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BAN THE S. CRUZ^{CO.} CAMPING BAN



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- 2 IS A FACIST ATTEMPT TO RID THE COUNTY OF LOWER CLASS TOURISTS, I.E. "HIPPIES, TROLLS, PUNKS, ETC." AND THE HOMELESS, THROUGH SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT

3. DAMAGE S. CRUZ IMAGE AS A RESORT AREA, WITH A GENERAL LOSS OF REVENUES

THE COUNTY BOARD WILL RUBBER STAMP IT. UNLESS YOU TESTIFY AT THE OPEN MIKE

DEMONSTRATE AT THE PROPOSAL'S VOTE

COUNTY BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH 1:30

S. CRUZ COUNTY BLD. 701 OCEAN

EACH PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO SPEAK, PLEASE
COME AND TESTIFY TO DEFEAT THIS ORDINANCE.

People living on the streets have common problems:

- : no legal place to sleep;
- : lack of facilities to shower, launder the clothes;
- : beds with leaky roofs and no heat;
- : inadequate diets and health care;
- : rents so high they cannot be afforded;
- : no jobs or job training;
- : low self-esteem.

Who is responsible for this dreadful situation?

The Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors!
and you!

That's right, you! Believe that we can make a change! But like a child learning to walk, change happens one step at a time, each foot must be firmly planted before taking the next step.

Santa Cruz County owns over 500 parcels of land - including over 100 buildings. The homeless can no longer accept their lame excuse...We have no resources to shelter the homeless. The light of this truth cannot remain hidden any longer. We must stand together and speak in unison!

REMEMBER -

Tuesday, June 11, at 1:15 p.m., we will march from the Commonground to the Board of Supervisors for the public hearing on homelessness.

That's where we will demand
A campground with showers and laundry facilities!
A nighttime shelter!
Affordable housing and jobs!

Let's hang together for a change, using non-violence and dedication to the purpose: Sheltering the homeless.

MARCH

June 11th - 1:15 p.m. 1985

Meet Commonground

STREET SHEET

Your petition for shelter - your sign making - your marches to the Board of Supervisors - your eloquent thoughts at the public hearings are beginning to bear fruit, bringing change to Santa Cruz:

Helping the homeless is rapidly becoming fashionable,
the right thing to do!

But there is still much work to do, as you now have a responsibility to see that these changes meet your needs rather than those of the bureaucrats.

REMEMBER -

Tuesday, July 23 at 7:30 P.M. HOMELESS PUBLIC HEARING

Santa Cruz City Hall - Council chambers

This hearing will deal with the Downtown Commission's recommendations for assisting the homeless. While many of the suggestions appear positive, we may indeed have problems with their order of priority.

Familiarize yourself with the recommendations so that you can speak out, if you so choose, in a knowledgeable fashion.

REMEMBER -

Thursday, July 25 at 10 A.M. HOMELESS TASK FORCE MEETS.

Board of Supervisors - County Government Center.

Barbara and Z are your homeless reps on this task force, but all homeless people are both welcome and urged to attend.

Prior to the meeting discuss your needs with the reps - offer input as to how the city and county can best assist the homeless.

STREET SHEET

HAVE YOU HEARD

The Homeless Task Force, a new version, will meet Wednesday October 16, 1985 3-5 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's chamber - County Government Center. BE THERE! Let them know how cold it is sleeping on the streets. Let D.A. Art Danner know about police brutality, harassment, confiscation of ID's and property.

DID YOU KNOW.....

Tom Scribner, along with you, is about to be evicted from his home? There is strong talk of turning Scribner Park into an elegant tea garden, once again leaving shelterless people on the outside looking in.

HAVE YOU HEARD.....

Parks and Rec's is considering a proposal that would permit street artists to exhibit and sell their crafts on a monthly or semi-monthly basis in San Lorenzo Park. If you like the idea, have a craft, let us know.

DID YOU KNOW

November 5 there will be a public hearing to ban camping between Graham Hill Road and Highway 9, from the Santa Cruz city limits to the Felton city line. An area that is home to hundreds of shelterless people. We're planning big things for that day - so stay tuned.

Pledge to Humanity

I pledge allegiance to the whole earth

And all the worlds beyond.

I cherish the miracle of every life

And the eternal dance of becoming.

Universal consciousness,

Indivisible

From liberty and justice for all.

