure N would make four major changes in the existing ordinance.

It deletes wording that allows a park owner to raise rent when a coach is sold; rolls rents back to July 1, 1988 rates; allows for surcharges for capital improvements to be passed through only when a majority of tenants have given written approval; and requires the City Council to enforce the ordinance and settle disputes instead of the Mobilehome Park Committee.

Parks that have 10 or less

spaces or that have negotiated long-term leases are exempt from both the current ordinance and Measure N.

## Legal questions

The question of legality has haunted the measure since petitions to place it on the ballot were first turned in.

Questions came up in August about the wording of the petition and whether all the proper paperwork was in place when signatures were collected. At the

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## Man survives week in culvert without food, water or sleep

CANTON, Mo. (AP) — A man who fell into an eight-foot-deep drainage culvert lived there for a week without food, water or sleep, but said he never gave up hope he would survive.

"I prayed to God. You better believe I prayed to God," William Logsdon, 56, said in a phone interview from his hospital room. "But I never thought I would die. I knew I would get out. I always had hope."

Logsdon was rescued Wednesday after a man collecting aluminum cans spotted him. He was in stable condition Thursday.

Logsdon said he had been walking along U.S. 61 in his hometown of Canton, in rural northeastern Missouri, on Aug. 30 or 31 when he moved to the shoulder of the road to avoid a passing car and fell into the culvert.

"I laid back in there because I didn't have the strength or energy to get up," he said. "I was screaming for help but nobody heard me, so I just sat there."

Wednesday afternoon, Bob Miller of Canton spotted Logsdon as he roamed the area collecting aluminum cans. Miller called police and an ambulance.

"It was a miracle he was in such good condition," said state Trooper Ernest Schroeder, one of the first officers on the scene. "I have no

doubt in my mind he was there for a week."

He said Logsdon, who has limited use of one arm and walks with a limp, is well-known in the community, and someone saw him the day he disappeared carrying yellow bags that were with him when he was rescued.

Logsdon, who has epileptic seizures and lives with his brother and sister-in-law, also was in the habit of telling his family where he was going and when he would return home. It wasn't clear whether a seizure contributed to his entrapment.

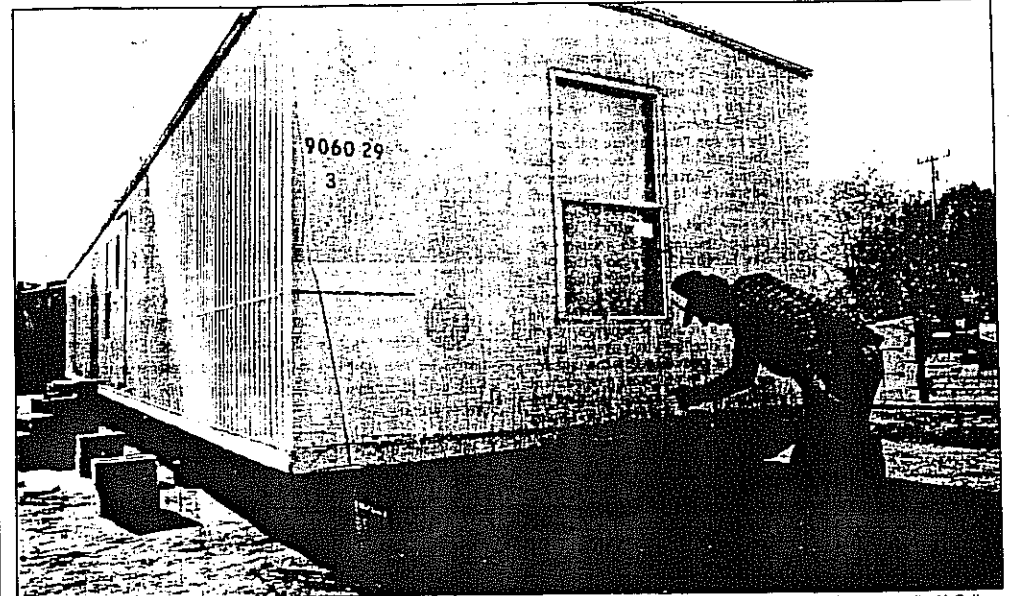
Logsdon also missed a dental appointment Sept. 1, and "he would never miss a dental appointment," Schroeder said. Logsdon's sister-in-law filed a missing-person report that day.

Authorities had searched extensively for him using helicopters and a ground sweep during the week.

Dr. Robert Prosser, director of Emergency Services at the University of Kansas Medical Center, said the weather conditions helped Logsdon survive.

"It was hot and humid, and he was probably sheltered by the culvert and able to retain some water," Prosser said. "Certainly, going without food is not unusual at all."

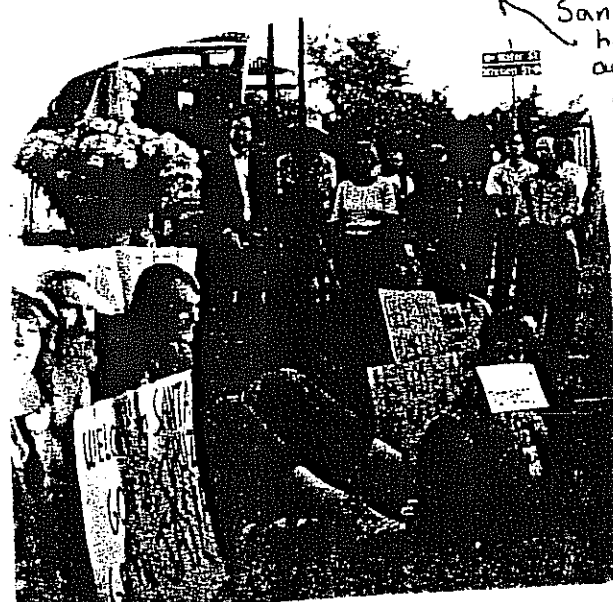
## A home for the homeless



Mike McCollum

The first trailers for homeless quake victims arrived yesterday at the Crestview site behind the courthouse on Freedom Boulevard in Watsonville. Here, Sidney Causin, a federal worker from Biloxi, Miss., puts one of the

three-bedroom mobile homes on blocks. The trailers have been provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. About 35 will be placed here; others are going in at St. Francis School and in Pajaro.



Santa Cruz has its own survival tests

## This ain't progressive, folks

Apparently, city authorities are undertaking massive changes in the character of the downtown area (previously the Pacific Garden Mall and SCOPE Park), without public debate or even a City Council vote. SCOPE (or Scribner) Park, the target of a land grab by the Garage Grill earlier this year, was protected for the time being last summer when the council voted not to lease the park for \$1 to the Grill as a privatized fenced-in area. The council returned the matter to committee for subsequent public discussion and council vote over the objections of Councilperson John Laird.

Also on the "sweep out the street people" agenda was a mall renovation pilot project costing \$100,000 to remove benches, remove and "replace" trees, substitute planters that could not be sat upon for the current brick ones and tear out the grassy knoll in front of World Savings Bank. Several hundred people signed petitions opposing the renovation and suggesting instead the funds be spent for public restrooms, extension of the mall to the north, etc.

Now, under cover of "earthquake demolition," this "renovation" plan, the unnecessary destruction of what seems like dozens of trees along the mall and the SCOPE Park privatization have been undertaken by decree. This ain't "progressive," folks. It shows contempt for the environment, for the street community and for the democratic process. The unnecessary demolition of historic buildings on the mall to line the pockets of absentee owners with federal emergency funds has already been justly criticized in these pages. How about a little exposure of these back-room deals, Sentinel, before Santa Cruz wakes up to find itself Carmel North?

Robert Norae  
Santa Cruz

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Mad John Telfair's  
Call To Resistance  
(story, p. 12.)

Sleepy sign carriers at the Town Clock Start-Up

Sentinel prints Norae!  
(see stories pp. 3, 7)

# Rent-freeze debate

## Council hears 'gouging' complaints

By LANE WALLACE  
STAFF WRITER

The Watsonville City Council voted last night to form an advisory committee to hear complaints of excessive rent increases, a move that didn't please advocates of a one-year freeze on residential rents.

The council's action came after a lengthy public session, in which half the speakers predicted serious problems if there's not a rent freeze, and the other half said just the opposite.

The idea of a one-year rent

freeze was proposed two weeks ago by a City Council committee made up of councilmen Rex Clark, Vido Deretich and Dennis Osmer, with Clark dissenting. The law was to be retroactive to Oct. 17, when the earthquake made more than 200 Watsonville homes uninhabitable. Many have since been repaired.

After further meetings, the committee withdrew its recommendation.

"You just can't go out and pass an emergency ordinance," Deretich said last week. "You have

to have documentation of excessive rent increases since the earthquake."

Although the rent freeze was part of the agenda last night, the people who spoke for it weren't necessarily wasting their breath.

"In two weeks everything changes" when a new City Council takes office, said Dan Dodge, a candidate for council in District 2, the downtown. The rent-freeze proponents said they'll be back to make their pitch to the new council.

Marela Rincon-Gallardo and

Waldo Rodriguez, who were added to the housing committee as public members after the initial recommendation for a rent freeze, maintained that the freeze is needed.

Rincon-Gallardo said she and Rodriguez presented information to the committee that the earthquake has displaced mainly poor people who can least afford higher rents.

Rincon-Gallardo said she's been told of 10 cases of increased rents since the earthquake and has talked to representatives of social-service agencies who have received at least 40 more.

Phyllis Katz, an attorney for the Watsonville office of Legal Aid, said some landlords are kicking out their tenants, which makes it possible to charge higher rent to a new tenant.

"We're getting a lot of 30-day (eviction) notices" at Legal Aid, said Katz, saying there's little that can be done about the 30-day notices unless there's a rent freeze.

Cruz Gomez, a candidate for City Council in District 1, the West Side, told the council she received a notice to move out in 30 days because she was letting too many people stay in her place after the earthquake.

Gomez said after the meeting she has had as many as eight people living in her one-bedroom apartment and now has six. She said she plans to challenge the eviction notice in court.

The council did approve an emergency ordinance that gives prior tenants the first right of occupancy on buildings damaged by the earthquake when they're repaired or replaced.

Osmer said the rent-freeze proposal was a good one. "It did not constitute a taking" of property, he contended, and provided a process for considering exceptions to the freeze.

City Councilman Tony Campos, a real estate agent, said rebuilding the city will be difficult with rent control in force, because banks will be reluctant to make construction loans.

The SHAME  
of the "progressives"  
no rent control in  
Santa Cruz

Campos said the banks won't publicly admit it, but "your borrowing power will go down" in a rent-control area. "If you do that to downtown, you might as well kill it."

Rex Clark, a real estate appraiser, said he's made a study of rent-control over the last 28 years and is convinced it doesn't work.

"It usually creates even greater problems," he said.

Clark said if he was shown specific instances of rent-gouging in Watsonville, "I would introduce the (rent-freeze) ordinance myself."

Ed Bell, co-owner of the Cabrillo Arms apartments on Ford Street, questioned the severity of the housing shortage. "In the winter you have vacancies and turnover. We've gone two and three days without an application," Bell, whose rents begin at \$450 for a studio, said he raised rents slightly before the quake and has "no intention" of raising them now.

Paul Bailey, president of the Watsonville Board of Realtors, said that instead of rent control, the solution is to get up a mediation program to inform tenants of their rights and help settle landlord-tenant disputes.

The outgoing members of the City Council got a bitter send-off from Rebecca Garcia, president

of the League of United Latin American Citizens in Watsonville, who said her pain of dealing with the earthquake is mixed with anger at the council for not doing enough.

To those council members who won't go farther than forming the advisory committee to look into rent increases, Garcia said, "I say to you, goodbye and good riddance."

The council's vote on forming the committee was 6-0; Campos was out of the council chambers when the vote was taken.

Just sleeping control---

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### Area update

A summary of the week's top local stories. 11/29

**QUAKE BENEFIT DRAWS CROWD.** Ten thousand people turned out at Watsonville High School's Gelsler Field Sunday to listen to the rock bands Los Lobos and Santana perform in an earthquake-relief concert. The concert was one of three organized by music promoter Bill Graham to raise money for cities hurt in the Oct. 17 quake. The three concerts were televised in a KQED-Channel 9 telethon, which raised more than \$2 million.

**MOBILE HOMES AT ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL.** An agreement was reached last weekend to allow the placement of mobile homes for homeless quake victims on the St. Francis School site on East Lake Avenue. Grading began Monday, with 33 trailers, provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, expected before Christmas. The land is owned by the Salesian Society, which once operated an orphanage and school there.

**HIGHER RENTS IN REBUILT DOWNTOWN.** Watsonville's merchants were told Monday night that rents in the downtown will be higher after it is rebuilt.

Before the Oct. 17 earthquake, some downtown rents were as low as 40 cents a square foot, developer John Fry, of CDM Corporation, said, but business people should expect to pay \$1 a foot in new buildings. Fry suggested merchants economize on storage space to make up for the higher costs.

**DEMOLITION LAWSUIT.** Former commercial tenants of the Cooper House in Santa Cruz sued their landlord over the demolition of the historic Pacific Garden Mall building.

Tenants claim the owner, Jay Paul, a Los Gatos developer, did not consult his tenants before demolishing the building, did not let them enter the building to retrieve belongings and records, and did not let them hire their own structural engineer to assess the damage caused by the Oct. 17 earthquake. Paul denied the tenants' allegations, saying the building was too unsafe to be entered.



Still at large ---  
Tabberwocky Jay  
(See his column next issue!)

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## Cooper House tenants sue over demolition

By JENNIFER SASSEEN  
STAFF WRITER

Several former tenants of Santa Cruz's historic Cooper House, which was demolished nine days after it was damaged in the Oct. 17 earthquake, are suing the owner for their losses.

The tenants are Gary Keeley of The Crepe Place restaurant, Louis Swisher of Crystal Kaleidoscope, A.C. Smith of Benta Baki and James Ogle of the Ogle Gallery and Jimmy's. Their "complaint for damages, negligence, breach of contract and conversion" was filed Nov. 22 in Santa Cruz County Superior Court.

The suit alleges that the owner, Los Gatos developer Jay Paul, did not consult the tenants before making his decision to destroy the Cooper House. The tenants were not allowed to provide their own structural engineers to inspect the site, the suit states, and

were not allowed inside the building to retrieve their equipment and other belongings, including records.

Furthermore, the suit states, "The plaintiffs (the tenants) are informed and believe that the defendants (Paul and the Jay Paul Co.) undertook the demolition and destruction of the Cooper House and the property of the plaintiffs at that time because the expense of the demolition was paid by the Federal Emergency Management Agency."

Contacted this morning, Paul said, "Obviously, FEMA pays for demolition as part of the (earthquake-relief) funds. It had nothing in the world to do with my decision to take the building down."

Paul said the tenants' allegations in the suit were not true and he did make an effort to get some of the tenants' possessions out. Some possessions were in

fact retrieved, including some of Keeley's, but it was just too dangerous to retrieve more. Numerous engineers had looked at the building and declared it unsafe to enter, Paul said, and the city would have torn it down with or without his consent.

"Believe me, if there was any way we could have saved that building, I would have been the first to do it," he said. "I spent a fortune fixing that building up."

The city would not allow people to go in the building because it was so precarious, Paul said, and he went along with that because the risk was too great that another aftershock might endanger the life of anyone inside the building.

"To me, human life - and this is the city's view - was a bigger consideration than personal property," Paul said.

The tenants claim in their suit that "great and irreparable in-

jury" was caused them as a result of the building's destruction by the loss of their records and by the loss of their property, which has prevented them from establishing their businesses somewhere else.

Compensation the tenants are seeking from the owner includes unspecified amounts for the loss of their inventories, leasehold interest and business opportunities. The tenants are also asking for personal damages, and for punitive damages, for negligence and for Paul's conversion of the tenants' property to his own use, according to the suit.

Calling Paul's conduct "despicable," the suit alleges Paul acted in a "willful and conscious disregard of the rights and safety of the plaintiffs" and that they are therefore entitled to punitive damages, "as a means of punishing the defendants and for the sake of example."



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# STREET SHEET

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"For the middle class, the police protect property, give directions, and help old ladies. For the urban poor, the police are those who arrest you."

--Michael Harrington, *The Other America* (1962)



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## POLICE FILE MORE MISDEMEANOR "SLEEP" CRIMES AGAINST VIGILERS COPS RAISE THE STAKES FOR 4-WEEK OLD PROTESTERS DOWNTOWN

SCPD sleepbusting policy hardened over the weekend with renewed search-and-ticket sweeps of Emeline St. campers, and misdemeanor citations and arrests for demonstrators at the Town Clock and near the Homeless Table on the mall. On Saturday morning (Dec 2), 4-5 tickets were issued to folks behind Emeline St. at midday for maintaining an "established campsite." Back downtown, Loudmouth Leith found himself in custody twice in one night, the second time charged with 6.36.050, the spiked end of the city's Sleeping Ban Ordinance, 6.36.

6.36.050 was an amendment to the original 1978 6.36 Ban, which the 1979 "kick out the homeless" Santa Cruz City Council added. The poisonous change made two lapses into sleep outside a hotel or residence within 48 hours a misdemeanor or jailing offense. (Ordinary Sleeping Ban arrests are "infractions," which do not result in jail unless the ticketed sleeper does not show up for court, refuses to identify her or himself, and/or declines to sign the ticket. 6.36.050 is a misdemeanor charge, which can also be cause for ticket or an arrest, at the discretion of the cop.

We knew that routine harassment of transients and homeless sleeping out of doors was standard operating policy for the SCPD under the leadership of Bassett, Laird, and Wormhoudt, But we thought that the more obvious heavyhanded policies of threatening months in jail and hundreds of dollars of fines for sleeping (or "camping" as our sweettalking city bosses call it) had gone out with the "bad old days" of the late 70s and early 80s. During those glorious days, off-duty (and sometimes on-duty)cops organized gangs to beat up the "trolls," and high school tweaks threw homeless off the San Lorenzo bridge and fired on them with a bazooka.

Even at the height of homeless discontent with Wormhoudt's Gang of 7 last winter, police refrained from unleashing 6.36.050. But with the arrival of organizers from Santa Barbara, the distribution of the national call to "Come Out of Hibernation and Sleep with the Homeless" at the Washington, D.C. Homeless Now! rally, and the increased pressure on the city to act sanely and humanely in the aftermath of the earthquake, police have apparently been given the go-ahead by their "progressive" masters to uncork the big guns.

Confronted with the merry disobedience of Loudmouth Leith and the persistent public sleeping of Moonrise Mike, blueshirt higherups moved in Monday morning and again Tuesday

JOIN the HOMELESS ALLIANCE Meeting every Friday 2-4 PM  
in the basement of 509 Broadway next to the Resource Center

Mars less than inspirational

To the homeless, the hungry and the underpaid, the expression "Let 'em see Mars" must be something less than inspirational. George Ward S.C. Sentinel

Sequel

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morning in a serious sleepmashing raid that jailed first Mike and then Leith. Monday's dawn bust was Mike's second misdemeanor sleeping arrest in three days, and Leith got bagged twice in four hours on Tuesday morning. Jabberwocky Jay and Mike were left unmolested as the blueshirts hustled Loudmouth off to the slammer. Arraignment dates for Mike and Leith are later this month, but they plan to take the case to jury trial so that citizens can decide if their actions were criminal.

Not only high-visibility protesters "who had been warned" and "hard-core" transients hiding in the bushes got cited in the last few days. Chava and Arnhem, out-of-state visitors, were parked near their friend's house at 9 AM, when loud poundings on their van awakened them to the Santa Cruz Experience. They were incredulous on hearing that they either had to pay \$138 to settle the citation out of court or make three separate trips south to challenge the matter. But then, maybe they should have gone to the local law library to read the telephone book-sized city code before venturing into town. (The Sleeping Ban is not posted on either of the highway 1 entrances to town, but serves police on the lookout for VW vans with a perfect weapon to use against "undesirables." and naive tourists innocent of the "law.")

LAW

Homeless Advocates Sue for Right to Beg

By ANN HAGEDORN And MILD GEYELIN

Staff Reporters of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL In a move that is likely to spark considerable debate in New York, legal advocates for the city's homeless are seeking First Amendment protection for panhandlers in the massive public transit system.

In Manhattan federal court, advocates filed a class action suit on behalf of thousands of needy and homeless New Yorkers against the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and other transit agencies. They claim the agencies' ban against begging deprives needy people of their constitutional right to "charitable solicitation."

"Anybody in this country can walk up to anybody else and ask a question," said George Sommers, one of the plaintiffs' attorneys. "When that is no longer true, we are not a free people." A spokesman for the MTA declined to comment and said lawyers are reviewing the complaint. Attorney Douglas Lasdon, director of the Legal Action Center for the Homeless, said he hopes the suit will increase public awareness about the plight of the homeless by drawing attention to the importance of panhandling to their survival. People living in public shelters are entitled to a welfare grant of \$45 a month if they work 20 hours a week for the city, said Mr. Lasdon. "On \$1.50 a day, most can't survive without begging," said Mr. Lasdon. "You simply cannot solve a hunger problem by silencing the hungry." One First Amendment expert said the issue may not fit neatly into the category of free speech. "Begging probably falls into the category of commercial speech, which is given a limited form of [First Amendment] protection," said James Goodale, a First Amendment expert at the New York law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton. A speaker asking for money can be regulated as to the time, place and manner of the solicitation, he said. This, he added, has happened in shopping malls in some states. After filing the suit yesterday, Messrs. Lasdon and Sommers urged U.S. District Judge Leonard Sand to issue a court order blocking the agencies' enforcement of the ban against beggars. Judge Sand is scheduled to hear arguments on the issue on Friday. The advocates claim the ban is "vague and overbroad" and is intended to "simplyoust the homeless and needy out of the subways."