Julia Russell

STREET SHEET

OCT 30

(1985?)

THERE WILL
BE A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
OF THE TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS
AT ROOM #5 IN THE LOUDEN NELSON
FROM 3:00 - 5:00 PM.

EXPRESS YOUR VIEW ON HOMELESSNESS
AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THE PEOPLE
TO GARY PATTON, S.C. COUNTY SUPERVISOR
ON OCT. 30 AT 11:15 AT THE
ST. FRANCIS SOUP KITCHEN, 205 MORA

STREET SHEET

BULLETIN

The county's first emergency shelter at 320 Cedar St. will legally open at 5:30 p.m. TONITE. Be there for a bed - the celebration: See hunger striker, Jane Imler, eat her first food in 30 days.

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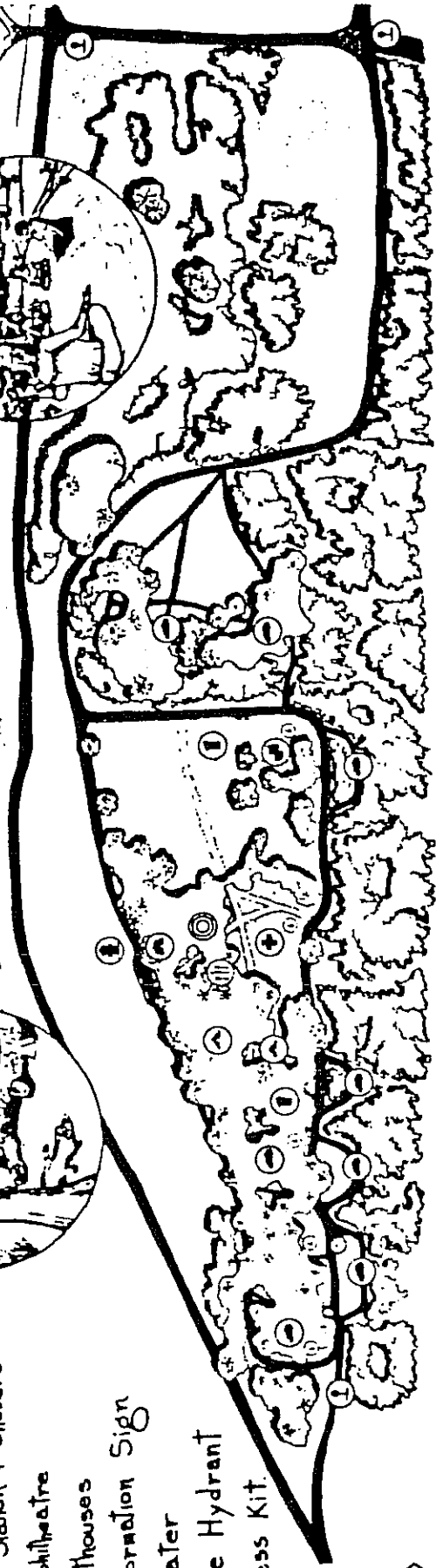
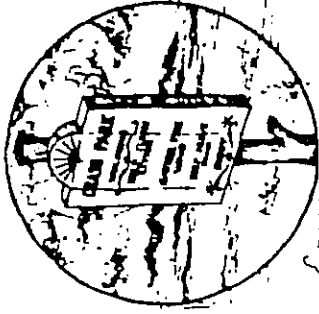
WE, The Shelterless People of Santa Cruz County
DEMAND the following:

- 1) Designation of places throughout the County where it would be LEGAL for vehicle-homes to park overnight, with sanitary facilities and security from being towed;
- 2) Designation of existing showers and laundry facilities for use by people without shelter;
- 3) City and County sponsored mass-feeding facilities, perhaps utilizing the existing kitchen at the Emeline Hospital building;
- 4) Establishment of a permanent shelter and kitchen for the shelterless;
- 5) Use of any and all existing shelter and kitchen facilities;
- 6) Establishment of high-quality, safe childcare, free to the shelterless;
- 7) Freedom from police and sheriff "hassling" where no "crime" has been committed;
- 8) Elimination of all laws meant to make the shelterless "move-on", such as the ban on overnight sleeping on beaches and the ban on sleeping in vehicles;
- 9) Resident-operated "satellite-housing" for those shelterless people who want a structured "indoor" option;
- 10) Respect for the desire of some to live a life "out-doors", so that these people need not fear reprisals or damage to their camps;

WE, The Shelterless People of Santa Cruz County demand this of those who are elected to serve the Public, and we demand this as well from the County Homeless Task Force. Shelter NOW! Explanations and excuses LATER!

HOMELSS REST AREA

- ① Tents & Sleeping Bags
- ② Bus People & Truckers
- ③ Director's Tent
- ④ Central Area
- ⑤ Aid Station & Showers
- ⑥ Amphitheatre
- ⑦ Outhouses
- ⑧ Information Sign
- ⑨ Water
- ⑩ Fire Hydrant
- ⑪ Mess Kit



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STREET SHEET

SLEEPING ON TRIAL

Maurice Egan goes on trial in Judge Tom Kelly's courtroom, Dept. C, 9:30 am, Friday, May 16. Egan, and his attorney, are challenging the constitutionality of the Santa Cruz City ordinance against sleeping in your vehicle. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE AT THE TRIAL. Let Egan know we support him; let the establishment know we're sticking together and that poor people, too, have a right to sleep unharassed.

FIGHTING BACK - In the meantime if you have a ticket for sleeping in your vehicle within the City limits, go to court and ask for a postponement until a decision has been reached on Maurice Egan's case being argued by Raymond Grueneich. YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE GRANTED A POSTPONEMENT. DON'T BE SHY; DEMAND (POLITELY) YOUR RIGHTS.

HOMELESS ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Our license expires in July. Unless we are a 'going concern' by then we won't get a renewal. Let's see if we can't get it going TWICE a month. We would like to see strolling musicians, to add to the atmosphere. The next two fairs are Saturdays, June 14 and July 5, from 11am to 3 pm, on the benchlands of San Lorenzo Park. See you there.

SHELTER

and lack thereof. We need to get more organized and become better informed about what's happening so we can make another shelter happen again SOON! We can't sit and wait for "them" to do something any longer; we have to make it happen by taking action very soon. Talk to Barbara Ryan or Wayne LeFave. Stay tuned to this space; more information soon.

And given a choice between blaming the rich for their problems or blaming the poor, the mass of the population will blame the poor every time.

-Philip Slater
Wealth Addiction

Look for Jane Imler's booth at the Spring Fair on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 & 18. Imler, whose hunger strike last winter helped to get more shelter locally, is the people's alternative for Sheriff in upcoming elections.

Look for the next STREET SHEET soon. See you May 16th, Court-Dept C.

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Returns

June 30, 1988

CAMPING § 22.000-§ 24.010

§ 22.060 VIOLATION: It is unlawful for any person not authorized as provided in Section § 22.030 to collect, handle, use, or dispose of any paper from street curbside in the city. Any person engaging in such unlawful activity is guilty of an infraction. (Ord. 78-14 § 1 (part), 1974).

Chapter § 24
CAMPING

Sections:
§ 24.010 Camping prohibited.
§ 24.020 Camping permitted.
§ 24.030 Camping—Special events.
§ 24.040 Penalty - single offense.
§ 24.050 Penalty - subsequent offense within 48 hours.

§ 24.010 CAMPING PROHIBITED. No person shall camp anywhere in the city of Santa Cruz, whether in public or private property, except as hereinafter expressly permitted. "Camping" means to do any of the following:
(1) Sleeping - eleven P.M. to eight thirty A.M. To sleep at any time between the hours of eleven P.M. and eight thirty A.M. in any of the following places:
(i) Outdoors with or without bedding (tent, hammock or other similar structure or equipment);
(ii) In, on or under any structure not intended for human occupancy, whether with or without bedding (tent, hammock or other similar structure or equipment);

§ 24.020

(2) In, on or under any parked vehicle, including an automobile, bus, truck, camper, trailer or recreational vehicle.

(3) Setting up bedding - eleven P.M. to eight thirty A.M. To establish or maintain outdoors or in, on or under any structure not intended for human occupancy, at any time between the hours of eleven P.M. and eight thirty A.M., a temporary or permanent place for sleeping, by setting up any bedding, sleeping bag, blanket, mattress, tent, hammock or other sleeping equipment in such a manner as to be immediately usable for sleeping purposes;

(4) Setting up campsite - anytime. To establish or maintain outdoors or in, on or under any structure not intended for human occupancy, at any time during the day or night, a temporary or permanent place for cooking or sleeping, by setting up any bedding, sleeping bag, blanket, mattress, tent, hammock or other sleeping equipment or by setting up any cooking equipment, with the intent to remain at that location overnight. (Ord. 78-23, § 2, 1978).