Tuesday, November 28, 1989 / Helping homeless

I read the letter (Nov. 12) by a woman angered by the fact that she had encountered a vagrant in San Francisco who was begging for money for food. She asked, "Isn't there a law against vagrancy in San Francisco?"

Do you honestly think that the people on the street chose to be there? I admit that some are homeless by choice, but there are many who have no choice. They really can't do much but beg for \$2 for food.

I think that everyone needs to take a good long look at all of the wonderful things they have, and realize that not everyone is so fortunate. Children are born to the streets, teens and adults alike are kicked out of their homes, by parents or landlords, hun-

dreds of people inhabit the streets of our city, and this woman could think of nothing but the fact that she had been accosted by a vagrant who wanted money to buy food.

This is the season of giving thanks, and it's the season for helping those who are less fortunate. I submit that if every time you go to dine at a restaurant, and can't finish what you are served, you have the excess food wrapped up, and either hand it to someone less fortunate, or set it on the rim of a garbage can, where someone can find it without digging, you will be helping the problem of homeless and starving in San Francisco.

GWEN M. LLOYD Martinez

LOUDMOUTH GOES TO COURT ON THIS  
Lsec Street Sheet #64, #66)

Regular readers of the Street Shit Sheet are no doubt already aware of the details of the city's infamous Sleeping Ban. Newcomers should note that it prohibits sleeping in vehicles, outdoors, or in a structure "not a domicile" (like a cafe) between 11:00 PM and 8:30 AM. During other hours, you may not be legally cited for simply sleeping. Other provisions have to do with an established campsite and "laying down bedding." For details contact your local law library, city councilperson, or homeless table.

Either the cop's watch had stopped; he was unimpressed with the paint job on Arnhem's van; or he was having a good time with out-of-town rubes. Silly or outrageous, it's a waste of taxpayer bucks either way.

Give

Those who would like to play Santa's helpers should bring a new toy and wrapping paper to the UCSC Women's Center between 9am-5pm Monday through Friday. According to director Beatriz Lopez-Flores, student volunteers will wrap the toys and distribute them to children living in Watsonville's tent cities.

Second Harvest Food Bank  
204 Beach St.  
Watsonville 95076

722-7110

As the season of giving draws near, the need for food and toys in Santa

Cruz county has never been greater. Luckily, students have an outlet to express their holiday cheer through a campus food and toy drive.

MIDNIGHT FREE CAFE CLOSSES UNDER GUN OF LANDLORD AND POLICE  
HOMELESS ADVOCATES SEEK NEW SANCTUARY AS WINTER WEATHER DESCENDS

After a week of defiant existence for the benefit of the homeless of Santa Cruz, and four months of daytime operation under the management of the Childrens Rights Group, Lost Charlies (previously Las Charales) restaurant on 314 Front St. succumbed to police pressure and financial hardship and closed Tuesday December 5. For the first several months, over a dozen homeless adolescents--many of them locals from the Beach Flats--were given work and hope there. But police began targeting the place as they found the homeless workers sleeping in vehicles on and around the property(see *Street Sheet #60*). (This was during the summer when there was no Interfaith Satellite shelter program and thus no legal and/or safe place to sleep for those without funds.)

Local media focus on the controversy and public presentations at City Council sharpened the police response. Jailtime Judith Beinert, a mainstay of the restaurant and supporter of "the kids" there, began public Sleep-Outs in protest against the city's Sleeping Ban, which police were using to harass the restaurant's workers. Acting largely on her own initiative out of her own conscience's dictates, Judith slept outdoors at City Hall after Council meetings, outside the Civic Center auditorium when police attacked the homeless there 4 nights after the quake, outside the post office when police continued selective enforcement of the Sleeping Ban in the weeks after the quake, and at the Town Clock in massive Sleep-Ins as the city authorities presented bread-and-circus fluff shows for citizens outraged with police abuses (the Town Clock Starting ceremony).

Observing that city authorities were refusing to respond to protests other than by harassing, citing, and arresting homeless at demonstrations, Judith opened up the restaurant as an all-night sanctuary for those who wanted in out of the cold. A management shake-up allowed her more power in the running of the restaurant and with the cooperation and consent of her younger workers, she ran the sanctuary. Offering tv, coffee, and company, Jailtime provided a safe place for single women, a roosting place for weary men, and a free breakfast for all, financed by her and Vanguard Vic.

Police surveillance and sniping at the sanctuary continued with threats, unauthorized entries and, harassment tickets (see *Street Sheets #62,63,64*). Police approached neighbors, urging they file complaints and lawsuits, then went to the owner, who reportedly doubled the rent. The financial resources of the Childrens Rights Group itself were depleted, and some hostility flared between the Executive Director of the group and the workers there, who feared the director was selling them out. In the end, the Director quietly folded his tents in the night, allowed the owner to enter and change the locks without a fight, and slipped away without consulting with Jailtime or returning her urgent calls.

Mobilized into action, Judith contacted Councilperson Catherine Beiers, who promised to investigate the charges of improper police influence. Interfaith Satellite Shelter linchpin Andrew Morin offered to pay the rent of the sanctuary out of his own pocket, so important did he feel the program was. Jailtime noted that there were numerous street people who came to

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sanctuary, but would not or could not (because of phobias and physical disabilities) use the nightly Interfaith program. That church shelter program continued to operate nightly at 5 PM from the back of the River St. mini-Shelter, but was still "stuffed to the ceiling" at last report and leaking on Wednesday and Friday nights. Jailtime Judith promised to continue her struggle to reopen Lost Charlies or find another sanctuary on her return from Los Angeles Dec. 11.

## Law May Protect Teens Forced Into Treatment

October 27, 1989

By Halle Jordan

SACRAMENTO - The struggle to increase legal protections for teen-agers whose parents commit them to private psychiatric facilities against their will resulted in a new law that takes effect Jan. 1 - but patients' rights advocates say they will continue to push for stronger standards after the state Legislature reconvenes in January.

"We're pretty unhappy with the sum total [of negotiations]," said Barbara Lurie, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's Patients' Rights Program. "We feel it gives the appearance of due process, but, in reality, it's not there."

Ever since the state Supreme Court ruled in 1977 that minors committed by their parents to public mental health facilities have rights to due process, advocates for patients have tried to stretch those rights to cover minors involuntarily committed to private psychiatric facilities.

Criticism of the private facilities has mounted during the past few years, as more of them have cropped up.

### Aggressive Advertising Blamed

Critics claim that the increase in the number of minors committed to these facilities is the result of parents unable or unwilling to cope with normal adolescent behavior. Aggressive advertising by the facilities also appeals to parents frightened by drug abuse and teen suicides. Other parents, critics claim, opt to commit their children for psychiatric treatment because they are weary of bad grades and bad attitudes.

In one study, the National Center for Health Statistics said that the number of psychiatric units between 1980-87 rose 43 percent, from 126,000 to 180,000. During that same period, the national population of that age group declined by 11 percent.

And a study of four Los Angeles-area psychiatric hospitals found that less than one-fifth of adolescent patients were admitted for a diagnosis of serious mental illness.

### 'Is the Kid Sick?'

But representatives of the private hospitals say that the health of the minors is the issue. Critics "were looking at a violation of civil rights, [but] we're not looking at the [possible] deprivation of personal liberties," said Ronald L. Tom, lobbyist for the California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems. "We look at this as, 'Is the kid sick? Should he be in the hospital?'"

The inappropriate commitment of children to public mental health hospitals was recognized as a violation of due process rights by the state Supreme Court in *In re Roger S.*, 19 Cal.3d 183.

That 1977 decision said that all minors aged 14 to 17 who are committed to a public psychiatric hospital must be given the opportunity, with the assistance of counsel, to show a neutral fact-finder that he or she is not mentally ill or that confinement in the institution is unnecessary to protect the minor from him or herself or others, and that the institutionalization might harm rather than help the minor.

The court's ruling applied only to state mental health institutions, and left private facility standards up to the Legislature. But in 1979, the state Department of Mental Health's legal staff said that "the procedural requirements of *Roger S.* should also be applied to county-operated inpatient facilities and private inpatient facilities under contract to counties for services."

During the decade after the court's decision, patients' advocates have introduced several bills to strengthen protections for teen-agers in private facilities.

The advocates' measure last year, AB 4163 by Assemblyman Richard Polanco, D-Los Angeles, almost made it through the Legislature. It was stopped short in a fiscal committee because of budget constraints.

At the start of the 1989 session, Polanco reintroduced his measure in the form of AB 2424. But this time it had competition from the California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems. Its bill, SB 595, was carried by Sen. Robert Presley, D-Riverside.

By the end of the first half of the 1989-90 Legislature, the bills had been sent to a conference committee, where a compromise measure emerged and was signed by Gov. George Deukmejian.

Under the compromise version, psychiatrists will continue to determine whether the commitment of minors aged 14-17 is appropriate, rather than attorneys for the minor, as called for in Polanco's bill.

Patients' rights advocates sponsoring AB 2424 "wanted a full-blown adversarial court hearing," said Tim Hart, a lobbyist for the California Medical Association. "We insisted that a quasi-judicial, adversary hearing be supplanted by a clinical review by an independent reviewer." Hart said having an advocate or legal counsel determine whether a child was mentally disordered "was absurd."

Agreed Ron G. Kester, lobbyist for National Medical Enterprises, which operates several private psychiatric facilities for juveniles and adults throughout the nation: "No offense to lawyers, but in the medical community, the feeling is this is not a place for a controversial hearing. Cross-examinations and attorneys - it doesn't seem or sound like that would be in the best interest of the child."

### Requirements for Reviewers

The bill requires independent clinical reviewers to determine whether the minors should remain in the facility. But the reviewers may be an active member of the facility's medical staff as long as they do not have a direct financial relationship with the facility.

Critics charge that few psychiatrists are going to undercut the opinions of their colleagues, especially when they all are on the staffs of the same facilities.

"It's like window dressing," said Lurie of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's Patients' Rights Program.

But Hart of the California Medical Association argued that bringing in a psychiatrist from another city or county would be expensive and time-consuming. Because the county medical director will have to approve a list of psychiatrists who would be eligible to conduct the reviews, safeguards against rubber-stamping are in place, he said.

### Equivalent Treatment

Patients' rights advocates, however, still favor a review similar to those used for adult patients involuntarily committed. In those cases, a three-member panel comprising representatives of the public defender's office, county counsel's office and the mental health department director choose independent reviewers to determine whether the patient meets admissions standards.

Lurie said the new law requires that reviewers use the following standard in determining whether the minor should stay at the hospital: Whether the minor continues to have a mental disorder; whether further inpatient treatment is "reasonably likely to be beneficial" to the minor's mental disorder; or whether placement in the facility represents the least restrictive, most appropriate available setting within the constraints of reasonably available services in which to treat the minor.

Patients' advocates, she said, wanted all three criteria to be considered, not just one.

But in *Roger S.*, the court went much further in establishing a three-part test: Whether the institutionalization is necessary to protect the minor from himself, whether the institutionalization is necessary to protect the minor from others, and whether it would be more helpful than harmful.

### Will Minors Know Their Rights?

Another area of discord about the bill is that the review starts only at the patients' request. Although it requires the facilities to give all minors a booklet on their rights, the bill doesn't go far enough in ensuring those minors will exercise their rights, advocates claim.

And a final point of contention is over the standards for admission.

Jean Matulis a staff attorney with Protection & Advocacy Inc., a federally mandated non-profit program that advocates for the rights of developmentally disabled or mentally ill patients, noted that the compromise legislation requires the facilities to implement their own guidelines for review to determine whether further inpatient treatment is reasonably likely to be beneficial to the minor.

Said Lurie: "It doesn't spell out what the admissions criteria is," she said. "It could be that the child is alive, breathing and has insurance."

Teens,  
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## Teens on street hurt badly

### Face highest risk of exploitation, UC survey reports

By Lidia Wasowicz  
UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

BERKELEY — Teen-agers living on the street are even more neglected than homeless adults and face a high risk of exploitation and death, researchers said Wednesday.

"Adolescents living in abandoned buildings and parks — a neglected, invisible and highly vulnerable group — are being shut out of even the few services available to the homeless," said Marjorie Robertson of UC-Berkeley's School of Public Health.

Half the 13- to 17-year-olds studied in the Hollywood area tried suicide and only a handful used shelters, according to the analysis submitted to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Of the 83 teens in the study, 48.4 percent abused alcohol, "resembling in behavior and prevalence of abuse a skid row sample of homeless adults in Los Angeles," Robertson said.

Yet only a few were getting help or treatment. Often they were denied shelter because of their drinking.

Exact statistics are unknown, but the number of homeless adolescents nationwide is estimated at 1 million to 1.3 million at some point during the year, the National Network for Homeless Youth Services said in Washington.

Half these children return home after a few days on the street.

### Vets Hall for Vets

Having learned of a controversy between the county and Santa Cruz veterans groups, I rode my bike to the Veterans Hall at the top of Pacific Garden Mall and told the county representative I was interested in what was happening. She directed me upstairs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars post. Piano music wafted through the hallway, directing me to the veterans' large, comfortable livingroom. I felt my non-veteran alienness as I explained my interest to a man who stepped out from behind a desk. "I can talk to you," he offered.

The Veterans Hall, I learned, was built in 1932 as a memorial to WWI vets. Its intended purpose, then as now, was to honor and provide various support systems for veterans. Since 1983, the VFW post has provided a crisis line, personal counseling and shelter for veterans who have been physically and emotionally scarred by war. Veterans of Vietnam, Korea, WWII and WWI have taken refuge in the VFW post, to be among other men and women who have shared their experiences, their very specific pain.

Most recently Agent Orange and the emotional horrors of Vietnam have left many veterans unable to work or function in a world which, for the most part, denies their war wounds. Vietnam vets fought in a particularly unpopular war, not necessarily because they personally supported it, but because they felt that as Americans — largely as Americans of color or the working class — they had to fight.

Increasingly over the years, Santa Cruz County has put its foot in the veterans' door, utilizing the hall for community classes and social functions. The Vets Hall, after all, is in a prime location, and yoga classes and dance classes are popular and profitable. Besides, the county claims, the Veterans Hall is a criminal hotbed of drugs and illicit sleeping. The county won't hire veterans as guards to protect the Vets Hall, and the guards they hire have allowed the public to enter the building unprobed, drug dealers included. If the vets were permitted to run their own building they would take better precautions because they care about the Vets Hall in a deeply personal way. And yet, it is true, some veterans, either homeless or distraught, sometimes need to sleep in the Vets Hall. Even in a town where sleep has become a legal challenge, it's absurd that veterans are being told that they can no longer sleep in the Veterans Hall.

Santa Cruz, as a town full of peace activism, ought to recognize the inescapable connection between veterans and the peace movement. We can talk and talk about peace, eschew [sic] the principles of nonviolence, but veterans are unique in having lived through war. Their profound experience enables them to teach us about war and thus peace. "Wage Peace" is the VFW motto in Santa Cruz, and veterans have a special right to say it. They are not dying relics of gone wars, but living models for the potential of peace. Their history and their present reality should be compassionately safeguarded by those of us who are lucky not to have experienced what they did. Compassionately safeguarded, not fearfully or ignorantly disregarded.

The veterans who educated me spoke with clarity of heart and reason. I would only ask that the county, in its pending suit to gain more control over the Veterans Hall, commit itself to the same respectable level of heart and reason.

Susan K. Stein  
Santa Cruz

The Sun 6/22/89

A June story,  
but there's been no  
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(see p. 14.)

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.....Abducted Activist to get Jury Trial.....Lightbreeze Lorrie Finster, one-time anti-psychiatry radical with N.A.P.A. (Network Against Psychiatric Assault) in the mid-70s, and more recently allied with Mad John Telfair's Mental Captives Liberation Front, is in trouble, but fighting back. Laurie has already weathered a month in psychiatric prison at the Dominican hospital shrinkshop and two kangaroo court "hearings" in which Blackrobe Kelsay ignored evidence of her ability to take care of her own affairs and brownnosed to mindmasher MD St. Peter's psychobabble diagnostics (see *Street Sheets #63 & #64*)

At a hearing Dec 8 before Superior Court judge Stevens, Lorrie shuffled in heavily medicated and under close watch by a hospital jailer from the locked Crestwood Manor thorazine palace. Currently imprisoned there and drugged to saturation, Lightbreeze nonetheless demanded and secured a jury trial. Forced by state law to do so, The "lock-em-up/drug-em-up" Superior Court machine grimly granted Lightbreeze her jury trial Dec. 18.\* Her legal defense? Why, Grinning Ray Grueneich, of course, once again bestriding the tracks in a new bid to derail the Mental Hell System's tyranny train.

.....New Law May Support Homeless Movement.....Backyard Brian Staley, last spring's homeless city council candidate and hunger-striking jailbird, reports success from his shelter bed in Washington, D.C. (See p. below for recent D.C. clippings from Backyard.) Brian's recent researches in the nation's capital have uncovered Public Law 101-144, the Appropriation Act of 1990 for Community Development Grants. Signed by Bush in November, this bill bars "the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies against individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations" on penalty of cutting off funds. Could Brian have found a way to reach our money-mad city mothers and fathers? If you can't find their conscience, hit 'em in the coffers.

.....Bubba Bryan to Back County Parking Ground.....Bubba Bryan Koepke, industrious idler and courtroom investigator for Grinning Ray Grueneich, informs us the County Parking Lot is a good candidate for a nighttime vehicular sleeping place where people could pull in and rest unmolested. Authorities who justify banning sleeping in cars on grounds of riotous littering, unrestrained urinating, and parking/safety complaints from Westside residents can breathe a sigh of relief. Sanitary facilities are in place; the area is quite removed from residences; and clearly posted signs could assure nighttime-only use of a section of the huge lot.

We think the plan is a great idea, though it only benefits those lucky enough to have vehicles. Last time it crossed Overlord Laird's desk, though, he went out of his way to veto it--and we suspect he'll do so again. Laird and other Gang of 7 plenipotentiaries have frequently praised their own "social service" efforts on City Council and urged homeless advocates to go plague County authorities (or possibly move to Capitola or Fresno). Here's a chance for the hardhats-in-progressive-clothing to show they're willing to dispense a little justice to the houseless in town as well as those 3000 miles away in El Salvador.

\* Jury selection scheduled to begin Friday morning 12/15 in Superior Court 1.

Santa Cruz County was selected to receive \$191,085 to supplement and extend local emergency food-and-shelter programs, following Congress's recent announcement of a 1990 appropriation for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

The funds are separate from earthquake-relief efforts by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, but FEMA is responsible for solicitation, selection and monitoring of projects that will be funded with the money.

Catherine Johnson-Lyons, chairwoman of the county's local FEMA board, has announced the board's decision to fund five homeless shelter programs, four food programs and one rent-assistance program with the money. Selected programs include Watsonville's First Step Shelter and Pajaro Valley Shelter Services.

For more information, call FEMA's Catherine Boxer at 425-2115 or Johnson-Lyons at 662-3616.

.....Epigrams to Daydream By....Linda the Lark pulled this bit of wisdom from her saddlebag Good Book: "An unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal and natural laws. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades it is unjust." If you've got any you've seen or dreamed up, send 'em in to the *Street Shit Sheet*; we're easy.

.....Where Are the "Designated Areas?".....A second question by gadfly Bubbah Bryan, whose investigation of the city's Sleeping Ban law has uncovered four legal ways to sleep in town. 1. Live in a house or hotel (go out and earn \$9/hour to get some affordable housing or look for a low-income hotel that hasn't been condemned). 2. Sleep in a backyard or a fenced-in sideyard with the permission of a property owner (but don't try to sleep in a car in your driveway). 3. Get a permit for a "special event" like the Pickle Family circus gets every time it camps in the San Lorenzo Benchlands after its show. (Only problem: insurance, application fee, and "security guard" costs were \$1300+ when Bathrobespierre Robert applied for a one-night event to support Housing Now! in October.)

Finally...4. Get the City Council, through its Parks and Rec dept. to designate an area where it is legal to sleep, as provided for in the Sleeping Ban. But--surprise!--the Gang has never done that, not in the 12 years since the ordinance was initially passed in its present form. Sorry, time to head for the phones again. Or maybe the streets.

.....Courtroom Caterwauling.....COURT DATES??? For Loudmouth Leith and his repression-defying duel with Javeljabber<sup>2</sup> Jack Bassett, police king pin? For Jailtime Judith and her jury trial for "trespassing" at the courthouse in a Sleeping Solidarity demo? For Moonrise Mike, facing 6 months in jail for asserting the basic right to sleep inside the city limits? For Bathrobespierre Robert and a dozen others who are fighting their Sleeping citations in court trials (each Friday at 10 a.m., courtrooms F & G--be there)? The painful truth is--we can't find 'em! Call us irresponsible. Hopefully next issue, we'll get our court dates straight. Sorry. Turn in yours, if you get a ticket. Moonrise Mike at the Homeless Table will brief you on what to do.

FARLEY/Ph: Frank



<sup>2</sup> Javeljabber A jabber at javels (vagrants). Self-explanatory.

.....CCH--Out of the Rocking Chair and Into the Streets? Encouraging rumors have reached us that Page Smith's Citizen's Committee for the Homeless may have come out of retirement again to say a few words for its constituents. Notorious for its parliamentary maneuvers last winter to bar the more humble homeless people from its meetings, recent indications are that the group of establishment academics may be gathering courage.

The CCH in its alter ego, the William James Association, provided the non-profit cover for Calamity's Cupboard in September, establishing a regular hot meal each afternoon for everyone, regardless of lifestyle or past history. CCH also backed the Interfaith Satellite Shelter pickup shift to the River St. mini-Shelter two weeks ago, making it considerably more accessible to homeless clients. More recently in a public letter to the *Sentinel* last Monday, CCH patriarch and guiding light, Page Smith urged the city to open its \$600,000 homeless shelter during the daytime (current capacity: 12 homeless, 10 mentally ill) and allow more extensive use of the adjoining 1/2 acre for homeless purposes. Bravo, Page, let us hear more.

.....Food-not-Bombs in S.F. to feed illegally.....Nothing new for Keith McHenry and his clan of undercover chefs, who quietly distribute rice-n-beans in buckets to the homeless encampment at San Francisco's Civic Center each night. The Health Department takes turns with Parks and Rec, pulling his Haight St. permit, and the City has always claimed the meal program for the Civic Center was illegal. On the heels of ASAP's (Angry San Franciscans Against Police Abuse) victory in reigning in (and possibly disbanding) the notorious Tac Squad, police have kept a lower profile. Keith wonders whether they will play "grab the beans" again on Dec. 20 sat 11 AM when Food-not-Bombs will publicly feed the homeless at UN Plaza. Be there with a ladle, a loaf of bread, and a large appetite to find out. Or contact Keith at (415) 330-5030 to volunteer your favorite recipe.

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# Activist ordered to aid homeless

By Lorenzo P. Romero  
Mercury News Staff Writer

An unrepentant San Jose community activist convicted of attempted grand theft was placed on three years' probation Tuesday and ordered to serve food to the homeless for a year.

Judge Charles Gordon of Santa Clara County Superior Court told Xochitl Pina, 53, that he hoped her conviction and sentence would serve as a lesson to others.

Pina, the former president of the Guadalupe-Auzerais Residents Association, was convicted in January of fraudulently trying to obtain \$28,000 in relocation money for her brother in 1987.

Pina testified that she thought her brother, Oscar, a temporary resident, was eligible for the relocation benefits. But the prosecution said her brother was living in Texas at the time.

The verdict came after an eight-day trial and 16 witnesses. Testimony revolved around the city's relocation of residents in the downtown renewal project that began in 1983.

The sentencing brings to an end litigation that eventually led to a court-ordered settlement between the city and residents of the Guadalupe-Auzerais neighborhood. All involved have said Pina spearheaded the residents' appeals and was largely responsible for them winning as much as they did from the city.

During Pina's trial, several people testified that other temporary residents qualified for relocation benefits on the basis of scanty proof.

Pina testified that she still believed her brother was eligible based on what others in similar situations had gotten from the city.

Pina continues to maintain that she did nothing wrong.

"There was no justice here," she said Tuesday outside the courtroom. "I never made a claim to the city. I never signed any contract with the city. All I ever did was ask one question, and from that question police were sent to my house."

Jurors in the case took just an hour to render the guilty verdict.

A copy of an altered temporary driver's license that Pina submitted to show her brother had lived in her Prevost Street home was the key evidence pointed to by the prosecution as having swayed the jurors.

An official from the Department of Motor Vehicles testified that the document could not be authentic because the department had switched to a different form by the date on the license.

Pina's lawyer, Deputy Public Defender Karen Kelly, said Pina will soon file an appeal.

Nadler asked the judge to go along with a probation office report recommending that Pina be sent to jail for the crime.

"She held the trust of residents of her community," Nadler said. "And in several ways the residents did benefit from her services... but she also betrayed that trust."

Nadler noted that the probation report showed that Pina did not accept the jury's verdict.

"There is no sense of remorse in this report," Nadler said. "There is no taking of responsibility for her action.... She needs to be punished."

In her comments to Gordon, Kelly stressed Pina's long community service.

"For years, Ms. Pina did nothing but work for the benefits of her community," she said. "Were it not for the hard labors of Ms. Pina, it's hard to say what would have happened to those people."

Judge Gordon criticized the city's relocation efforts as "sloppy" and added that Pina's community work helped residents as well as the city.

"The court has noted your years of service to the community... and that the city took advantage of her services at some point," he said. "It also was a benefit to the community... but it does not justify what happened here."

Gordon called what Pina did a "significant" and "criminal act."

"It is the court's wish... that this sentence send a message to others," Gordon said.

## Bureaucratic terror

With regard to Keith McHenry's letter (Aug. 1), I share his dislike of "bureaucratic terrorism." More specifically, it is wrong for our elected

officials to pervert the legal system by supporting an insane law that has nothing to do with preserving a standard of health, safety or common decency. We need the McHenrys to shake us from fearful complacency.

I should also commend McHenry on his cleverness in his dealing with the "repression." If feeding the hungry on public lands can be made into a political statement, then surely First Amendment rights must ultimately prevail against any silly ordinance.

McHenry walks a perilous line. He needs the politics to advance his cause, but he must not become so political as to taint his effort. We trusted and supported Ralph Nadar because he stayed off the political soup box. Good luck, McHenry.

2/11/89 PAUL BURTON  
San Francisco

SF Examiner 8/11/89

In Santa Cruz, they're ordered not to help the homeless! (e.g. Sandra Lorange, Judith Beinert)



### Whose Hobo Jungle Is It?

Responding to James O. McCoy's letter ("The Lion vs. the Jungle") in your June 15 issue, I would like to set the record straight regarding ownership of the "trash-filled hobo jungle" adjacent to Fess Parker's Red Lion Inn.

I was a guest at the recent wedding in the jungle. I remarked on the trash piled up conspicuously against the fence dividing Mr. Parker's property from the jungle and was told by several people that it is his habit to do this as a way of showing the public how outrageously the inhabitants of

the jungle keep their surroundings in contrast to Mr. Parker's neat and tidy property. Apparently, it is Mr. Parker who is at fault. I suggested to

two of the three guests that day that a photo of this interesting contrast might be worthwhile. If Fess Parker is the owner of this particular piece of land—and not, as he would like to suggest, its neighbor—I wonder if he can explain his actions in this case.  
Kit Tremaine

From a Santa Barbara local...

.....Troubled Dreams From Santa Barbara....Down South the S.B. Homeless Coalition's Nightsinger Nancy sends word of a reactionary court decision a month ago by Judge Dodds. The court's action threatens the homeless here by holding that being "temporarily outdoors" violates the "Camping Ban" settlement between the city and its homeless citizens.

Santa Barbara is a community with a strong and well-organized homeless movement. The homeless themselves are running the Armory down there under the leadership of Harbormaster Jane Hagstrom. With elections over, police have slowed if not ceased their harassment of homeless vansleepers. On top of that, it's actually been legal to sleep outside, even with blankets, provided one doesn't have a tent, cardboard, or other "camping materials."

This victory was won by the Homeless Coalition in concert with Mitch Snyder's Creative Community for Non-Violence, back in the summer of 1986. Then hundreds of homeless readied themselves to descend on the conservative community unless its city council acted to humanize its ordinances.

And act it did, so now outdoor sleeping itself (except at city hall and in certain parks) is no longer a crime. If the legislative chairwarmers can do it in Reagan country, can't we make our own cardboard progressives do it here at home? Get to your phones and call a Council bigwig of your choice: 429-3550.

## Courts are likely to settle dispute over mobile-home rent

By CHELA ZABIN  
STAFF WRITER

Two weeks ago, while Watsonville residents may have been pondering how they will vote on their city's mobile home rent-control measure, Measure N, Capitola's City Council voted not to make any changes in its 11-year-old rent-control ordinance.

The Capitola council's action was the opposite of what Capitola City Attorney Richard Manning had suggested. In the wake of a court decision in a Santa Barbara case that favored a park owner, Hall vs. Santa Barbara, Manning had suggested changes in Capitola's law.

The Capitola council's decision was particularly relevant to Watsonville voters because the issue of the city opening itself up to lawsuits should the measure pass has been brought up by both Watsonville's city attorney and the opponents of the measure.

At issue in particular was whether or not park owners should be allowed to raise rents after a coach is sold. In Capitola, as in Santa Barbara, the law doesn't allow it. Several park owners have already threatened to sue the city (see story on page B) and Manning was advising changes in order to save the city from such suits.

Watsonville's Measure N is based on Capitola's ordinance,

and while it would remove language that allows for an increase of 10 percent or more when a coach is sold from Watsonville's current ordinance, it does not otherwise address the issue.

In Capitola, the city has interpreted that lack of specific language to mean that park owners cannot raise the rent upon the sale of a home. In Watsonville, City Attorney Luis Hernandez has said that since the measure doesn't specifically address the issue, the ordinance could be taken as meaning that there are no controls whatsoever on rental increases when a home is sold. Measure N supporter Henry Garrison said the intent of the measure is clear and that to interpret it in favor of park owners would be a violation of that intent. Just how the city would enforce Measure N is open to question.

The Capitola council voted 4-1 against making changes, preferring to wait until a city election in April when voters will vote directly on the issue by passing or denying a measure that would void the city's ordinance.

The measure on Capitola's April ballot is similar to the anti-rent control initiative Measure F which Santa Cruz County voters soundly defeated in elections last year. Measure F would have repealed the county's mobile-home rent-control ordinance.

Threats of lawsuits aside, Capitola City Manager Steve Burrell seems to think that city's ordinance is doing all right by both tenants and owners.

Asked whether he thinks property values have fallen in the parks as a result of rent control, Burrell said two parks have changed hands since rent control, with one owner buying in a year after rent control and then buying a second park a few years later.

If the parks were such a poor investment, he said, he doubts that park owner would have taken on a second park.

Capitola's ordinance covers seven parks - some 800 spaces - according to Burrell. He said that after 11 years the process by which rental increases are figured happens pretty quickly. He figures the cost of administering the program at approximately \$10,000 a year.

Each Jan. 1 Capitola park owners can raise rents to 60 percent of the Consumer Price Index. (Watsonville allows 70 percent of the CPI.) There are no pass-throughs except for charges for utilities on shared facilities, like the clubhouses, he said. Some utilities are metered for each tenant, so those are paid separately. In Watsonville, utili-

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From those fun-loving sleepers at the Homeless Table

FROM THE MEDICINE CHEST OF JAILTIME JUDITH

(Judith Beinert is an executive housekeeper at the Pasatiempo Inn, a mother of eight, and an active homeless advocate who has been arrested half a dozen times in the last two months for sleeping out with the homeless.)

Some pain has locked up secrets  
 deep inside their souls.  
 The kind of fear and anger  
 too private to be told.

You may not see them suffer  
 their secret world unfold;  
 You may not hear them screaming  
 beyond their tears controlled.

Please help them reach out for you  
 they're in there all alone  
 It's cold and empty darkness  
 with seeds of trust unsown.

Please come and stand beside them  
 the wrongs you can atone  
 They've suffered oh so harshly  
 for reasons yet unknown.

JEREMIADS FROM JABBERWOCKY JAY<sup>1</sup>

(Jay is a street craftsman without a license who has recently been passing his time writing and smiling.)

They love money, the oppressors, and to profit, they make you fear; for if you fear, they make you a slave. As a slave you live in fear, and are oppressed.

And so, threaten your oppressors, which makes them fear. Under your threat the oppressors live in fear, and so, oppress; to reduce your threat. The oppressor and the slave are bound together by fear; each for the other.

A slave may be freed by relinquishing his fear and removing his threat. They that love money shall always be bound to their oppressions, and their fears!

TRAILERS BEING OCCUPIED. Families displaced by the Oct 17 earthquake were to begin moving today into the double-wide mobile homes that have been placed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on a quickly prepared trailer park on Crestview Drive. All together, 43 families are expected to make the trailers their homes for as long as 18 months (at no charge). Also this week the first of a number of modular units, called "plazas," were set up in downtown Watsonville to serve as temporary homes for displaced businesses.

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<sup>1</sup> jeremiad (jer-ah-my-ed) A prolonged lamentation or complaint. Jay's jabs are complaints made with a leprechaun's lightness.

# Quake-displaced may force homeless out of winter shelters

By Linda Goldston and Abby Cohn  
Mercury News Staff Writers

When the first of four winter shelters for the homeless opens in San Jose today, officials know the 300 beds will fill up quickly. And the 300 after that, and the 300 after that.

The situation is the same all over the Bay Area. Winter weather and a prediction for rain have delivered a dire human aftermath to the Oct. 17 earthquake: There are more cold, homeless people than there are beds — more hungry, homeless people than there are meals.

In Santa Clara County alone, emergency housing officials expect the 3,000 "unduplicated people" served by shelters last year to double. And with only 2,400 beds available, many of the homeless will remain on the street.

"We're expecting the worst, but we're hoping for the best," said Barry Del Buono, executive director of the Emergency Housing Consortium in Santa Clara County.

"Our shelters already are taking in more people than ever before, even though they aren't officially open yet."

From San Francisco's Marina District to the farm fields in Watsonville, refugees from the earthquake are straining an already strained emergency housing system.

A report prepared by Alameda County estimates there are 4,000 to 6,000 homeless residents, but shelter beds for only 523 people. When the earthquake struck, it initially displaced as many as 2,500 more individuals.

In Santa Cruz County, 272 people remained in emergency shelters Wednesday with another 150 to 200 staying in tents in Callaghan Park in Watsonville and several hundred more camped out in back yards.

"The continuing problem is the lack of affordable low-cost housing for those previously homeless," said Al Panico, director of disaster operations for the Red Cross in Santa Cruz County. "As it gets colder, that will be exacerbated by the homeless from the earthquake."

At least some advocates for the homeless say the earthquake has created a two-tiered level of homelessness, with attention and resources going to those made homeless by the earthquake while those homeless beforehand are ignored.

## Official confronted

Homeless people and advocates for the poor angrily confronted a Red Cross official outside a disaster assistance center in East Oakland on Wednesday, complaining that the relief organization was doing little for people on the streets.

"The people with the Red Cross don't know what it's like to be hungry," said Pamela Edwards, 34, who said her assistance thus far from that organization has consisted of \$46 for groceries and \$106 for clothes.

She said the Red Cross may not renew the voucher that has allowed her to stay at a local motel since the earthquake because a supervisor wanted more proof that she had been living at a transient hotel in downtown Oakland that was evacuated because of structural damage. Edwards said she fears she will end up on the streets Monday when the slip to pay for the motel expires.

Similar complaints were voiced by many of the dozen people who carried picket signs to protest against Red Cross performance in the weeks since the Oct. 17 quake.

They charged that the Red Cross was discriminating against thousands of residents who were homeless before the quake by denying them aid and that it had failed to find permanent housing for poor people even though the earthquake destroyed about 1,000 low-income apartments in Oakland, exacerbating an existing housing shortage.

Who can afford it?  
To the editor:

The recent letter from Anita Meldl of Meldl Real Estate requires a response, if not for the tones of her remarks, then for the alarming sense of ignorance that it portrays. Ms. Meldl's theory is that there are plenty of low-income rentals available in southern Santa Cruz County, and it is only the laziness of low-income individuals and families which prevents them from finding appropriate housing.

Ms. Meldl either doesn't know about, or chooses to ignore, the very serious problem that Santa Cruz County has with available, low-income, affordable housing. The county's Housing Authority waiting list now is six years long. If the earthquake has revealed anything, it is the alarming number of sub-standard structures (i.e. garages, lean-tos, etc.) in which families have been allowed to live throughout the county, but especially in Watsonville. Several damaged single-family residences were homes to multiple families who had to band together to afford the high cost of living with which hundreds of people are confronted in Santa Cruz County.

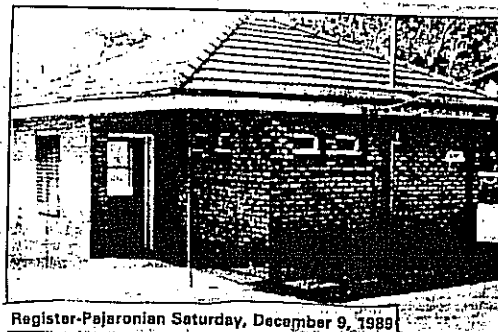
Finally, her letter also ignores the oppressive requirements imposed by many landlords as conditions for renting available units: first and last month's rent, cleaning, and security deposits often total several hundred (or thousand) dollars before a family can even move in.

One can only hope that Ms. Meldl, and others of her ilk, adopt our own president's call for a "kinder, gentler nation" and that she opens her eyes to the true housing crisis in this county.

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Time for downtown  
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## Public facilities in Australia

To the editor:  
In reference to Mrs. Mollenhauer's letter of Dec. 2 and the need for public toilets, we understand, we're using the Australian name for this essential facility. We have just returned from a 5-week trip of that country, in which we visited four of the states and traveled by car through at least 50 small towns with population from 240 to 30,000 people. In each town, there was a sign denoting the location of "Public Toilets." In every instance, we found them clean and supplied with tissue and towels.

We are enclosing a picture of one at Penhurst in Victoria, population 240. In order to research how these facilities came about, we visited a BP station, and strangely enough, a town councilman happened to be in the station; he proudly informed us that the town council put the facility in, then the shire (county) maintains it. As you can see from the picture, it does not have to be an elaborate facility to meet the needs of the public.

Now, of course, maybe the new council can litter and snicker at this suggestion as the old one did. When the subject has been broached before, they seemed to assume not everyone "has to go" at sometime or another. It was

certainly not fair for Charles Ford Co. to be forced to supply a restroom for the city for so long.

In case you feel we are pinpointing Australia, it might behoove the council to visit the little city of Downieville, Calif., population 650. We were shopping in a small store and asked the proprietor what the new beautiful building was across the street. With much pride, she gave us the background of a bunch of "go-getters" who proceeded to get a grant for building a large restroom with handicapped facilities and also room for a relief map of Downieville showing places of interest.

Aware of the fact that there are millions of dollars in grants available to agricultural communities, the council should seek out all the help they can get. Watsonville is an agricultural community, according to the Farm Bureau; however, we have not been recognized as such by the feds, because we are not aggressive enough in this direction.

Let's hope that the new council will seek a new direction in planning the new city with emphasis on the major need not only of our residents but for the tourists as well.

JOHN and ANN LARKIN  
Watsonville

## Letters Register-Pajaronian Friday, December 8, 1989

### Not affordable

To the editor:  
I would like to respond to Anita Meldl's letter in last Saturday's newspaper where she states there are "plenty of rentals" for the homeless listed in the Register-Pajaronian. Yes, there are rentals, but at what price?

Almost all the people in the shelters work for minimum wage (if they're not on unemployment). Most people in the shelters have children, which means they'll need a two or three bedroom. Right now they're renting for anywhere between \$725 and \$1,000 a month.

May I ask what these people are supposed to eat after they pay rent? If they can pay the rent? What about transportation and medical bills? I wonder if Ms. Meldl would commit herself to something she couldn't do.

I'm so glad to know that her "Hispanic tenants were able to go out all by themselves" and find another place to live. Since she didn't mention it, I hope her Anglo tenants did the same.

I am Hispanic and homeless. I

have a good job and good credit references and still have a hard time finding a new place to live. I am not living in a tent but nonetheless, my three children, husband and I are going through enough physical and emotional stress during these very difficult times. We don't need to read or hear about garbage like Anita Meldl's "croak."

REBECCA VALDIVIA-GODOY  
Freedom

### We all suffered

To the editor:  
Been reading all kinds of letters in the newspaper.

Everybody went through a lot no matter what race we are. Some lost more than others. Some people want buildings repaired in a hurry even if the building is unsafe and dangerous. Some people think if they can't be first for repairs and building up again they will be forgotten.

The people are doing a good job of repairing and building up, they can only go so fast.

Is anybody thankful they are alive?

God put all the races in the world, not just one race.

People in tents and shelters might not have money for repairs or money for a house. Instead of saying "people are freeloaders, understand the situation." Maybe they are scared.

DOROTHY NEEDHAM  
Watsonville

### No involvement

To the editor:  
Shame on you Callaghan Park! Apparently we have lost more than homes and personal belongings in the Oct. 17 earthquake. I lost the faith I had in people helping other people out in a potentially dangerous situation.

As I walked across the street from Callaghan, a dog fight broke out between a large "pit bull" and another large dog. About 10 small children were on the sidewalk cheering the dogs on. I ran over and began hitting and kicking the "pit." All he wanted to do was kill this dog.

The other dog was obviously losing, crying the whole time. For some reason, the "pit" let loose of the other dog's neck, and they both took off, the "pit" in deadly pursuit.