§ 24.030 CAMPING PERMITTED. Camping is permitted in the city of Santa Cruz only in the following circumstances:

(1) Camping in public areas specifically set aside and clearly marked for public camping purposes;

(2) Camping events sponsored and conducted by and under the direction and control of the Santa Cruz City Parks and Recreation Department;

(3) Camping events authorized by the city council pursuant to section § 24.050;

(4) Camping in the yard of a residence with the consent of the owner or occupant of the residence, where the

camping is in the rear yard of the residence or where the camping is in an area of a side yard of the residence that is separated from view from the street by a fence or hedge or other obstruction; except that camping shall not be permitted under this subsection where it is conducted in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance because of noise, inadequate sanitation, or other matters offensive to persons of ordinary sensibility; nor shall camping be permitted under this subsection where the camping in any yard is of such frequency, intensity or duration as to constitute a use of land prohibited by any provision of this title; nor shall camping be permitted under this subsection where prohibited under chapter § 24.020 of this code concerning use of mobile homes; nor shall camping be permitted under this subsection where any fee, charge or other monetary consideration is collected for the privilege of camping or for such services or the use of any facilities related thereto. (Ord. 78-23, § 2, 1978).

§ 24.050 CAMPING—SPECIAL EVENTS. The city council may, by resolution, authorize overnight camping on city-owned property as a special event sponsored by non-profit community service organizations. Any organization seeking such authority from the city council shall file with the parks and recreation director a written request setting forth detailed information concerning the proposed event. The parks and recreation director may require certain additional information in writing, as he or she may deem necessary or appropriate for evaluation of the request. When complete information has been submitted, the director of parks and recreation shall confer with the city manager and they shall jointly prepare and submit to the city council a report with their recommendation for approval, modification, approval or denial of the request. (Ord. 78-23, § 2, 1978).

We announce the return of the Street Sheet, an occasional paper devoted to street news and opinion and the continuing fight for homeless rights. We invite your contributions and comments. Send photos, jokes, news, money and best wishes to us wherever we happen to be on the mall (up to now in front of the Bookshop Santa Cruz and Lulu's).

HOMELESS RALLY AT CITY HALL DISGRUNTLES COUNCIL

The afternoon Supper at City Hall happened last Tuesday with folks chowing down on tasty morsels prepared by Shannon, Jane, and Rebecca. Thank to local guitarists (including the incomparable Eddy) for providing us and the City Council meeting inside with a reminder that there is real life and music in spite of the noxious Camping Ban (see left). Creative chalk muralists provided some wise words to the City Council to adorn their walls, but they didn't seem to want to read the writing there and insisted that it be removed.

The Mayor and Council sqt unphased and unmoved by the testimony of numerous courageous homeless folks. Rumor had it they had already prepared their response before the meeting.

Laird, speaking perhaps for himself and perhaps for his gang of psuedo-progressive benchwarmers, made no apologies for the Council's delay in considering the Camping Ban (they may be waiting to "receive" the report of their Human Relations Task Force so that it coincides with the political campaign of Jane Y., its head.)

There was no excuse for the Council's not taking immediate action at the very least to decriminalize sleeping in vehicles (but more fairly to temporarily suspend the ban in town has been done in Santa Barbara and San Francisco). They have the power to do this under the ordinance and declined to do so.

Perhaps these caring progressives will reconsider the issue when the people of Santa Cruz draw it more dramatically to their attention by placing their bodies on the line (or in their cars downtown, or on the soft grass near City Hall). Only time will tell.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 12: 2nd Supper at City Hall. Another merry gettogether, tentatively scheduled for 4:00. We invite the City Council to join us outside for eats and discussion to help us better understand their reasons for criminalizing sleeping within city limits.

BAN THE BAN!

ROCKY ATTACKED AGAIN

Told that he could be "taken care of" if he got "too far out of line," Rocky S. is still alive and well after outbiking a Catalyst habituee night before last. This ill-disposed individual was reportedly last seen disappearing into a taxi with the blessings of a Catalyst security guard for his "good work" in seeking to in-
to intimidate the all-too-irrepressible Rocky.