As I looked around, everyone was staring at me. All those people and the security guard, too. All he asked, "Was it a pit bull?" It seems to me that with all the children in the area, one adult would have come up with something laying around to break up this horrible fight.

What does it say to our children when we don't get involved? They lose the respect for a life. They lose their respect of the adult who is responsible for their protection.

I have to wonder if it had been a child, would the outcome be any different?

MELINDA STRONG  
Freedom

Homelessness could be the dark side of the lustrous dream of urban renewal that has so preoccupied city leaders.

## In San Jose, home can be wherever shelter is

It would be difficult to find a more fitting symbol of homelessness in San Jose than the aging FMC factory at 333 Julian St. downtown. Now used mostly for storage by the company, the rambling facility also has become a haven of last resort for a dozen or so homeless men and women.

At first the unwanted lodgers confined themselves to the bank of the Guadalupe River, which runs behind the plant. Eventually, though, they breached the fence surrounding the property, and then the building itself. The homeless have burrowed under the structure's very foundation, fashioning caves that provide escape from the cold and some measure of physical security. Rooting them out won't be easy, especially in any

### Philipp Harper

long-term sense. FMC management has wrestled with the problem since February, when it discovered the settlement, but it's finding a solution hard to come by. The company wants its property back — and to be free and clear of the security and liability problems the squatters pose — but, commendably, it also wants to help the homeless.

FMC knows that simply putting up a bigger, stronger fence is not the answer. But if not that, then what? The question, like the problem that occasions it, is not faced by FMC alone.

Caltrans, the state transportation agency, must decide what to do with the 30 to 40 homeless people living beneath the interchange of Highway 87 and Interstate 280. Nor can 500 other people believed to be encamped along the Guadalupe River be ignored for long.

And the worst news of all is that these visible outbreaks of homelessness constitute only a small slice of a much larger problem, one which promises to undermine San Jose's social foundation just as surely as the unfortunate burrowings on Julian Street threaten the masonry foundation of the FMC plant. Homelessness could be the dark side of the lustrous dream of urban renewal that has so preoccupied the city's leadership for much of this decade.

Until recently, the extent of the problem was defined more by speculation than by hard numbers. No longer.

The Emergency Housing Consortium, a non-profit organization that runs seven permanent area homeless shelters, just completed an analysis of the people who sought shelter last winter at the San Jose National Guard Armory, which, along with armories in Sunnyvale and Gilroy, the consortium administered for the county from December through March. The findings, says Barry Del Buono, consortium executive director, "knocked our socks off."

"We really felt that in the valley we had a handle on (the homeless problem), but we really don't," Del Buono says. "It scares the hell out of us because we thought we had a group of 300 to 400 people (who made up the hard core of area homelessness)." The actual number, Del Buono and his staff now believe, is easily five times that.

At the San Jose armory, the consortium assisted 2,600 different individuals during the four months of

the program. Several hundred others showed up at the Sunnyvale and Gilroy armories.

It's estimated that about 20 percent were transients passing through the area on their way elsewhere. The remainder — at least 2,000 in San Jose alone — make up a more-or-less permanent population of the financially dispossessed, people who think of shelter in terms of overpasses and bridges, abandoned cars and cheap hotel rooms, space on a friend's floor.

These are the lone wolves of homelessness. Del Buono says they would rather fend for themselves on the street than submit to the type of authority usually encountered at shelters, many of which require participation in some sort of rehabilitation program in exchange for room and board. A main attraction of the armories — other than the fact that they offered warm beds and hot meals on cold nights — was that they provided help with no strings attached.

Members of the armory group were overwhelmingly single and male, and in those respects fit most time-honored stereotypes of homelessness. In others, however, they did not.

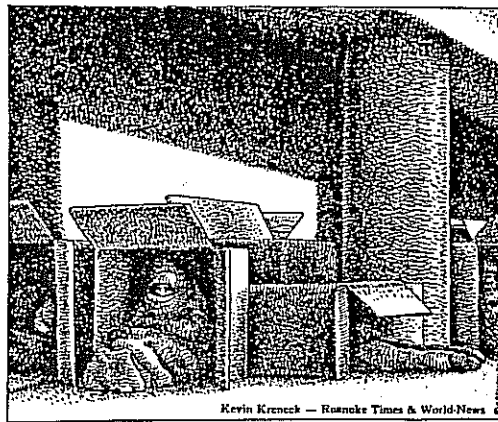
Last May's New York Times report that 75 percent of the homeless are addicts was not substantiated by the consortium's armory survey. "You could probably say that 25 percent of the people were really struggling with some kind of addiction," Del Buono says, adding that an additional 10 percent clearly was suffering from mental illness.

And though 81 percent of the people sheltered at the San Jose armory reported no income, Del Buono says most worked at least part time in low-paying service or day-labor jobs. These are people, he adds, who "are working at making it, and doing it in their own way."

Sadly, they're not very successful. Thirty-five percent of those showing up in San Jose had been homeless for at least a month, and 24 percent for a year or more.

It would be bad enough if this group represented San Jose's homeless problem in its entirety, but it doesn't. There is another more "mainstream" homeless population that gravitates toward year-round shelters. On any given night in Santa Clara County, these shelters provide beds for about 1,000 people — roughly 60 percent of them families, the rest single adults.

Help House the Homeless, a co-



Kevin Krensch — *San Jose Mercury News*

The number of homeless seeking assistance in the county last year — 19,600 — was nearly 50 percent higher than two years earlier. There's also evidence that more people are poised at homelessness's brink.

alition of shelter providers that functions as an information clearinghouse, estimates that nearly 12,850 men, women and children were housed in permanent shelters in the county last year, while 6,750 were turned away for lack of space. That's 19,600 people who, at one time or another, were homeless in this county last year and appealed to the system for help.

Factor in the 2,500 hard-core homeless reached by the armories last winter, and the total rises to more than 22,000.

These are just the people who had contact with the system. It's a virtual certainty that there are others who did not.

Peter Miron-Conk, executive director of San Jose Urban Ministry, which runs three shelters for single men as well as day programs for the homeless, says the unreachable include:

- ✓ Undocumented migrant workers, like the several hundred living along the Guadalupe River corridor, who stay away either out of fear or because of language problems.
- ✓ About half of the 2,000 mentally ill people estimated to be homeless in the county.
- ✓ Hard-core alcoholics who refuse to enter a system in which drinking is forbidden.
- ✓ The "chronic homeless," who have some social or emotional problem that prevents them from holding jobs or feeling comfortable in the structured environment of a shelter.

Accurately gauging the combined population of these groups is impossible, but it seems safe to assume it's growing. Certainly, that's what has happened among the groups that can be tracked.

The total number of homeless seeking assistance last year — 19,600 — was nearly 50 percent higher than two years earlier, when 13,500 sought help. There's also evidence that more and more people are poised at homelessness's brink.

A study released in December by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a non-profit research outfit based in Washington, D.C., found that in 1984, 68 percent of the 19,000 "poor renter households" in the San Jose metropolitan area paid at least 70 percent of their incomes for rent and utilities.

The comparable national figure, reported for 1980 was 45 percent.

The study also pointed to a "severe shortage" low-rent housing in San Jose: "In 1984, there were more than twice as many households in the area with incomes below \$10,000 as there were units that would be considered affordable for such households under the HUD standards."

Remember, that was in 1984. During the intervening years, the upward pressure on housing costs locally has been intense, as has the effort to convert moribund urban cores to more productive and attractive uses through downtown redevelopment.

One important victim of both trends, especially where the homeless are concerned, has been the downtown single-room occupancy (SRO) hotel, a type of which once provided low-income renters with affordable if not luxurious housing.

The stock of such housing has fallen by about 1 percent in 20 years, from about 2,000 to 500 unit. While a proliferation of inexpensive rooming houses during the same period may have prevented an even all decline in cheap housing, holding the line is not the same as keeping pace with demand, especially in one of the nation's fastest growing areas.

In May, at the urging of the redevelopment agency's downtown working review committee, the city council put a cap on the development of SRO hotels in the city's center, while urging that any new SRO units be put in outlying areas. Clearly, based on the consortium's armory survey and the overcrowding at its county's permanent shelters, there is a need for additional SROs. If they prove viable outside the downtown — and people such as Del Buono and Miron-Conk are skeptical about that — fine. But if the strategy doesn't work, it may be necessary to remove the downtown cap.

Of course, no amount of SRO housing will solve the homeless problem. For some people even a cheap hotel always will be out of reach. Keeping the armories open permanently would be a significant and, in the larger scheme of things, relatively inexpensive way of meeting their immediate needs.

Over and above such stopgap measures, what really needed is more and better information about the extent of the homeless problem confronting Santa Clara County in general and San Jose in particular.

Spurred by Supervisor Ron Gonzales, the county is studying the homeless population and its effect on both public and private sectors. No one should be surprised if results of the survey, which is expected to be completed in October, are every bit as startling as the consortium's study of the armories.

The trick for government won't be so much to digest the bad news as to overcome the tendency to ignore it and move on to less daunting issues. What policy makers have to understand is this: The homeless won't go away; they have a grip on the city foundation.

Philipp Harper is a Mercury News editorial writer.

### Who are the homeless

The Emergency Housing Consortium surveyed nearly 2,600 homeless people who sought shelter at the San Jose National Guard Armory last winter. Key findings of the survey are presented below.

Sex	
Male	89.4%
Female	10.6%
Marital status	
Single	66.1%
Married	11.8%
Divorced	10.9%
Unknown	10.3%
Widowed	1.2%
Ethnic origin	
White	34.0%
Hispanic	27.8%
Black	24.8%
Unknown	10.8%
American Indian	1.2%
Other	1.2%
Asian	0.6%
Age	
30-44	44.8%
18-29	32.2%
45-64	15.0%
65 or over	8.3%
Under 5	0.7%
13-17	0.7%
5-12	0.5%
How long homeless	
One month	34.5%
One year	24.1%
One day	10.2%
One week	15.8%
Unknown	9.5%

Source: Emer. Housing Consortium, Action-Tek Corp.

Mercury News

A blast from the past:

## Council 'disruption' thrown out of court

S.C. Sentinel, 10/4/89

By TOM LONG  
Sentinel staff writer

SANTA CRUZ — Charges against three homeless activists accused of disrupting a City Council meeting were thrown out of court Tuesday.

Municipal Court Judge Robert Atack said there was "insufficient evidence" to prosecute Robert Norse, Edward Teal and Marlon Fischer, who were arrested on the night of Oct. 25. The three continued to address the council on homeless issues even though then-Mayor John Laird told them the time they had been allotted to address the council during its open-mike period had passed.

Attorney Ray Gruenelch warned that, based on Atack's ruling, there is a "major chance" that he will file

a lawsuit against the city if activists are silenced in a similar fashion in the future.

Gruenelch argued in a pre-trial motion Tuesday that Laird had at first promised the speakers they would have a total of 20 minutes to air their views, then later cut that time down to 15 minutes and ultimately only let the speakers talk for 14 minutes.

"That is the kind of attitude of contempt that John Laird has repeatedly shown to the homeless," Gruenelch said.

Atack's ruling was that the speakers had simply been using up open-mike time that Laird should have let them have in the first place and thus had not broken the law.

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# Couple Puts Homeless Cause on Hollywood Hit Parade

Santa Cruz Sentinel — Friday, July 7, 1989

BY NIKKI FINKE  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

## Beverly Hills

The working conditions are unusual. Even for Beverly Hills.

The boss sits in a marble-to-the-max kitchen. The boss' wife toils in a satin moure-draped dressing room. The publicists make phone calls from the exercise gym. And the typists pound their keyboards on a priceless buffet table that seats 12.

"This used to be a dining room," explains actress Jenn Kasem, staring at the three rented computers sharing space with gilt-edged china. "Now it's a command post for the homeless."

In the beginning, there were Limousine Liberals.

Now, music countdown king Casey Kasem and his wife have taken the concept even further.

Or, specifically, higher. They're Penthouse Progressives.

"It's like during the war in Europe when Eisenhower set up command posts in the most elegant chateaux," Jean Kasem says. "We're taking his leadership. Why

forge a new path? It worked for him, it'll work for us. After all, we're in a social crisis."

The crisis, according to the Kasems, is the national lack of affordable housing. And that's why, since July, they have turned their \$20,000-a-month, seven-room apartment at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel into the headquarters for Hollywood's participation in the October 7 "Housing Now!" march on Washington, D.C.

## Busy Schedule

They're sending a massive mailing to radio stations across the country and organizing a fund-raiser for October 1 at their other home — a three-acre estate in the posh Holmby Hills section of Los Angeles.

"I didn't think it was going to be like this," Casey Kasem says, making his way through a maze of boxes stacked haphazardly in his antique-filled foyer. "It just got bigger and bigger. And before we knew it, we'd become a combination shipping department-computer center-stationery store with 16 people working in three shifts here."

Call it the world's most ostentatious office. Or call it just another day in the life

of the Kasems, Los Angeles' own Odd Couple of Causes.

First, there's their height: She's 5 feet 10 1/2; he's 5 feet 6. Then there's their age: She has claimed to be 32 for years; he's 50.

Plus, there's the way they dress: She's head to toe in Ralph Lauren white tulle; he's dressed to lead in Italian tux.

And, finally, there's their list of causes, which goes beyond even the average par-

den-variety rich Hollywood leftist's. Their real-life Top 10 includes pro-Nicaragua activities, Jerry Lewis' muscular dystrophy telethon, Danny Thomas' St. Jude's Research Hospital fund-raisers, the National Cancer Institute, animal rights, vegetarianism, global nuclear disarmament, world hunger, drunken driving and Middle East politics.

## Corny Radio Show

A self-proclaimed American Institution he created by mixing his corny material and crackly voice, Kemal (Casey is his nickname) Kasem co-created the hit ABC radio show "America's Top 40" and hosted it until 1983, when he was replaced by Shadoe Stevens.

Kasem jumped to the Westwood One radio network, signing a five-year contract for a whopping \$17 million. He rakes in seven more millions for his sales pitches for everything from cars to ketchup as well as doing the voice of Slinky on "Scooby Doo" cartoons and the letters and numbers on "Sesame Street." Still, he's more likely to be listening to a speech by Malcolm X on his cassette player than music by Miami Sound Machine.

His wife, the former Jean Thompson, grew up in Guam, where her father was a

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# Unwelcome visit by deputies ends in award to Aptos woman

By STEVE WENDLER  
Special Staff Writer

SANTA CRUZ — Jeanell Montero was sitting on the floor with her small son when sheriff's deputies George Chekouras and John Emswiler entered her bedroom one afternoon in April, 1987.

According to Montero's attorney, J.D. Wells of Soquel, Montero "demanded" that the officers leave, but the deputies, who had come to Montero's home on Trout Gulch Road in Aptos to serve her civil papers, refused. Instead, said Wells, they threatened her with arrest.

Wells said his client told the officers that if they intended to arrest her, they should get on with it. Otherwise, she instructed them, they should "get out of her house immediately."

According to County Counsel Dwight Herr, when Chekouras and Emswiler entered Montero's bedroom, she "began yelling profanities and stated she wanted to go to jail." According to Herr, Montero knew full well why the deputies were there and simply wanted to avoid accepting a summons to appear in court on a small claims dispute.

No matter what words were exchanged between Montero and the deputies in Montero's bedroom on April 27, 1987, both sides agreed that the two officers had no business there, and last week the Board of Supervisors authorized a payment of \$5,000 to Montero to settle a suit she later filed against the county.

The county could have saved itself \$1,533 by settling the suit on Montero's original terms. Montero, who was cited for interfering with police officers, asked for \$3,267 — including \$867 in special damages, mainly legal fees, and \$2,500 in general damages — after the charges against her were dismissed "in the interests of justice." But the county rejected that settlement offer, countering with an offer of \$2,500.

Montero then said she would accept no less than \$10,000.

According to court records, the events which led to Montero's boudoir run-in with the peace officers began unfolding April 25,

1987 when Chekouras, then assigned to the Sheriff's Department's civil section, went to Montero's home to serve her with the court summons. Finding no one at home, Chekouras left his business card at the door, with a note advising Montero to call his office.

According to Herr, Montero called the next day to ask if she could come by and pick up the papers. But she never did.

A week later, Chekouras returned to Montero's home. He arrived at about three in the afternoon. He rang the doorbell, waking Montero who, according to Wells, was in her bedroom, partially dressed, napping with her son.

Montero went to the door and looked through the peephole. Rather than open the door to Chekouras, who was not wearing a uniform, she asked a handyman who was working at the rear of her residence to speak with him, Wells said.

According to the attorney, Chekouras identified himself to the handyman, but did not say why he had come. Montero asked the workman to tell the officer to come back another time.

A little while later, according to Wells, Montero heard "banging on her front door and someone yelling that if she did not come to the door she would be arrested."

Montero then asked a neighbor living in a mobile home at the back of her property to talk to Chekouras.

The neighbor was unable to tell Montero why Chekouras wanted to see her, Wells said. Montero asked the neighbor to tell the deputy to leave and returned to her bedroom to be with her slumbering son.

"Several minutes later," according to Wells, Montero "heard her front door being opened and people walking into her house."

"She immediately grabbed a blouse to put on and started to pick up her son when deputies Chekouras and Emswiler suddenly burst into her bedroom unannounced," Wells recounted.

Wells said Montero told the deputies to leave, but they refused, telling her that if she could not talk with them, she would be "arrested for unlawfully refusing to cooper-

ate with their demands."

According to Wells, that's when Montero told the officers to either arrest her or get out of her house. "At that," he said, Montero "was informed she was under arrest, whereupon she was escorted outside to the officers' patrol car."

Deputies told Montero that she could forgo the ride to County Jail if she signed a citation, promising to appear in court at a later date. Montero signed.

According to County Counsel Herr, Chekouras arrived at the Montero residence to find the front door ajar. After the workman talked to the officer, Herr said, Chekouras yelled through the open portal that Montero could be arrested for "delaying a peace officer in the performance of his duties" if she did not come to the door. Herr said Chekouras received no response.

Herr said Chekouras then warned the neighbor that Montero's refusal to come to the door could lead to her arrest. He said the neighbor consulted with Montero and returned to the door to tell the deputy "that Montero was not going to come to the door and would rather go to jail."

The county counsel said Chekouras then radioed for a uniformed deputy to back him up. When Emswiler arrived, Herr said, the two officers went to the front door, which was still partially open, and "announced their presence."

The deputies heard "movement in the house," Herr said, but no one came to the door. So they entered the home and went into the bedroom, where they found Montero sitting on the floor with her young child. It was at this

point, said Herr, that Montero broke into a string of profanities and told the officers she wanted to go to jail.

Herr conceded that the deputies should not have entered Montero's home.

"A home may not be entered for purposes of service of civil papers in the absence of consent, or a valid warrant," he said. "However," Herr continued, "the open front door could be found to be an implied consent to enter the residence, particularly in light of the fact that the door was never closed by either (Montero, or the handyman or Montero's neighbor)."

The charges against Montero were dropped after three court appearances.

Herr said Montero had suffered "no lasting emotional distress" and no loss of income as a result of the incident. Noting that Montero is a businesswoman — she manages a number of properties which she and her husband own — "it is reasonable to assume the (Montero) knew Chekouras was deputy sheriff and was there to serve civil papers."

"Rather than answer the summons and accept the papers," said Herr, "she decided to avoid service."

Wells said that it was "obviously clear that in this case the officers acted unlawfully, in violation of (Montero's) constitutional rights."

He said his client was still suffering "mentally and emotionally" from the trauma of the incident, "and still dealing with the emotional distress that her son suffered as a result of this incident and that he continues to experience every time he sees a policeman."

## Housing update

Nearly 9,000 have applied for assistance

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By CHELA ZABIN  
Staff Writer

With the deadline for FEMA emergency disaster aid a little more than two weeks away, interim housing was the focus of a meeting of U.S. Rep. Leon Panetta's earthquake task force Saturday.

FEMA official Bob Stevens said the Disaster Assistance Centers in Watsonville and Santa Cruz, scheduled to close Dec. 18, are still taking new applications. On Friday, 81 people applied for aid at the Watsonville site, and 42 applied at the Santa Cruz site.

In all, 4,641 people have applied for help from FEMA at the Watsonville site and 3,521 at the Santa Cruz site. The number of applications for housing assistance for the whole county is 8,751, he said. Of those, 3,891 have been found eligible for aid — an eligibility rate of 49 percent. The rest have either been found ineligible, have not been reviewed or are inactive because the agency couldn't contact the applicants.

Joe Dominguez, the FEMA official he said is a liaison to the Latino community in Watsonville, left Friday to return to his post in San Francisco. Friday, Dominguez said he felt that he'd accomplished what he'd been sent to Watsonville to do — set up systems to place and serve the community with bilingual outreach and housing assistance. The downtown housing assistance office he opened is fully staffed, he said. Stevens said Saturday that the office will remain open indefinitely.

Forty-three trailers to house the displaced people are expected to be placed on the Crestview site behind the municipal courthouse in Watsonville and should all be ready for occupancy Dec. 11, Panetta said.

About 33 units are planned for

the St. Francis site, and should be ready for occupants within two weeks, he said. At least 50 trailers will be placed on the fairgrounds site. Those trailers could be in place within three weeks. The 22 trailers at a site in Pajaro will be ready within 10 days, he said. Trailers at UC-Santa Cruz, designated for the elderly, will take longer because a permanent road apparently needs to be built.

been planned to those who haven't applied.

Mary Thuerwacher, director of Santa Cruz Legal Aid Society, said many people are being found ineligible for aid because they shared housing with other families and didn't have documents in their own names. Other, single people who lived together have had difficulties because FEMA funds go only to one of the housemates,

Christine Johnson-Lyons, executive director of Community Action Board, gave a report on CAB's Mobile Voucher Project and accepted a \$3,000 check from a state Housing and Community Development official.

Johnson-Lyons said the program had, as of Nov. 30, provided shelter for 1,057 people at a cost of \$125,108. Most of the program's financing has come from private donors, she said.

Currently, 199 people are making use of the voucher program, and 45 percent of them are from Watsonville, she said. The program has given priority to the elderly, disabled and families, she said, adding that 100 of the people currently being housed are children.

Mehl asked if the program had been tracking those making use of the vouchers through the FEMA housing aid process.

Johnson-Lyons replied that there hadn't been much time to do case management, and agreed to work with Mehl and others to make sure every one applied for housing assistance and got into the trailers if possible.

Panetta added that as many as 150 trailers could be placed on the fairgrounds site, if that many were needed.

Panetta also said his task force would be "making a push for the ineligible" as well.

"We'll be pushing to make the most use of the trailers," he said, adding that "FEMA will be pushing to make the least use of them."

Panetta also said that some people living in mountainous areas who have not been able to repair their earthquake-damaged homes may be eligible for FEMA trailers on their property.

People from the shelters and tent sites are being considered first for the trailers, said Panetta, calling Callaghan Park's tent city "a human disgrace and a bureaucratic disgrace."

People from the shelters and tent sites are being considered first for the trailers, said Panetta, calling Callaghan Park's tent city "a human disgrace and a bureaucratic disgrace." Panetta and other officials, including Watsonville Supervisor Sherry Mehl and Watsonville Mayor Betty Murphy, have been meeting with FEMA to review the progress of housing applications for people staying in the shelters and tent cities in preparation for the arrival of the trailers.

While a number of families and individuals who have submitted applications have been found eligible, many others have not yet applied, said Panetta. Others have applied and been found ineligible. The agency is being asked to reconsider those who have been found ineligible and outreach has

who often then takes off on his or her own, leaving the others without any money.

FEMA has, at other times, indicated it will reconsider its policy in these cases. Thuerwacher said that the deadline be extended so people who were in these types of situations could apply for themselves. She also noted that the deadline for disaster unemployment assistance from the State Employment Department was yesterday, and asked if it could be extended at least until Dec. 18. Panetta said he'd see what he could do.

People who are staying in tent sites and mobile trailers around the county shouldn't be excluded from the priority list of people needing placement in the trailers, said Luther Perry, head of the county's housing task force.

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# Advice From Bonny Doon

Editor — I read the articles (People, August 16) on homelessness with interest. I, too, was homeless for a time, although not on the street. Last my husband, home and income in the storm of '82. I escaped with only the wedding ring on my finger and suffered a broken leg. For most of a year I was dependent on the generosity of friends and strangers and support from charities and government aid (such as it was).

I make donations to charities like the ones that helped me. I do not give to panhandlers, and your articles show why. Out of five panhandlers interviewed, two clearly stated that they didn't want to get jobs. One feels he "earns" his money. The other feels that "profit is theft."

What that really means is that it's perfectly all right to live off someone else's sweat and contribute nothing. That money didn't just fall out of the sky, it was "profit" that someone else earned.

I will happily give any support I can to those who are down and out — even alcoholics and addicts — who truly want to turn their lives around. I will not contribute one cent to a selfish, lazy bum. If you don't believe in the system and "profit," then don't soil yourself with my hard-earned profit. Go out in the woods and live on roots and berries. Try it in Illinois, where I grew up.

SHARI PRANGE  
Bonny Doon

# Chron 8/28/89 Being 'On the Bum'

Editor — In 1931, with two buddies who had also run out of money while attending college in South Dakota, I arrived in S.F. via freight trains. I spent my last nickel to ride the ferry from Oakland to the city. The sun was just setting over the Golden Gate, casting its last rays on S.F., and I thought it must be the most beautiful city in the world.

In those days Howard Street was lined with little restaurants. Hamburger steak, bread and coffee was 10 cents, rib steak, 15 cents. Steak doughnut and coffee, 5 cents — if you had the money, and we didn't.

We headed for L.A. via freight trains. By the time we reached Forterville, we were hungry, not from missing one or two meals but from going days without enough food. I learned that hunger is the strongest emotion in the world. Stronger than love or hate.

But we weren't looking for charity. I walked around, found a lawn that needed mowing and I asked the nice lady if I could mow her lawn for some breakfast. She not only cooked for me some delicious bacon and eggs but called her husband, the manager of the orange packing plant, and he put us to work.

Eventually, I got a steady job, worked for the same company for 37 years and moved up to a very responsible position.

The point of all this is I learned about a lot of people who were "on the bum." One thing is that a certain percent are alcoholics who just want to get enough money to buy cheap booze, and they have a "grape vine" that works very well, telling them what city has the best handouts. Others are people who have just given up on life and don't give a damn about anything — they too are looking for the best handouts.

So I can tell you with certainty — when the mayor's program for the homeless goes into effect, you are going to have almost every charity case in the West heading for S.F.

MEL SMITH  
Belmont

## On Street Beggars

Editor — I've been troubled about the problem for a long time, as I work in the Civic Center area and am confronted every day by the homeless and the street people who beg for money. This has brought up moral issues for me and I asked Father Crome to preach to our congregation at Trinity Episcopal Church about the subject and our responsibilities as Christians toward our fellow human beings.

As far as sermons went, it was fine, and our well-dressed congregation sitting in a beautiful church on the fringes of both Pacific Heights and the Tenderloin listened intently and, I believe, gleaned some insight.

Well, since that sermon the killing goes on in Central America, we've

commemorated another anniversary of the atom bombings of Japan, drugs and alcohol continue to destroy lives, hostages are being held captive and my friends continue to die of AIDS. I deal each day as best I can with the people on the streets.

But today somehow felt different after I read Tony Bizjak's article about posing as a street beggar. I felt the humiliation that he felt and wrote so eloquently about. I actually felt the despair and hopelessness of those sad people and I remembered an old Indian proverb, the one about not judging a man until you have walked in his moccasins.

JOHN-MICHAEL OLEXY  
San Francisco

↑ Equal time ↑  
↑ for bum bashers ↑

## HOUSING--BELOW THE SURFACE OF HOMELESSNESS

The Civic Center struggle brought a lot of focus to homelessness and to homeless people. The key word here, is of course, homeless, i.e., without housing. And while this issue was the number one news story for two weeks, very little was investigated or reported on housing, on public policy regarding housing, on code enforcement, cost of housing, etc., etc....One can only assume that it is more expedient for power brokers and decision makers and media moguls to focus on individuals rather than on systemic failures. The question why begs to be asked. This question will be addressed later, for now I would like to provide a framework in which one should and could examine the issue of homelessness.

Within two blocks of the Civic Center there are two empty residential hotels. These hotels were bought by Hastings College of Law illegally with minority student money. The tenants were moved out and some were relocated almost fifteen years

ago. Hastings has let the property get so run down, that they are now condemned. Some of the tenants were moved to another Hastings owned building, one block away from the Civic Center and this building is currently 75% vacant. If one was to add the total number of formerly affordable housing units that have been taken off the market, the total would be 165 units.

The College initially claimed that it was going to use the land for educational purposes and then last year they sent a slick, misrepresentative brochure out world wide to encourage office and/or condo development. Presently, the North of Market Planning Coalition is trying to get the area rezoned residential and return much need residential housing to the neighborhood.

About one and a half blocks from the Civic Center is the Abigail Hotel. This hotel was illegally converted to tourist use. Recognizing the important role single resident occupancy (SRO) hotels play in housing low and fixed income people, San Francisco passed the Residential Hotel Conversion Ordinance (RHCO) in 1981. Room usage was determined by how the rooms had been used. The Abigail Hotel had been permanent housing for seniors

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# THE HOMELESS LINK

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## Editorial

Where shall the homeless go? One Tenderloin cartoonist, responding to the new conservative backlash, says we should lash them to our worthless rockets and shoot them all out into space.

We'd never have to see them again. Their bed-eyed stares, dirty hair or grubby hands begging.

And what has the city determined to do about the homeless. Mostly plan. The 12 point Citywide program by Mayor Dianne Feinstein, has not been implemented. The Mayor's Homeless Policy as outlined by his Homeless Coordinator, Bob Pringle, is titled: Planning for a Change.

We didn't know that change would include the Mayor jumping on the bandwagon of the folks who are already annoyed by the presence of the homeless. There is a growing backlash of community pressure, as homeless people insist on their rights to just receive homeless people.

There are now recurrent police sweeps or harassment such as occurred at CIVIC CENTER PLAZA on June 26, 1989 at 4AM. The police "ripped up tents, kicked sleeping people in the head and yelled out to loudspeakers for everyone to evacuate the area by 6 AM.

So are the folks of this society going to lash the victims for reminding them that somewhere along the way they have failed. So in anger and frustration, they go home and "kick the dog".



## WHERE SHALL THE HOMELESS GO?

(Confiscate the possessions of the poor and dump them in a star truck.) This is O.C.D., too-block cold. The city gives with one hand (free alcohol etc.) and takes it away with the other.

and fixed income people. It was bought by Dr. Bullock who blatantly broke, and continues to break, the law. He harassed and evicted many of his older tenants. This case has been in court for most of the 80's and yet he still continues to rent only to tourists and harasses the last three remaining tenants. The number of rooms he has taken off the market totals 42.

This blatant disregard for low income tenants and the law designed to protect them, has encouraged other speculators to illegally convert their hotels. Most notable is Adam Sparks who purchased a residential hotel, it had a fire, then he harassed his tenants to not return, and demolished for tourist use. He, too, currently has an injunction against him to stop renting exclusively to tourists and yet he continues to do so and laughs in the face of the community and the City. He has taken 45 residences off the market.

SRO's, of course, are not the only forms of affordable housing. In fact many people would like to have a bathroom and kitchen. At the Whitehall Apts., a few blocks away from the Civic Center, a housing development for low-income people stands over one half empty. The project is dependent on government subsidy to pay for its inflated rents of \$495/mo. for a small studio. The number of units left off the market for this poorly planned and operated project totals over 115 units of housing.

We have just taken a tour of empty housing which is the result of profit seeking developers who care not for human lives but for individual profit, whether it is a state institution, a private developer, etc.... This short tour was conducted in six to seven block radius from the Civic Center. The number of housing units which remain unused totals 391. And this is not the definitive list. Why are people like me, and you, and every young man and woman asking about this? Why does San Francisco call for arrests for people

servicing free food and finding shelter from the cold and not for illegal operators who have stolen residential housing?

In addition to our own locality, there looms the federal threat to subsidized housing. Federal funding commitments through Section 8 and mortgage insurance programs will expire. This, combined with the fact that subsidized housing programs in the scandal ridden HUD, have been reduced by more than 80% since fiscal year 1981, means that hundreds of thousands of people whose lives are immediately threatened.

And then there is market rate housing in San Francisco. The median rent paid here is between \$500 to \$600 per month. To move into a new apartment, one is typically required to pay first, last and deposit. When one figures the monthly rent, to just move in some place will cost at least \$1500.

Because these market rate rents are so unobtainable for so many, we have been trying to pass legislation which would limit how such a landlord can raise the rent once a unit becomes vacant. Known as vacancy control, this legislation finally made it to a Board of Supervisor Land Use committee on July 25 after over 10 years of struggle by renters. Hundreds of people were there and supervisor Wendy Heller, knowing that without her presence there could not be a hearing did not show up or let anyone know where she was. This disdain for San Francisco is indicative as well as indicative of why our rents are so inflated.

This short contact of housing and homelessness is just the beginning in addressing the necessary focus. We need to get beyond blaming the victims of our public policy decisions. The homeless people have been traumatized by living on the streets and we need to address the results of this trauma. We also have to get beyond hand aid approaches and preserve and expand our affordable housing.

Community Organizer  
Homeless Task Force



Agnos investigating complaints in wake of ACT UP march

By Seth Rosenfeld OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

Mayor Agnos is investigating police actions in the Castro District that allegedly forced scores of passers-by and protesters in the predominantly gay neighborhood to remain inside stores, restaurants and a movie theater for hours.

Officials confirmed the mayor's inquiry into what was described as the unusual police handling of a Friday protest, called by the group ACT UP to draw attention to the AIDS crisis.

Officers allegedly "swept" through the area and in some cases used unnecessary force. Three officers and three protesters reportedly suffered minor injuries, the mayor's office said.

The mayor is obviously concerned, said Agnos spokesperson Scott Shafer. "There are hundreds of demonstrations every year, including all past ACT UP demonstrations that have been largely peaceful."

Police Commissioner Glenn Craig said the Office of Citizen Complaints had received complaints from protesters for investigation.

Jean Harris, legislative aide to Supervisor Harry Britt, said she had reviewed a Castro resident's film of the incident. "It's clear the police swept right through the Castro," she said. "It looks like a war zone in those films."

Police spokesmen told The Examiner Monday that they had no details of the incident. Chief Frank M. Jordan could not be reached for comment Monday.

From its start Friday afternoon in front of the Federal Building on Golden Gate Avenue, the ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) protest appears to have brought an unusual police response, said Craig and Harris, who gathered reports from protesters and witnesses.

About 255 officers, mostly from the Tactical Unit, were assigned to handle the crowd of about 250 protesters as they marched next to City Hall and then on to the Castro, where numerous protesters waited, Harris said.

Although police in the past have cleared a traffic lane and allowed ACT UP to use the street for marches, this time they refused, forcing the marchers to stay on the sidewalk and to stop for each traffic signal, and citing them for infractions, she said.

When the group's liaison to the police stepped into the street to inquire, he was arrested, according to Craig.

Protest confined to sidewalks

"This is the first demonstration they had where they were confined to the sidewalks," she said.

Reaching the Castro, some protesters sat down in the intersection of Market and Castro Streets, locked hands and blocked traffic. About 38 people were arrested.

It was after those arrested were removed and police returned that the trouble began, according to Craig's reports.

Police ordered hangers-on and passers-by to disperse, Craig said.

When people seemed unresponsive, police lined both sides of four blocks along Castro and 18th Streets from about 7:30 to 10 p.m., and threatened to arrest anyone on the streets, she said.

"People were not allowed to come out of bars, restaurants, video stores and the Castro Theater," Craig said. "It just seemed like a complete abridgment of civil liberties."

Commuters in "suit and briefcase" stepped unaware from the Castro Muni station and were surrounded by police, said Harris.

Allegations against police

Citizens alleged that officers had broken ranks to chase people, misused their batons and surrounded a group of bystanders in front of the

of America at Market and 18th Streets, said Lester Olmsd-Rose, of Community United Against Violence, a gay and lesbian anti-violence group that is partially city-funded.

The officers ordered the group to disperse but provided no route, she said.

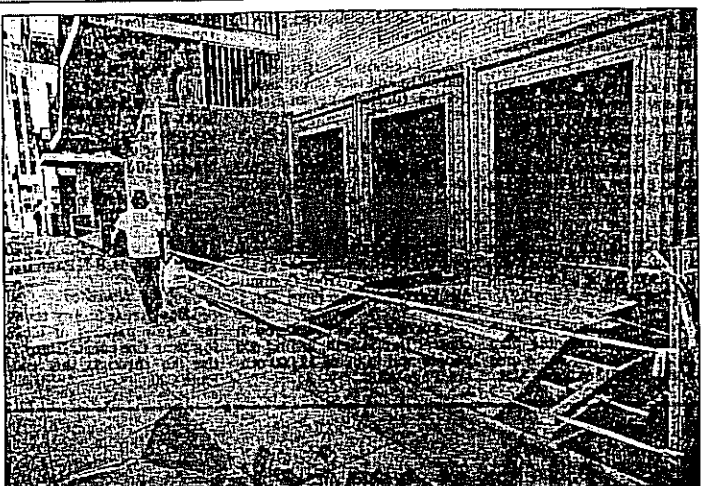
At a meeting ordered by Mayor Agnos Saturday, police officials said there had been too few demonstrators to warrant clearing a traffic lane, and that officers had acted to keep traffic flowing and to enforce dispersal orders, said Craig, who attended.

The observers speculated that commanding officers assigned

to the protest were unfamiliar with ACT UP's tactics. The group, said Olmsd-Rose, practices peaceful civil disobedience, has no regular hierarchy and, as a matter of course, does not meet with police in advance to discuss protest plans.

Eileen Maloney, an Agnos aide, said it was odd that police had returned to the Castro to clear the streets after making the initial arrest. The action "created much confusion," she said. "That's not standard procedure."

A larger demonstration Saturday night in the Castro against police tactics Friday was handled by officers from the Mission station and went smoothly, observers said.



New fire-exit doors are being installed on the Larkin Street side of the Civic Auditorium

Homeless Losing a Bedroom

By Jim Doyle Chronicle Staff Writer

Worried about lost business and fire safety, San Francisco officials are spending \$30,000 on construction that will roust dozens of homeless people who sleep at night in the recessed doorways of the city's Civic Auditorium.

The recesses are being replaced by fire-exit doors that are flush with the building.

Officials said they may need more money to put up steel grates in front of the auditorium's loading docks, where a chef was attacked last week.

The area around the Civic Auditorium has been a favorite gathering place for the homeless for several months.

The biggest concern of course is if there was a fire and we didn't have enough exits to disperse a crowd. Jack Moersbaecher, a deputy of Chief Administrator Rudy Nothenberg, said yesterday. "A secondary concern is the harassment received by (convention) attendees and exhibitors by a group of very aggressive street people."

He said the city's fire marshal has on several

occasions threatened to prevent exhibitors from opening the building to the public because street people were blocking its 18 fire-exit doorways. He also complained that some of these people cook food during the auditorium's events.

The Civic Auditorium, which is almost adjacent to City Hall, recently has been host to events including Women in Business and the San Francisco Food and Beverage Show. The block-long auditorium was built 78 years ago.

Two auditorium workers said homeless people have slept in the doorways for several years, with few major problems.

"They're not much trouble, unless they've been drinking," said Lauro Mariles, a security guard. "They go when you tell them to, or we call in the cops."

He said the street people usually settle in about 10 p.m. They are usually cleared away by security guards around 7 a.m.

"Most of them are reasonable people, but like in any crowd, there are a few punks that cause trouble," said David Page, a waiter for a catering firm that serves the auditorium.

Let veterans run the building

After attending the Veterans Memorial Building Commission meeting on Sept. 12, I realized the absurd interference in running the Veterans Memorial Building in Santa Cruz. This building is a memorial and use of it has been granted the recognized nationally chartered veteran organizations that occupy it. These qualified veteran entities are very capable to carry out its purpose and use.

The building in the past had gotten away from proper control — meaning keeping the non-veteran (transient) crowd from utilizing the building, either for a public restroom or to push or sell their unwanted drugs. That problem is for law enforcement.

As an attending participant along with the United Veterans Council and representing the forming chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America here, I was further annoyed with the problem of "keys" for the offices of these veteran organizations that have charges of these veteran organizations that have offices in the building. Employees have no right in their offices without justification and notification. This is trespassing and violates the privacy of these veteran groups, their membership, their records and information. Let the veterans run the building. The building is a memorial and sacred ground for all of us veterans who've served our country and we still serve it. We're here.

Mike Van Eron Santa Cruz

Ending homelessness

There is a cheap and easy solution to the dilemma at the Civic Center. All we have to do is pass a law against being homeless. Who would oppose such a law and risk being branded as pre-homeless? Surely none of the intransigent legislators in Sacramento or Washington.

When some court inevitably strikes down this law, then we would have the perfect excuse for a constitutional amendment to ban homelessness. Wouldn't that take care of the whole mess, once and for all? Come to think of it, why not pass amendments against cruelty, poverty, and greed? Then all our problems would go away and we could all get on with the business of living happily ever after.

TIM WOODRUFF SF Examiner 8/21/89 San Francisco

Her Cup Was Empty

Editor — I've lived in the city for more than two years now and am well-versed in the tactics of dealing with beggars and homeless people, i.e., averting my eyes or quickening my step. But last Friday I was confronted with something altogether different. Instead of quickening my step, I had no choice but to stop.

I will not soon forget the trembling of her hands. Her frail posture, which suggested the strength of 20 horses in earlier years, now reflected misfortune's fatigue. The tattered woaden scarf covering gray curls and worn overcoat did not do enough to warm her, even on this sunny morning. The strength in her face and in her eyes was not retiring, despite her fragility. Her years were probably filled with hard work, taking care of children, family, friends. Yet, her cup was empty.

I thought indignantly, "Where are her children? Why is there no one to take care of her?" I am still afraid of the answer.

Her hand trembled and I held it and said, "You take care of yourself." Her fingers were cold and she said, "Thank you, God bless you."

Just another morning at the corner of Sansome and Bush.

DEBRA A. HOWELL San Francisco

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The TRASHING that crashed the SF Ten Squad! Core story, p. 7 and Street Shot #63

Shelter for homeless

To paraphrase Will Rogers, "All I know is what I read in The Examiner," and what I read is that the main feature of Mayor Agnos' "Beyond Shelter" plan is an \$8 million "Super Shelter." But the City That Knows How has only come up with \$1.5 million so far.

We had no trouble finding \$27 million to beautify Market Street ... again. So while homeless men and women wait two to six years for the shelter, they will have lovely granite curbstones to sit on.

When are we going to admit that turning the tide of homelessness is beyond the scope of any city. People need homes, not just shelter. Homelessness is a national disgrace and calls for re-evaluation of national priorities.

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Police and homeless people squared off in Civic Center Plaza last month, where people were camped in the olive groves. The end result of all the fuss: The homeless were sent packing. Above, one plaza resident was awakened by a wall of police and media.

## Plaza Cleanup Sparks Anger, Debate

by Dennis Conklin

On Thursday, July 20, after weeks of repeatedly warning homeless residents of the olive groves in front of City Hall to remove their possessions and refuse, Mayor Art Agnos ordered police and Department of Public Works employees to clear the area.

Shortly before 7 a.m., police arrived at the site and informed the approximately 80 homeless residents that they would be allowed to sleep in the park, but that personal property such as mattresses, shopping carts, tents, and other

items were prohibited.

"I went this morning for a cup of coffee at Carl's Jr.," said plaza resident Marvin "Dino" Ingram. "When I got back, all my stuff was gone. Everything I have in the world is in a dumpster now. They came without warning. . . . never told us they were coming."

A half dozen garbage trucks were filled with 11 tons of property that had been disposed of—or left unclaimed—by the plaza residents. Unclaimed personal property of obvious value was held in the police property storage division at the Hall of Justice.

"We're not rousting people. We're

rousting possessions," Agnos said, and pointed out that a July 14 deadline for plaza residents to voluntarily clean up the plaza had passed. He also acknowledged efforts by homeless plaza residents and advocates to assist in cleanup efforts.

"I'm proud of the homeless leaders. They've done a superb job under difficult circumstances," Agnos said. But, he added, "I have to insist that people obey the rules."

Residents of the park seemed angrily resigned to the action. "I don't know what I'm going to do," said Michael Addlerly. "Everybody knew this was going to happen sooner or later. I'm going to see about their housing, but I doubt it will be of much help to people."

While the mayor's long-term goal is to develop transitional housing, he said the city did not yet have funds to create such facilities. "I'm working on getting enough housing," he said. "As soon as I have it they can't sleep [in the plaza], either."

Agnos announced that up to 150 additional hotel rooms in a new program for people on General Assistance (G.A.), called the Modified Payments Program, would be made available for people now sleeping on the streets. (See story on Modified Payments Program, page 7.)

Civic Center Plaza residents who wanted shelter were given referrals to the Modified Payments Program. Before the sweep, 27 people had been placed in G.A. Modified rooms, followed by another eight after July 20, according to Loretta Vergara of the Tenderloin Housing Clinic, which administers the program.

## Advocates for homeless target Catholic edifice

By William Bole  
Religious News Service

WASHINGTON

A DEDICATION ceremony for the U.S. Catholic Bishops' \$25.9 million headquarters building on Tuesday was joined by demonstrators, who charged that the costly and impressive new structure reflects insensitivity to the poor.

As church and government dignitaries gathered for the dedication, more than two dozen Catholic activists sang hymns such as "The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor," and displayed a banner admonishing the bishops to "Make Room at Your Inn, for Christ's Sake."

Most of the protesters who showed up were from the Catholic Worker movement, which runs "houses of hospitality" for the homeless around the country. The

demonstrators, who met earlier in the day with the church leaders inside the elegant five-story structure near the campus of Catholic University, said the money used to erect the building should have gone to help the poor and homeless. They called on the bishops to allow a few homeless families to live in the new headquarters during off hours, as a symbol to encourage churches, convents and seminaries to do the same.

The Rev. Kenneth Doyle, a spokesman for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the church agency would "explore the possibilities" proposed by the Catholic Workers in a meeting with several officials, including Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Sullivan of Brooklyn, who heads the bishops' committee that deals with poverty issues.

In anticipation of protests, the bishops' media-relations office updated a background paper on the new headquarters to say the building is the "administrative center for the advancement of the work of caring for the most vulnerable."

## BILL MANDEL



## Life in S.F. drains one's compassion

THE adage, "A conservative is a liberal who's been mugged" could be localized in San Francisco: A conservative is a liberal who has walked along Market Street lately.

My liberalism was certainly tested the other day when I had some business on Market between 7th and 8th. Most of Market Street, as you know, is fragrant with urine. San Francisco's signature aroma. Ragged street people stand and argue, stagger and scream. Just sit there.

Conflicting emotions as I ran the sad gamut of mumbling panhandlers, drunken lurchers and deadeye starrers: The whole scene made me cringe. It made me feel dirty. I hurt for these people, but I also wanted them to disappear.

When a family of Inst tourists walked by, sticking close together in fright, shrinking from hands outstretched for alms and voices raised in taunts, I was ashamed for San Francisco.

A few blocks away, back in my car now, I swerved to avoid a

teen-ager with a long wooden pole who had taken up position in the middle of 5th Street, next to the Bay Bridge on-ramp. He was doing a crazy dance, swinging the pole at cars going by. He hit several on the hood and the windshield, and the freaked-out drivers kept moving.

Thinking of liberalism and its chief local proponent, Mayor Agnos, I remembered something I'd read in the morning paper's society column: "Roses were featured in the beautiful centerpiece florist Valerie Arelt created for the dinner-dance Lucinda Mehran gave Saturday to celebrate the birthday of her husband, Alex, at their Napa Valley weekend home. . . . Lucinda hired chef Brad Forrest for the party. . . . (Guests) at the Mehrens' bash included. . . . Mayor Art Agnos and his wife, Sherry."

It's a lot easier to maintain one's liberalism eating designer food and sniffing roses at a Napa Valley country house than walking down Market Street amidst noxious effluvia. That's not a sarcastic crack. I feel far more benign about street people and their problems when I'm weekendening in Sonoma than when I'm dodging them downtown.

It's funny how things have worked out. A lot of people expected the end of the Reagan years to bring a rebirth of tolerance and social charity. We'd had eight years of officially sanctioned greed, rule-by-yuppies and deaf-and-blind denial of major problems. Education was in the tank. The gap between rich and poor had grown to obscene proportions. As a result, the cities resembled postapocalyptic horror movies and thickets of "ARMED RESPONSE" signs sprouted on nervous suburban lawns.

As Reagan's term ended, opinion polls showed America was ready to return to

compassion for the poor. But look what happened. Crack happened. Aggressive street people happened. Violent crime happened. Teen-agers with automatic weapons happened. The poor, it seems, don't want compassion any more. They just want revenge.

This isn't true, of course. Poor people need help. They hate the crack and the crime more than middle-class people do because the horror is right outside their barred windows. But it takes a nation of saints to support expensive, long-term social programs when the TV news is full of gang killings and crack-addicted babies. Or when every imported car on your block is broken into for the radio. Or when your friend is knifed in her "safe" neighborhood. Or when you have to weave among the urine puddles on San Francisco's fabled Market Street.

So instead of the expected new era of understanding and generosity, we've got a new era of wider drug testing, beefed-up

police patrols, heavier sentences for casual drug users, rising sentiment for simply vaporizing the homeless, increased crime paranoia and the development of even stronger feelings that a good community is one with a moat, an electrified fence and security guards with Uzis.

What many expected after Reagan was a softening of hearts. But what we're getting is a hardening. I feel a new McCarthyism dawning, an emergency social McCarthyism that will trample people's rights and suppress compassion in the service of clamping a chokehold on the wilder elements of society.

It's a panic response. There are bound to be excesses. It doesn't seem like something America should or would do. But walking along Market Street or passing crack-plagued housing projects, it feels right though we know it's wrong. That's frightening.

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An old story, but an important one. The homeless are still at Civic Center in S.F.

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# City Sweeps Clean Civic Center Campsites After Weeks of Debate

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Some plaza residents said that if conditions were better in the city's welfare and homeless hotels, fewer people would be opting to sleep in Civic Center. "I don't want to sleep in a bed on the floor with mice running over me," said Priest, 27, who had been living in the park for two-and-a-half weeks.

A former plaza resident named Frisco returned to the groves on the morning of the cleanup, shortly after the police came through.

"I think this is awful," he said, "but I saw it coming. I spent my first night at the Apollo [a hotline hotel] last night. I'm not sure I am going back tonight. It's dirty and it's dangerous." He was contemplating moving to an abandoned building.

The day of the park cleanup Agnos said, "The hotlines are acceptable in my judgment and in the judgment of the people who inspect them."

Homeless advocates also point out that the hotline system sometimes cannot accommodate the number of people applying for rooms. According to the Homeless Task Force's Josh Brandon, more than half of the city's homeless have no nightly shelter. With an estimated 6,000 homeless people living in San Francisco, the city provides 1,300 "hotline" rooms, 450 shelter beds in four emergency shelters, and 250 rooms in the C.A. Modified Payments Program.

Many homeless advocates remain angry about Agnos' decision to clear the plaza of tents and structures.

"We are upset. We don't feel that any gains have been made," said Sherry Williams of the North of Market Planning Coalition. "We wanted time to come up with a plan that would be a really humane solution and address the problem."

Homeless advocates had hoped to convince Agnos to relax the ban on tents in the plaza. They had also proposed the establishment of an alternative campsite elsewhere.

Supervisor Nancy Walker, whose 12-point homeless plan has been adopted as city policy, expressed concern about

for purely economic reasons, such as the loss of a job, would "bounce back." Those with emotional problems belonged in a "sheltered environment," Maher said, and a possible solution would be to re-institutionalize them.

"But junkies do not have a right to take over the park," Maher said. "My bottom line is that people can't sleep in the park."

John Mundell, an outreach worker for the city's Health Care for the Home-

less program retorted: "There isn't anybody in here who wishes to become a permanent inhabitant of Civic Center Plaza. The fundamental needs are food and shelter."



Wayne Justmann, who served as a spokesman for residents of Civic Center Plaza, in a confrontation with San Francisco police officers.

Photo: Phil Head



Furniture, tents, bike parts, and shopping cans piled up in Civic Center Plaza. While the rest of the city called it trash, the homeless called it home.

the plight of the residents of the plaza. "We don't have enough hotline rooms and we shouldn't be using them (anyway). They chew up money for long-term solutions," she said.

Political maneuvering kept the Board of Supervisors from reaching a consensus on how to deal with the Civic Center Plaza crisis, but Supervisor Bill Maher was critical of Agnos' decision to allow people to sleep in the park.

He said that those who are homeless

ings about the group. "They're using the homeless to carry their own banner," said B. J., 43. "It sometimes bothers me. That's not to say we don't appreciate the food. I believe in their cause. It's virtually the same as ours, but they are too radical on it."

Michael Lee, who was arrested for serving food to the homeless, said: "We're not riding on the backs of the homeless issue. We're out here to feed homeless people so they can continue to organize."

Lee, formerly with the Homeless Task Force, resigned from that group because he disagreed with the way that they were trying to resolve the Civic Center situation.

"As far as I'm concerned," he said, "they don't represent homeless people. They are latecomers. They are doing

### Tension in the Olive Groves

Mayor Agnos' July 20 enforcement decision followed weeks of growing tension over the conditions of the camps in the plaza, and efforts by homeless advocates to assist plaza residents to clean up the park and obtain housing, substance abuse therapy, and other services.

On July 14, the day of the mayor's original deadline for cleanup of the park, he took part in negotiations with representatives from the North of Market Planning Coalition's Homeless Task Force and the Coalition on Homelessness. Agnos agreed to provide a secure indoor site for plaza residents to store their belongings.

The same day, a group of plaza residents, homeless advocates, and members of the activist group Food Not Bombs stormed Agnos' office to protest the mayor's order to clean up the plaza.

Another confrontation took place a few days later between the police and members and supporters of Food Not Bombs, after the group chose to openly defy a court order and distribute food without a health department permit.

Agnos lambasted Food Not Bombs for their presence in Civic Center Plaza. "They are exploiting the homeless situation for their own political agenda,"

*"Everything I have in the world is in a dumpster now. They came without warning . . . never told us they were coming."*

absolutely nothing but negotiating the rights of homeless people away."

Sherry Williams, a task force organizer, said her group has been working with homeless people on a number of issues for the last year and a half, focusing in particular on a campaign to improve conditions in the hotline hotels. When the Civic Center controversy started, Williams said, the task force assumed that Food Not Bombs and Health Care for the Homeless would be able to advocate for the needs of the plaza residents.

"Maybe we could have been out there

earlier," she said, "but it certainly wasn't because of any lack of solidarity" with those in the plaza.

"I support Food Not Bombs," Williams added. "I think that whatever differences there have been are due to misunderstandings, not differences in aims or goals."

Some see the controversy over Food Not Bombs as detracting from the needs of the homeless. "The city doesn't like Food Not Bombs and Food Not Bombs doesn't like the city," said Paul Boden of the Coalition on Homelessness. "It's the homeless who are going to get hurt by it."

### Hope for the Future?

The city was to issue a "Master Plan" for addressing the growing problem of

homelessness on July 10, but the plan was delayed due to the three-week series of events in Civic Center Plaza.

However, Agnos referred to part of that plan at his press conference on July 20, the day he ordered the cleanup.

"We've been talking to community leaders at Hospitality House about finding a building acceptable to create a 24-hour drop-in center for the homeless," Agnos said.

According to Agnos, such a facility would be a place where homeless people could shower and shave and receive medical care, legal assistance, shelter and "all of the things necessary for them to get stabilized and get jobs." The city has set aside \$1.5 million for the acquisition of such a facility in this year's budget, the mayor said.

In addition, San Francisco has received \$6 million from the federal McKinney Act to be used to develop transitional housing over the next several years.

"If we had a perfect situation the federal government wouldn't have slashed the housing budget from \$32 billion to \$8 billion in the Reagan years," said Scott Shafer, a spokesman for the mayor.

Jim Linscott, 25, of Portland, has been living in the plaza for about two weeks and is intimately familiar with the effects of those national policies and the dearth of services for homeless people.

"I've been homeless since I was 12," he said. "It's my life, but I'm getting tired of it. I can't keep living like this. I'm an alcoholic. I'm not into 'services.' Somebody will get me a dirty room in a crack hotel but it doesn't solve my problems."

The day after the cleanup, Linscott sat in the front of the plaza surveying the empty groves.

"Tell them that we're still here and we are still hurting," he said. "Tell them to do something, or shoot us."

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From The Tenderloin Times

## Institutionalized Anarchy: Shacking Up With CCNV

**"N**o intake. The curt sign posted in the foyer of the Community for Creative Non-Violence's (CCNV) shelter speaks volumes about the state of homelessness in the District. Although CCNV houses more than 1,200 homeless at the defunct Federal City College building at 2nd and D streets NW, fewer than 20 leave each week. Some shelter residents have bunked there since it opened six years ago.

"We have become the largest permanent housing facility in the city," says Brian Anders, a CCNV member. "Because of conditions in the city-run shelters, people from there flock here every morning trying to get a bed... We turn away 150 to 200 people a day easily."

CCNV, a Christian-anarchist group whose most famous member is Mitch Snyder, has done more than any other advocacy organization to marshal attention to the nation's homeless. Founded in 1971 by four Catholic anti-war activists at George Washington University, the group turned its efforts to the capital city's dispossessed as the Vietnam War wound down, staging demonstrations at Lafayette Park and converting its group home at 1345 Euclid St. NW to an overnight shelter. Since the mid-'70s, the group has operated shelters at numerous locations around the city, finally settling at 2nd and D in 1983.

CCNV was a driving force behind Initiative 17, the 1984 measure that requires the District to provide shelter to every homeless person who seeks it. Although some District officials blame CCNV for putting the financial burden of Initiative 17 on the city's back, CCNV carries its share. Apart from sheltering 1,060 men and 130 women, "2nd and D" houses a 15-bed detox program, a long-term drug and alcohol recovery program, two dentist offices, and a 32-bed infirmary operated by the non-profit Health Care for the Homeless.

CCNV does all this with an annual budget of just \$200,000, comprised of private donations and Snyder's speaking fees. The city leases the building to CCNV for \$1 a year and covers the cost of electricity, heat, and trash removal. Dinner, the only meal served to all the shelter's residents, is prepared with food scavenged from supermarket dumpsters or donated by catering companies. By comparison, the city spends more than \$1 million annually on its Blair and Pierce shelters, which together house only 300 men.

"It would cost the government at least \$15 million to do what we're doing in terms of salary," says Harold Moss, a CCNV member since the early '70s.

What makes 2nd and D so economical is that it's operated entirely by unpaid CCNV members and shelter residents. "When people are doing it because it's the right thing to do, they do a far better job than people who are paid to do it," says Moss. "When you don't put a price tag on what people are worth, there's no limit to how much they will give you."

But the CCNV shelter did cost the government nearly \$15 million to renovate. Four years ago, the building was strewn with broken windows, rats, cockroaches, and had only two showers for more than 1,000 people. Conditions were so bad that the District's U.S. Court of Appeals issued an order that the shelter be shuttered. CCNV rallied Washingtonians to call the White House and protest the order, and Snyder went on a nationally publicized 33-day fast, demanding government funds to rehabilitate the building. The federal and District governments gave in to most of Snyder's demands; over the next two years the governments would spend a total of \$14.5 million to rehabilitate the building, according to Anders.

Today, 2nd and D is crowded but clean—the world's largest, most famous homeless shelter, and a mecca for activists and college students who come to lend a hand. Roughly 60 members of CCNV live in a third-floor wing of the building and manage the shelter with a unique brand of institutional anarchy.

Unlike at most shelters in the District, there is no curfew at 2nd and D. No IDs required. Shelter residents are assigned a locker and a permanent bed, which is theirs until they break the house rules: No selling drugs or alcohol, no verbal or physical violence, no display of weapons. Residents may also forfeit their space if they don't show up for two nights in a row. "We have been working with these people since the early '70s," says Moss. "A lot of the order in this building comes from personal relationships."

Jim Dickerson, director of Manna, a non-profit housing group that relieves housing and sells it to low-income buyers, notes the irony in the mature CCNV management style. "Here you've got a group that strongly resists the traditional institutions and now they've got a shelter they're trying to run with several hundred people and they've had to institutionalize," says Dickerson. "They have to really become more sophisticated in what they're doing with people... They have a whole array of services that they give down there."

Lawrence Guyot, Mayor Marion Barry's special assistant for voluntary services, has long been critical of Snyder and his methods. He insists that CCNV does little to meet the long-term housing needs of shelter's residents: "I have no doubt that [2nd and D] will be made into a model facility," Guyot says, "but as long as Mitch Snyder runs it it will stand as a monument to the ineffectuality of home-individuals."



Sheltered Existence: For Anders (l) and Moss, running 2nd and D means taking work home every night.

Guyot is not alone in his criticism, but none of the half-dozen housing activists, shelter workers, and city officials interviewed for this article would fault the shelter's operation. All agreed that the once rat-infested building is now at least a sanitary place for 1,200 homeless individuals to eat a hot meal and rack. And though some, like Guyot, protest that CCNV's shelter residents are going nowhere, the "No Intake" sign in 2nd and D's foyer attests that CCNV's shelter serves a growing population.

— Michael Willich

From Backyard Brian Staley in D.C. (see p.5)

# High court won't halt razing of N.Y. housing

## City, homeless lose battle to save cheap one-room units

EXAMINER NEWS SERVICES

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court let stand a ruling Monday that permits destruction of some 52,000 New York City apartments for the poor.

The court refused to hear a series of cases brought by the city of New York, advocates for the homeless and tenants of such apartments.

At issue was New York's attempt to preserve single-room occupancy apartments, described in court documents as "inexpensive housing for New York City residents on the fringe of society." The SROs, as they are called, are single rooms without private baths or kitchens.

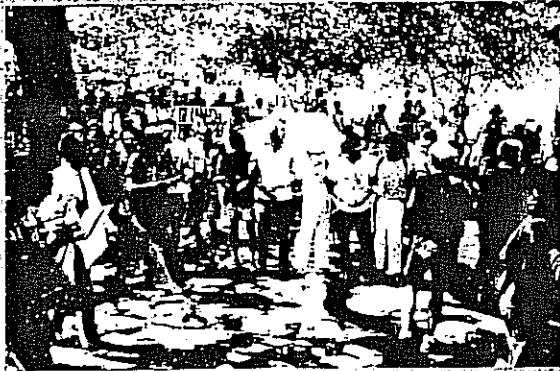
The number of such apartments has declined in recent years as real estate prices in New York soared. Landlords razed the buildings or converted them to other uses, encouraged by the city.

However, city policy changed in the 1980s as homelessness became a problem. According to the city, more than a third of people living in New York homeless shelters listed their last address as an SRO.

Beginning in 1985, the city passed a series of ordinances barring destruction or conversion of the remaining units.

Real estate developers who own SRO properties challenged the law as an unconstitutional taking of private property without just compensation. State courts agreed and struck down the measure.

Seeking high court review, the city said the case "raises important questions regarding a municipality's ability to regulate land use to halt the spread of homelessness among its poorer citizens without effecting a taking of property."



July 1989—Homeless and supporters in Tompkins Square Park defend against evictions.



August 1988—Some of the police who tried to clear Tompkins Square Park.

# New York Tompkins Square Park Homeless Call for Festival of Resistance

The rulers in New York have announced plans to close down Tompkins Square Park. For two years they've been trying to put the clampdown on this out-of-their-control park, only to have intense and broad resistance flare up in their faces. Now the authorities say they want to close the park to "remodel." It while the homeless get herded off into concentration camp-style shelters. The plan to close the park comes on the heels of new laws passed in New York City aimed at driving the homeless out of subway stations. "Operation Enforcement" was kicked off by the Police Department complete with subway billboards announcing "Rules of Conduct." "Panhandling" has been declared a criminal act.

In mid-November homeless people, squatters, and political activists took over an abandoned school building near Tompkins Square Park. They fixed it up and named it the ABC Community Center (as in Ave. A, Ave. B). They had plans for it to be a place where all kinds of activists could meet, dancers and performers could rehearse, and political education classes could go on. The pigs came and evicted everyone from the center—in a day and night of fierce resistance. Over forty people were arrested. Then the city announced plans to completely close the politically volatile Tompkins Square Park for repairs. A lot of different forces have been coming together to stop this attack. A new organization of homeless, the Revolutionary Homeless Organization, put out this call to take on the clampdown.

## ACT AGAINST THE CLAMPDOWN ON THE HOMELESS! FESTIVAL OF RESISTANCE DECEMBER 9 TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK

The attacks on the homeless—when are they going to end? At the coldest time of the year, they are driving us out of the subways, taking away our fire barrels, evicting us from our tents in the park, and now they've declared they'll close the park completely on Dec. 11. How many of us will DIE this winter because of these attacks? What is this but an all-out war on the homeless? THANKSGIVING time—what have the homeless been thankful for? That they treat us like they treated the Indians—pushing us off the land and out of existence? They pushed the Indians onto reservations; us, they try to push and squeeze into concentration-camp shelters, where we get robbed and beaten, our families broken up, and catch tuberculosis and other diseases.

And they lie about us—they call us criminals and drug addicts and say that's why they're closing the park. Funny, we don't see them raiding Wall Street, where some executives have corporate credit cards for drug and sex accounts, and spend their lives robbing the people of the world!

NO—what they're after and what they're about is something else, NOT stopping drugs, cleaning up the park, or "helping" the homeless. They want to STOMP us, CRUSH us. Tompkins Square Park is nationally known as a center of resistance of the homeless. This summer we united with squatters, poor people from the neighborhood, and others to beat back their attacks on us, and EVERYONE knew it. They can't allow an example like that to go unbroken in spirit, especially at a time when more and more people are becoming homeless daily! How many people in this neighborhood have had the experience of telling their kids, "This is where I grew up—now it's an empty lot." The government ADMITS to 3 million nationally (and you can bet they're not counting the thousands in Puerto Rico made homeless by the hurricane!). DO WE BELIEVE it's that few? No, when they look at us, they stare into the future and the reality of their system, and it drives them crazy!

The latest lie is that they're setting up a "help" station in the park to refer people to shelters, because they're "concerned" over the homeless. "No one," they say, "wants to be cold over the winter, and those tents must be cold." DAMN STRAIGHT! Let's have decent, affordable housing for all! But when we did something about it, when we took over a building on E. 4th St. (ABC Community House), cleaned it up, drove out the junkies, what was their response? Police attacks, raids and evictions, arrests and blocking up the entrances. LET'S BE PERFECTLY CLEAR ABOUT THIS—they are not interested in helping us, they are interested in CONTROLLING us. They want us IN their concentration-camp shelters, OUT of the sight of people who might sympathize and unite with us and question what this system is all about.

WE SAY: If they want to make us invisible, let's be all the more visible. We invite all concerned people to come down and occupy the park, day and night, tents, blankets, food, banners and all. DON'T LET THEM CLOSE IT ON DEC. 11! And tell everyone to JOIN US and build for a FESTIVAL OF RESISTANCE, Dec. 9, in the park, with artists, musicians, and protesters of all kinds from all over the city. Let's make our voices heard!

WE WILL NOT BE CRUSHED!  
STOP THE ATTACKS ON THE HOMELESS!  
WE, THE HOMELESS, MUST DECIDE OUR FATE, NOT THE SYSTEM!  
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THEY CRY FOR BETTER  
LIVING CONDITIONS,  
A DECENT AND HOPEFUL  
LIFE.



AND WHO LEADS THIS CRUP?  
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PEOPLE WHO CARE.



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### A homeless saint

The homeless on the streets of San Francisco may be politically powerless and without social graces. Apparently most people of means are repulsed by the homeless and countless beggars — but these destitute people are not without a powerful friend. The Catholic Church has designated St. Benedict Joseph Labre as patron saint for the homeless.

Labre lived in 18th Century France, and he died at the young age of 35. Like the homeless of today, this humble man was without the comforts of a roof over his head, without a clean change of clothes, and all the normal conveniences we take for granted. The beauty of Benedict's soul shone through his destitute appearance — and many miracles attended his lonely sojourn on earth. The greatest miracle is loving concern for those less fortunate, and the church wisely invokes St. Benedict's assistance in caring for our homeless today.

MICHAEL D. DELANEY  
San Francisco

A Look Back!

Wednesday, October 3, 1988

## Santa Cruz Showdown Feared Between the Homeless, Cops

By Ray Tessler  
Chronicle Staff Writer

### Santa Cruz

An aggressive revolt by the homeless — aging flower children, vagabonds and refugees from hard times — has shaken this seaside resort town and threatens to expand into a clash with police.

"There's a lot of hostility. It's very volatile," said Gray Bear, a 27-year-old Indian from upstate New York who sleeps in an illegal camp of cardboard huts near the city's quaint downtown. Gray Bear is ailing after being bitten by a black widow spider and contracting blood poisoning.

### Tough Tactics

Although street people and transients have been an issue here for years, suddenly the homeless are using tough tactics that have not been seen before in Northern California.

They crowded into City Council meetings and demanded to be heard. They held a sleep-in at City Hall. They went on a nocturnal foray to council members' homes, knocking on doors and seeking shelter for the night.

Now, about 40 people have set up the camp on a small dirt lot — all part of their protest against a local ordinance that prohibits camping within the city limits.

Police, on behalf of the property owner, had cited 17 people for camping or trespassing but had



Linda Edwards shrugged into a coat as the sun went down

made no arrests as of late last night.

"We won't go. We're here to stay. They'll have to arrest us," vowed Gray Bear. "I don't think anybody should be told they can't sleep where they choose, within reason."

### Officials, Merchants

City officials and merchants have indicated that they are weary of the situation.

"I think it's a mistake. They're turning off an overly tolerant community," said Terry Spodick, president of the Downtown Association.

"People coming to council members' homes in the middle of

the night — I resent these tactics," said Vice Mayor Mardi Wormhoudt, who believes the council has treated the homeless with compassion, including approving a \$600,000 shelter for them.

The tense situation has been building for years.

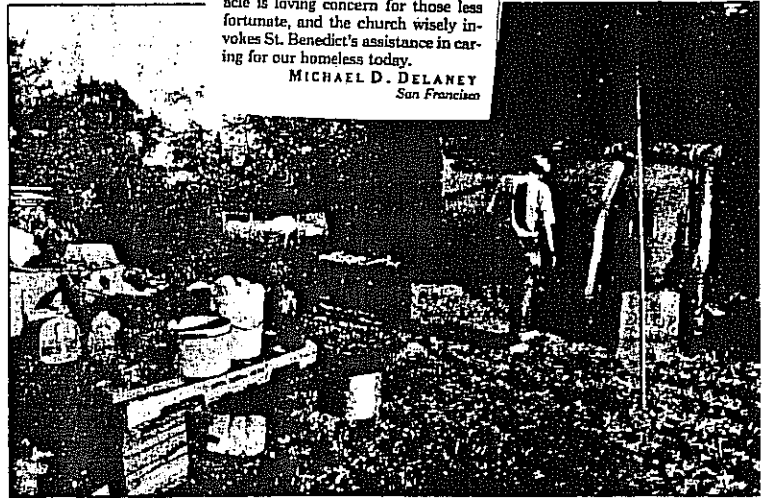
Santa Cruz, with the ocean, mountains, boardwalk, coffee houses and bookstores and other shops, seems like it was ordained for hanging out.

In the tied-dye days of the 1960s, hippies, dopers, grungy kids from the University of California at Santa Cruz and various kinds of seekers looked to the park-like downtown mall.

### Mall Residents

These days, the denizens of the mall include the mentally ill, drunks, punks, the homeless and roving fans of the Grateful Dead. Business people complain that loitering, panhandling, urinating, vomiting and generally bad vibes are keeping customers away.

The homeless, whose numbers are estimated between 200 and 700, range from transients to local people whose incomes did not keep pace with the spiraling cost of housing.



Rocky Stone entered a shack to treat ailing Gray Bear at an illegal encampment in Santa Cruz

"You're looking at \$1,500 to get into a broom closet in this town," said Jane Imler, who works on behalf of the homeless.

The community's troubles got embarrassing national exposure several years ago when some of the local toughs were caught "troll bashing," the beating of the homeless as they slept under bridges.

Since then, a shelter for 15 people has been built, and Wormhoudt said there is a network of local churches to help provide emergency housing. "I think we're doing as

well as a local government can do," she said.

Imler and the homeless disagree.

Imler, who is running for the City Council in the November election, said the shelter is an expensive joke that hardly provides for the number of homeless. What is needed, she said, is for the city to let people sleep outdoors in designated areas and provide showers and toilets.

In the camp, 40-year-old Linda Edwards of Tennessee watched her cat play and talked about freedom.

"I don't do drugs or anything. I just want a free lifestyle," she said. "Last night, we had 45 people here. They were playing bongos and singing. Was like the '60s," she said.

Brian Moore, 51, said he cannot afford housing on his monthly \$57 disability payments and needs a place to sleep. "I walk miles into the woods to find a place. I should have to do that."

Merchants oppose rescinding the city camping ban and putting the homeless in designated campsites.

## Murdered man was a drifter

SANTA CRUZ — A man who was stabbed to death on Seabright Avenue Nov. 29 has been identified by authorities as David C. Klienback, a 24-year-old drifter from Tucson.

James Michael Budd, also 24, has been accused of murdering Klienback during a fight.

"We speculate they were having a heated argument over drugs and money," said Santa Cruz Police Sgt. Joe Haebe.

Haebe said Klienback was known to use heavy hits of alcohol, LSD and heroin. A "deadhead" follower of the Grateful Dead rock band, Klienback was stabbed on Seabright Avenue near Gault Street at about 11:30 p.m.

Friends of his came forward and told police of the fight after Klienback died. Budd reportedly led investigators to the murder weapon, an Air Force-issue survival knife, found in bushes on nearby Windham Street.

Santa Cruz a magnet?

## Officer charged with brutality

12/9/79 S.F. EXHIBITION  
Three other cops in police 'Wolfpack' disciplined

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTERVILLE, Tulare County — A police sergeant has been charged with assaulting suspects, and three officers belonging to a clique called the "Wolfpack" have been disciplined for alleged support of using force to arrest suspects, authorities said.

A state Department of Justice report said a clique of six or seven officers routinely supervised by Sgt. Ron Childress adopted the philosophy, "If someone runs from you, you hurt them. If they fight

you, you send them to the hospital."

Group members were presented Cub Scout caps with a wolf patch logo after they successfully pursued and caught a suspect, the report said.

The officers "later developed into a close-knit group of followers of Sgt. Ron Childress who were described by other officers as sharing the philosophy of aggressive law enforcement pertaining to suspects that either flee or run or resist arrest," the report added.

The investigation resulted in three misdemeanor charges of assault by a police officer against Childress, who resigned from the department Nov. 28, according to police Chief N.E. "Woody" Williams. The 16-year-veteran has pleaded innocent and is scheduled for a pretrial hearing Jan. 3. Childress is accused of pushing a

handcuffed burglary suspect into stack of cardboard boxes, causing injury, and grabbing two other handcuffed suspects by the hair court records show. Other police officers told state investigators that the suspects were not violent.

Three other officers have been disciplined, according to Williams but he declined to identify them describe the discipline.

"We have talked to all the people involved. They understand the dangers of that type of thing. There's no such thing as anyone Williams said.

Williams called Childress' alleged actions a misguided attempt at building morale.

"I think Sgt. Childress' motivations were pure — he was trying to build morale," Williams said. But he added, "we are not in the business of inflicting punishment that's the court's function."

It can't happen here...  
An officer being charged with brutality that is...



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# Squatters grabbing their piece of the Soviet dream

By Francis X. Clines  
New York Times

**FRUNZE, USSR** — Amid the deepening gloom about national resurgence, thousands of ordinary Soviet citizens desperate for state housing have begun taking the solution into their own hands.

They are seizing government land and creating vast new urban squatter settlements, building everything from clay hovels to brick houses for their young families.

Only a few years ago, people would have been arrested for such mass rebellion, whether here in the Kirghizian republic or anywhere else.

But now, as democratization is being hesitantly tested, some of the policemen sent to tear down the shanties have joined the squatters, staking out land and building amateur houses out of everything from clay and straw to broken chunks of highway pavement.

"I decided this was what my family, too, long has needed, and so I claimed some land myself," said Isakov Nurat, one of the militia-men who, sick of the scandalous wait for housing, decided to join the squatters rather than rout them.

He held his 18-month-old son outside his warm little house, hand-built amid a muddy crazy quilt of 60-square-foot squatter sites displaying everything from the traditional yurt tents of the Kirghizian tribes to brightly painted houses with sloping roofs.

"It's my first house, and it makes us all happy to build with our own hands," he said, gesturing proudly to the neighborhood in which an ad hoc kind of communism has been invented.

Experienced residents are helping newcomers raise the roof beams for simple tin coverings that will ward off the gathering

snows of winter.

Most of the huts and houses have been built since the summer, when large numbers of people sensed they could finally do something outrageous about their housing frustration under the cover of President Mikhail Gorbachev's program of perestroika.

The populist drive toward the city's unseemly outskirts has become so large in recent months that local officials, confronted by decade-plus waiting lists for the utopian housing promises of communism, have now been forced to legalize the "Shanghai" communities, as they are called.

This has prompted thousands of new applications for legal squatter sites from many of the 40,000 families who otherwise must wait into the 21st century for a state apartment.

"Gorbachev has talked of democratic protest, and here it is," said Oleg A. Igumov, a 25-year-old schoolteacher and one of the new non-communist members of the Soviet parliament.

The rapidly spreading hamlets have the look of gold-rush towns, with privies and oil-drum shower baths stuck in the muck behind simple two-room houses.

But the spirits of the amateur builders are among the highest to be found lately in the Soviet Union, where the igniting of individual enterprise remains a rare feat.

"I knew nothing about construction," said Onyraly Duisanyeyev, a 29-year-old teacher who commutes to his two-room construction site from the cramped single room that he and his family rent for a relatively exorbitant \$80 a month.

"I just watch the guy next door and do the same thing he does," he said.

The emboldened squatters and officials say that the desperation

over housing has finally helped Gorbachev's democratization program hit home, particularly with local officials facing competitive municipal elections for the first time in more than seven decades.

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## Hunger could be cut in half in a decade

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The world could cut hunger, which now affects 1 billion people, in half by the end of the 1990s by helping poor people to help themselves and providing a vast increase in aid, experts said Friday.

"It is possible to end half the world's hunger before the year 2000," the experts said in the "Bellagio Declaration," a document written by hunger analysts from 14 nations during a November meeting in Bellagio, Italy.

The document proposes four goals for the next decade — elimination of deaths from famine, ending hunger for half of the world's poorest households, reducing malnutrition in women and children by one-half, and eliminating iodine and vitamin A deficiencies, which can cause goiter and vision disorders.

"What is being talked about ... is quite reasonable," said John Mellor, director of the International Food Policy Research Institute, who pointed to past successes for international food aid.

Another participant, Jeffrey Clark of the Carter Presidential Center, agreed.

"I am fundamentally confident that overcoming hunger in the '90s is an achievable, do-able goal," Clark said. "If enough people comprehend that potential ... we can see some real progress made."

Drafters of the document said "an achievable reduction in hunger in the 1990s will require substantial new financial resources" and estimated a program of the scope they proposed would need \$5 billion to \$10 billion a year "in new or reallocated funds."

"Emphasis was on giving the driver's seat ... to local groups," said Goran Hyden, a University of Florida professor.

The experts said it was "particularly important" to create chances for the poor to improve their own condition and urged governments to delegate more authority to the local level.

Toward the goal of reducing hunger by half for the world's poorest people, who now do not get enough to eat, the document suggested programs to expand food production while preserving forests and cropland. They also mentioned "food for labor" programs for rural projects and carefully targeted "food security" programs to help the urban poor.

Famine deaths could be eliminated by better systems to detect food shortages and international efforts to ensure safe passage of food in war zones, they said.

The document estimated it would cost 57 cents per person to provide iodine and vitamin A supplements.

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## GALLUP POLL

# Bush Rates Low On Homeless Issue

By Dr. Diane Colasanto  
The Gallup Organization

President Bush's promise that he will forge a "kinder, gentler nation" stands in sharp contrast to public perceptions of growing poverty in the midst of prosperity, according to the latest Gallup Poll.

As a consequence, only a third of Americans (33 percent) approve of the president's handling of the problems of poverty and homelessness, while a majority (53 percent) disapprove.

The harshness of this rating is underscored by the fact that as many as seven in 10 Americans (69 percent) approve of the overall job Bush is doing.

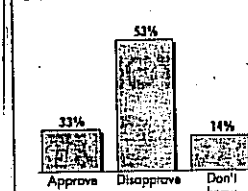
In the long run, negative evaluations in this area may become a larger problem for Bush than they were for his predecessor, Ronald Reagan. Bush has

promised more, and public feelings about this issue have intensified.

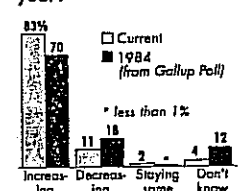
The vast majority of adults polled (83 percent) believe that the percentage of Americans living below the poverty line is increasing from year to year. This perception is even more widespread than it was midway through the Reagan administration, when a 1984 Gallup Poll found seven in 10 (70 percent) Americans believing poverty to be on the rise.

Moreover, a plurality of Americans (45 percent) believe that living conditions for the poor have worsened during the past five years. Only 17 percent believe that poor people are living better today than they were five years ago, and 35 percent think the living conditions of the poor have stayed the same.

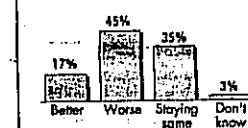
■ Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling the problems of poverty and homelessness?



■ Would you say that the percentage of Americans living below the poverty line is increasing or decreasing from year to year?



■ Have the living conditions of poor people been getting better, getting worse or about what they were five years ago?



■ Which is more often to blame if a person is poor — lack of effort on his own part or circumstances beyond his control?

	Current	1984	1984
Lack of effort	38%	33%	33%
Circumstances	42	34	29
Both equal	17	31	32
Don't know	3	2	6

■ Which group do you think has the greatest responsibility for helping the poor?

Churches	19%	Poor themselves	18%
Other private charities	6	Someone else	5
Government	36	Don't know	5
Families of poor people	12		

■ Which statement do you agree with most? "Welfare benefits give poor people a chance to stand on their own two feet and get started again" or "Welfare benefits make poor people dependent and encourage them to stay poor."

Chance to stand on own two feet	25%
Make people dependent	64
Neither/both	10
Don't know	1

■ Do you think that most poor people prefer to stay on welfare or would rather earn their own living?

	Current	1985*
Poor prefer welfare	37%	25%
Poor prefer to make own living	56	63
Don't know	7	12

\* From Los Angeles Times survey. Results are based on telephone interviews with 1,250 adults conducted Aug. 10-13. The margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

## Social Security admits improperly cutting off aid

### Elderly, disabled poor lose about 50% of the time

By Nancy Benac  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Government benefits to elderly and disabled poor people were cut off incorrectly in more than half the suspension cases reviewed by the Social Security administration, it reported Friday.

A study found that agency workers were cutting off Supplemental Security Income welfare benefits without giving people enough time and help to prove their ongoing eligibility.

The findings suggest that more than 10,000 recipients of Supplemental Security Income may have their benefits suspended each year "despite being unable to act or unlikely to understand" what they must do to continue getting benefits, an agency report said. It said about 25 percent of those affected are mentally impaired to some degree.

"Clearly, the agency needs to guard against this lapse in public service," it said.

SSI provides a minimum income to 4.5 million low-income aged, blind and disabled people. Maximum monthly benefits are \$368 for an individual and \$553 for a couple. They will rise to \$386 for an individual and \$579 for a couple on Jan. 1.

The study found that the number of SSI beneficiaries whose benefits were suspended for failure to

comply with the agency's efforts to monitor eligibility rose from 80,000 in 1987 to 105,000 in 1988.

An internal review of 1,293 suspension cases found that benefits were incorrectly cut off in 54 percent of the cases and that the suspensions were justified but incorrectly recorded in an additional 30 percent of the cases.

Social Security spokesman Phil Gambino said the agency was "extremely concerned about the findings ... because they do show we're suspending SSI payments which go to some of the most vulnerable people, the elderly and disabled."

"This can cause very serious problems for these people who are living on very limited incomes," Gambino said.

In response to the report, the Social Security Administration in late November issued a directive to field offices cautioning that workers "must be careful to make sure that SSI benefits are not improperly suspended for failure to provide information."

"Failure to follow these instructions can result in serious problems for the individuals served by the SSI program," it a memo said.

Employees were reminded that recipients must be given 30 days to respond to requests for information about their financial status, and that an extension may be granted to those who have difficulty providing requested information.

In addition, the memo said, recipients who have trouble complying with the requests because of advanced age, disability or homelessness should get a follow-up contact by phone or in person before benefits are suspended.

# FEMA trailers available, of ficial says

## Mountain residents are receiving contrary answers, though

By JAMIE S. CACKLER  
Sentinel staff writer

SANTA CRUZ — Confusion has reigned over whether mountain-area residents can obtain federal-issue mobile homes since the availability of the trailers was announced earlier this week.

Frank Kishten, regional head of disaster housing at the Federal Emergency Management Agency's office in Mountain View, said Thursday that the mobile homes definitely are available to residents who meet a string of requirements.

But the word about the trailers apparently had not reached the local FEMA emergency housing office in Watsonville.

As late as Thursday afternoon, workers in that office were telling callers that FEMA had not yet decided whether to even consider offering the trailers.

Kishten said he will arrive at the Watsonville office this morning and instruct FEMA representatives about the program.

He cautioned that people who are interested in the program must already be registered for FEMA assistance through the regular Disaster Assistance Centers or the FEMA Disaster Application Hotline. The FEMA disaster housing office helps find housing for people who have applied for FEMA assistance.

Ronald Lewis, a San Lorenzo Valley resident whose home was severely damaged in the quake, called the FEMA office about the mobile homes Wednesday morning and was told no such program existed.

Lewis' home, on a large piece of land, can be repaired. Lewis and

his wife have been living in a pool cabana in a friend's backyard in Los Gatos, but it is not suitable for long-term living.

Lewis said he and his wife were excited about the prospect of getting a FEMA trailer on their property, then crushed when they were told the program didn't exist.

"It's like a roller coaster. You get your hopes up and then they're dashed," Lewis said. "All we need now is one good break. We just want to go home."

He has already obtained an emergency mobile-home permit from the county, and has adequate land and utility hookups.

Kishten said he was surprised to hear some callers had been re-

buffed. The center's director, Paula Ziezelsch-Tetsuward, knew FEMA had decided to offer the mobile home option, he said.

And apparently someone who answers the phones in that office already knows the mobile homes may be available, Kishten said, because this morning he will review the applications from two or three homeowners who called to say they wanted one.

Kishten said people who called the Watsonville office this week and were erroneously told that the trailers were not available should try calling again.

The phone number of the FEMA housing assistance office in Watsonville is 722-3306.

Kishten cautioned that there are many limitations on the availability of the mobile homes. Obtaining one may be impossible for some homeowners, and a last-resort option for everyone else.

Kishten said FEMA will refuse to place a trailer on any land that is subject to the county Board of Supervisors' ban on home repair or new construction pending a geologic study. Hundreds of homes in the Summit area have been forbidden repair permits because they are believed to be on top of reactivated ancient landslides. The landslide risk will be studied over the next one to two years, through at least one rainy season, before the county decides whether to let homeowners rebuild.

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Nor has their caring meant denying themselves creature comforts. They drive matching black Mercedes equipped with car phones. They're regulars at celebrity parties and the celebrity restaurant Spago. And this summer, Kasem bought his wife a little something for her birthday — a three-bedroom, five-bath mansion in Holmby Hills complete with tennis court, swimming pool and \$6.8-million price tag.

Their "Lawn Circus Festival" to raise money for the homeless — Jean Kasem says she already has \$25,000 in donations in hand and is hoping to raise \$100,000 — will serve as their housewarming party. Invitations have gone out to 5,000 celebrities.

### They Don't Ladle Soup

The way the Kasesms see it, by organizing parties like this, they can do more to help the homeless than if they were to work in shelters — although they do participate in the celebrity-studded Christmas Eve dinner served by Mitch Snyder's Community for Creative Non-Violence in Washington, D.C., and Casey (without Jean) did sleep on the sidewalk at First and Spring streets in downtown Los Angeles one night with a small group of other stars as his contribution to Snyder's Great American Sleep-Out demonstration.

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# Pulling Up Stakes in Watsonville's Tent City

## Mobile Homes For Victims Of Quake

By William H. Hafferty  
Chronicle Correspondent

### Watsonville

On the eve of her family's 50th night in Watsonville's Calahan Park, tent-city veteran Gloria Sanchez got her first look yesterday at the three-bedroom-trailer that will be her new home.

She and her friend, Virginia R. Romero, who was also made homeless by the October 17 earthquake, walked silently through the furnished trailer that Sanchez, her husband and two children will move into today.

They are among 43 eligible families in Watsonville who will occupy trailers brought from Texas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The two women peered into cabinets and closets, sat on the beds and checked the bathroom. They had time to do all the little things that other people do when moving into a new home.

The Sanchez and Romero families have been living under canvas since the quake shook them out of their homes in downtown Watsonville. Eating out of cans, living without privacy and waiting for the time when they could resume their lives, they were more than ready for the move.

"This will be so much better than the tents," Sanchez told her friend, lapsing into Spanish as they envisioned their new lives. "We thought for a while that we would never leave the tents."

"This is so nice," Sanchez said. "Not like the house we lived in before the quake." In the bathroom,

Our sleeping problems are caused by another kind of beast

### A Good Night's Sleep

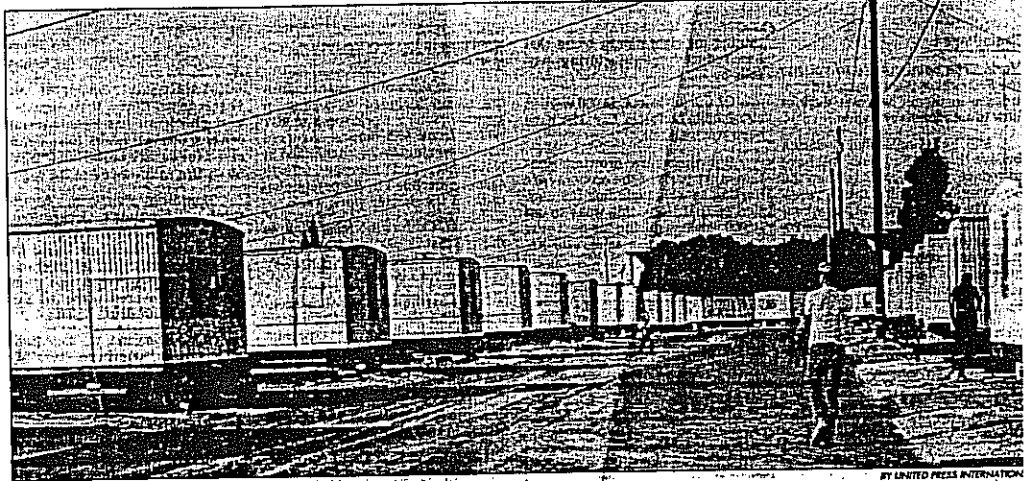
At one time or another, every parent will be awakened by the sound of an infant screaming, seemingly for no reason at all. But new studies show that if the baby is bottle-fed, there might be a very good reason for restlessness.

According to researchers at Brussels' Hospital Universitaire des Enfants, sleeping problems may be caused not only by nightmares or ear infections but also by drinking cow's milk. Children who chronically wake up in the night might be suffering from "cow's milk insomnia."

Of 17 infants studied, 16 began to sleep normally once cow's milk was removed from their diets. The average number of times each child woke up per night went from five to one, and the number of hours of sleep increased from five to 11 hours a night. When the infants were reintroduced to cow's milk, sleeplessness recurred in 15 children within four days.

Researchers speculated that cow's milk, without chemical additives of any kind, may contain natural components that give children allergic reactions or otherwise produce sweating and restlessness.

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Construction workers made the final preparations at the Watsonville site where 43 families will move into furnished mobile homes

she directed her friend's attention to the shower nozzle above the bathtub, and they smiled. "We didn't have a shower at that old house," she said. "Everything was so old."

Sanchez paused to pull back the curtains and look outside. Construction workers and heavy equipment rumbled past. Cautiously, she expressed concern for the safety of her children.

"It will be very dangerous for them here," she said. "Where will they play?"

One of the few benefits of Calahan Park was the children's playground. No similar facilities exist for children at the Crestview site for trailers, where the ground has been newly leveled and some areas have been paved for parking. Adjacent to the trailer site, behind the Watsonville Annex of the Santa Cruz County courthouse, construction is under way on conventional

housing units.

Sanchez is unsure what the next months will bring. Her husband, an automobile mechanic, is unemployed and has been unable to find work. The trailers are provided rent-free for 18 months to earthquake victims, Sanchez said. She

hopes that will give them enough time to start their lives over again.

U.S. Representative Leon Pannetta, D-Monterey, and other federal, state and local officials are expected to be at the Crestview site at 10 a.m. today to give the first 12 families their keys. The remaining

31 families are expected to take occupancy of their trailers tomorrow.

Additional trailer sites are to be opened in Hollister and Pajaro. Plans have been discussed to place trailers at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds and on the University of California at Santa Cruz campus.

Back in October →

By Lonn Johnston  
SF Chronicle Staff Writer

### March on Saturday

## Homeless Singing Their Way to D.C.

A motley band of 21 advocates for the homeless boarded a Greyhound bus in San Francisco yesterday and began a cross-country odyssey to Washington, D.C., where they will join a massive demonstration for affordable housing.

"The purpose is to empower people and make them know they can make a difference," said social worker Andrew Hayes, 43, who — with the blessing of Mayor Art Agnos — organized the delegation and raised money to finance the trip.

Once in the nation's capital, they plan to spend Thursday and Friday meeting with congressional representatives and housing officials, then join as many as half a million other demonstrators on Saturday in a march to dramatize the plight of the homeless and demand affordable housing.

Hayes said most of the 16 men and five women in his delegation are in their mid-to-late 20s and were residents of the Civic Center Plaza

homeless encampment. Some have health, drug or alcohol problems, he said. "And some have just been ground down by society."

"The people with drug problems are taking care of each other," said Hayes, who added that a strict no drugs policy will be in force during the trip. "We are trying to get a cohesiveness where people take responsibility for themselves and each other."

Hayes raised \$3,450 in private donations to cover the cost of the venture, including the \$136 round-trip bus tickets. The group is expected to arrive in Washington at midday Thursday and will be put up at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, not far from the Capitol.

There was a holiday atmosphere aboard the 47-seat American-cruiser bus — Greyhound's best — on the first leg of the trip yesterday as the delegation swigged donated Evian water and munches apples and sandwiches prepared by San Francisco school children.

Most of the ragged traveler gathered at the rear of the bus and sang along with Timothy Michae Blade, 34, a homeless traveler with mushroom-shaped hairdo. He strummed his guitar and warbled "Moon Dance," "Sweet Judy Blue Eyes" and other 1960's favorites.

"You guys want to do you stuff here instead of going all the way to Washington?" the bus driver asked good naturedly over the public address system.

"Now," said one young white guy in the back, "We'll just get here for a while to panhandle."

After the brief stopover, 1 homeless band settled in for a long haul across the country.



# A person's loss of sleep may sabotage creativity

By WILLIAM K. STEVENS  
The New York Times

**I**N A STUDY with implications for the work performance of everyone from students and artists to hospital interns and airplane pilots, a British researcher has found that loss of sleep sabotages creative faculties and the ability to deal with unfamiliar situations more rapidly than it impairs other mental abilities.

Giving up as little as one night's sleep seriously undermines the mental skills of spontaneity, flexibility and originality that enable people to change perspective and break out of established thought patterns, said the director of the study, Dr. James A. Horne, a psycho-physiologist who is an expert on sleep.

He said the new findings seemed to support the view that one primary function of sleep is to "repair the cerebral cortex from the wear and tear of consciousness."

He interprets the loss of creative ability as a sign that lack of sleep causes something to "go wrong with cerebral function" and that something fundamental in the decision-making process is thereby disturbed.

After being deprived of a night's sleep, "your mind becomes more rigid and you stick to known ways of doing things," Horne said in a telephone interview, adding: "Your mind is in a rut, and you can't get out of it." As a result the ability to come up with solutions where there is "no guide where to go" is damaged.

By contrast, he said, "you can cope quite well" with tasks that require a person to engage in what psychologists call "convergent thinking." This is the ability to home in on a problem using familiar, established mental routines.

Convergent thinking is at work, for instance, when people are making things with their hands, taking multiple-choice tests, drawing up balance sheets or dealing with well-known, well-defined emergencies for which previous training has programmed them.

**S**ERIOUS impairment of convergent thinking does not take place until a second night's sleep has been lost, Horne said. Previous studies have shown that people deprived of one night's sleep can succeed at convergent thinking simply by concentrating harder, provided the task is interesting enough.

The new study indicates that the same is not true when "divergent thinking," the basis of creativity, is involved.

Spontaneity, flexibility and originality are all properties of divergent thinking. They are essential to a variety of pursuits, from writing a poem or painting a picture to responding to an emergency in which the person is required to "fly by the seat of his pants."

Some activities can involve a combination of the two kinds of thinking. Chess, with its fixed rules, usually requires players to survey a set of possibilities and choose a solution: the next move. This is convergent thinking.

"But if a chess player provided a completely novel and unique solution, something that had never been done before, that would be divergent thinking," Horne said.

Horne, a psycho-physiologist who is a professor at Loughborough University in Leicestershire, England, studies interrelationships between the brain and the body.

His study, which involved students at the university, is believed to be the first to measure systematically the effect sleep loss has on divergent thinking.

The report appears in the current issue of Sleep, a scientific journal published by the Association of Professional Sleep Societies.

In the study, 24 healthy college students received an array of tests intended to measure thinking time, fluency, flexibility and originality of thought and the ability to elaborate on thoughts.

The tests have no right answers.

In one, for instance, subjects see a picture of a person performing an ambiguous action. They must write down all the questions that come to mind that might help explain the situation, and they list as many possible causes and consequences of the event as they can.

Another test includes such questions as these: How many possible uses are there for a cardboard box? What would be the consequences of some hitherto unimaginable event — for example, if clouds had

# \$4 million sought by county to aid shelter program

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Santa Cruz County agencies are seeking \$4 million in state and federal assistance to operate an emergency shelter program this winter.

Although county officials do not expect to receive everything they are asking for, County Housing Authority Director Mary James said they expect an answer from state officials by the end of this week.

The latest reports show more than 280 people still living in temporary shelters operated by the American Red Cross and the Western Service Workers of the Pajaro Valley and an estimated 150 in Callaghan Park because of the Oct. 17 earthquake.

Countywide earthquake damage estimates stand at \$251,106,075.

Building inspectors say 582 dwelling units have been destroyed in the county, as well as 134 mobile homes and 135 businesses.

Major damage — defined as damage exceeding \$10,000 — was sustained by 2,089 homes, 534 mobile homes and 314 businesses.

Meanwhile, county officials expect the first residents left homeless by the earthquake to begin moving into the temporary mobile-home park on Crestview Avenue behind the Freedom Boulevard county governmental annex this week.

And grading is underway at the St. Francis School site for another 34 mobile homes that will be provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the earthquake homeless.

Plans are going ahead to place another 55 FEMA-owned trailers at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. UC-Santa Cruz has agreed to allow a temporary mobile-home park on its campus.

The \$4 million application filed by the County Housing Authority is an umbrella application covering 10 separate programs that will be operated by various city, county and non-profit agencies.

County Housing Coordinator Luther Perry warned, however, that Santa Cruz County should not expect to receive everything it has asked for. He said the state has allocated \$5 million for these types of programs in the 10 Bay Area counties hit by the quake.

The programs include:

- Motel voucher program —

\$696,926 for the Community Action Board to provide motel vouchers for between 350 and 700 people displaced by the earthquake over the next 12 months.

• Site management at temporary mobile-home parks — \$165,000 for the County Housing Authority to manage the temporary mobile-home parks being set up in the Pajaro Valley and Santa Cruz.

• Guaranteed Security Deposit Program — \$60,000 to help tenants rent houses when they can't pay the required security deposit.

• Temporary Housing for Families — \$825,000 for Pajaro Valley Shelter Services to operate two shelters with a total of 32 beds.

• Disaster Homeless Shelters — \$127,800 for the City of Watsonville to lease seven homes for 18 months to provide 40 beds for families with children.

• Social services to displaced seniors and families — \$532,384 for the County Human Resources Agency to provide social services to the displaced in Santa Cruz and Watsonville and nursing-care outreach to displaced seniors in the Santa Cruz area.

• Residential shelter for the mentally disabled — \$350,000 for Stepping Out/Community Counseling Center to purchase shelter to provide seven beds for mentally disabled people displaced from two heavily damaged mental health satellite housing facilities.

• Garden Senior Residential Shelter — \$297,856 for the Health Services Agency to reopen the closed Garden Nursing Home in Santa Cruz and provide 30 beds for seniors for as long as 12 months.

• Portable shelter units — \$350,000 for the county to purchase 40 portable shelter units at \$8,000 each to house displaced families in the remote mountain areas.

• Kitchen facilities — \$20,000 for the county to provide kitchen facilities that will provide hot meals for those living in mobile-home parks, motels and other temporary shelters.

• First Step Mobile Homes — \$388,700 for First Step Family Shelter to establish a temporary mobile-home park in Watsonville. The grant would allow the group to purchase 16 used mobile homes and place them on leased church-owned land.

Dr. James A. Horne, a psycho-physiologist and an expert on sleep, measures the effect sleep loss has on divergent thinking. One of his tests required students to set circles into as many patterns as possible. His findings show that students who stay up all night to study might do well on true-false or multiple choice tests, but they might be severely handicapped if the test consists of essay questions or calls for analysis.

Another good reason for sanity in sleeping laws.

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## 4 Arrested After Fuss At March for Homeless

By Dawn Garcia  
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A peaceful march to end homelessness turned nasty yesterday when police arrested four people during a tug-of-war with a protest banner a block from the Civic Center plaza.

About 150 people from the Bay Area Housing Now! Coalition had almost completed a roundabout march from the San Francisco-Federal Building through the Tenderloin to City Hall when some marchers drifted off the sidewalk and into the path of a slow-moving police car facing the group.

As one of the officers in the car tried to move the marchers back onto the sidewalk, he yanked one of the banners and the man holding it yanked back.

Police called for reinforcements as a tug-of-war ensued between the officer and the marcher. An officer said later that police called for help after one officer was punched by a marcher.

To chants of "Let him go" po-

lice eventually arrested four people for inciting a riot and disturbing the peace, including Keith McHenry, leader of the group Food Not Bombs.

Marchers later complained that the police action was excessive.

"There was no need for 25 police officers and nine squad cars," said Jim Rhoads of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council. "This was just a calm little march."

Rhoads and others also questioned the officers' use of nightsticks. Last September, farm union leader Dolores Huerta suffered broken ribs and a ruptured spleen as officers cleared a crowd of demonstrators at a rally against George Bush outside the St. Francis Hotel.

In response to public clamor over the Huerta incident, the San Francisco Police Commission in January unanimously adopted a series of changes in crowd control practices and procedures, including a change in the positioning of police clubs during crowd control.

Under the new policy, riot sticks are to be held by officers in the port arms position (against the chest) unless there is a threat of an "overt aggressive act on the part of hostile or violent demonstrators."

Yesterday, as officers handcuffed one marcher and prepared to put him in the patrol car, fellow officers formed a protective circle and thrust the ends of their riot sticks at anyone who came close.

"We don't use the baton until confronted with violence," said San Francisco police Sergeant Jim Hughes. "I know the officers were overwhelmed and had to call for assistance."

The march and rally were held as to mark the start of a national Housing Now! rally scheduled for Saturday in Washington, D.C. A busload of 26 Bay Area housing advocates will leave for Washington today to attend the event.

Marchers at yesterday's rally included members of advocacy groups for the homeless, the Gray Panthers and schoolchildren.

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"Because we're moving mountains, we don't need to go down there and ladle soup," Jean Kasem says as she perches on a heart-shaped peach silk chair beneath a mirror decorated with ceramic Cupids.

"Sending out 5,000 radio packets to the whole nation and 5,000 invitations to a fund-raiser from a few days in a hotel room is far more important than going down and ladling soup. That wouldn't be good time management or using our expertise to the fullest.

"What we're doing is historic. I mean, how many times has the Beverly Wilshire been used like this as a bunker for homeless fund-raising?"

She likes to tell the story of how she found her way to the hotel when she was a struggling actress newly arrived in Los Angeles.

"I was hungry and borderline homeless. So I went down to the Cafe of the Pink Turtle that used to be here and ordered hot water to make ketchup soup. Because I had seen it in an old black-and-white movie and I knew that you could do that here."

In her view, "what you put out always comes back to you. And the irony of this whole thing is that now I'm helping the homeless while living in the top of this hotel."