REPORTERS, TABLERS, DEMONSTRATORS, BAKERS WANTED!

Folks interested in helping out the Petition for Homeless Rights should call us at 429-1913 or leave a message at 458-9070 (wait till the recording ends). We're still gathering petitions to give give to the City Council. Tell your friends to call the Council at 429-3550 and leave word that this crazy sleeping ban has to end or no one will get any sleep. We're also considering other ideas, so speak your mind.

POLICE BRUTALITY HOTLINE ON THE WAY

If you have had any problems with the police, or with mall security guards (affectionately known as our own Brownsbits) or with uninformed thugs, fill out a form with us or call 429-1913 and make areport (anonymously, if you prefer). Try to give time, date, badge numbers, witnesses, etc. Also call in with good reports about police assistance and unusual courtesy.
WANTED: A 12-Volt Answering Machine. Help expand our police abuse hot-
line. If you know of one, call us.

COMING SOON: Calamaty Jane Imhar's very own column. Don't wait until the S.C. Sentinel sees fit to print an edited version of her remarks. Read it here first.

SPECIAL THANK: to the Cooperhouse for its generous donations of cheese in turkey and to the Sushi Bar for its tasty leftovers. Not all restaurants lock their dumpsters and compact their leftovers. We are not suggesting they be relied on as a food source, but just thanking them for caring.

Heard any good jokes? Seen any weird or noteworthy events? Got an opinion about current goings/on? Wander on by the Petition for Homeless Riughts table and share your stuff with all of us.

Any mistakes or misinformation in this flyer will be speedily corrected if you let us know.

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News for youse what wanna snooze
July 2, 1988**FIGHT THAT TICKET (Part 1)**

Wakened from a pleasant sleep by some armed thug in blue or brown? Roused for drinking a quiet beer in the great outdoors cause you don't have the money to booze it up at the local bar? Hassled for sitting peaceably on the mall? Don't tear up that little yellow ticket he takes such pleasure in giving you. Fight it!

First, understand you are dealing with a bunch of crazy and discriminator laws that punish poor people for what rich people can do freely in the privacy of their homes and businesses. Particularly crazy (and under current attack) is the City Camping Law (6.36), which actually sweeps up tourists, folks visiting their relatives, and anybody who doesn't own a Winnebago. These laws are a sadistic and generally ineffective way of dealing with poverty and homelessness. But enough preaching, you've been nabbed: what do you do?

Be polite but firm. Do not consent to any searches, but allow them under protest, telling the officer you prefer not to be searched. Say so in a voice loud enough to be heard by any witnesses nearby. Then try to get the name, address, phone number of anyone who has seen what happened.

If you are wearing or carrying anything that could be construed as a weapon and are asked to hand it to the officer, tell her/him that s/he has your permission to examine it, but make no move to pass it over. (You may be charged with brandishing a weapon.)

After the confrontation, show your ticket to sympathetic people (there are such folks usually to be found passing around a Petition for Homeless Rights, sometimes near the Bookshop Santa Cruz). File an informal complaint form (anonymously if you wish) with the Homeless Rights Petitioners so they can keep a record of how heavy the police harassment is.

Call the Ombudsman Advocate at 429-1913 if you are concerned that you have other outstanding warrants and so may not want to show up in court to deal with this latest ticket. You may do so anonymously.

What next? Stay tuned for the next issue of the Street Sheet, or investigate the matter yourself, pass on your suggestions and experiences, and let us know what's happening. Remember we are not lawyers and the preceding is not legal advice. Just some suggestions. (to be continued)

PETITIONERS NEED HELP

So you've signed the Petition for Homeless Rights. Big Deal. Nothing's changed. Maybe you've even called the City Council Hotline and told them to end the camping ban (429-3550 M-F 9-5). But you still hear the same stories of busts and more busts. This means it's time to turn up the heat. The Gang of 7 (City Council and Mayor) can only continue their repressive policies and maintain their shiny liberal credentials if you keep quiet. How about not cooperating? Show up at upcoming liberal events with a petition, asking for signatures and educating people about current city practices regarding people who just want a place to sleep free from hassle. Share your experiences with the tourists. Consider involving yourself in future demonstrations.

SOON TO APPEAR: CALAMITY JANE'S COLUMN

Riding out of the hills and into the streets--the wit, wisdom and fond folly of Jane Imler, tired of the City's much-touted charity schemes, to stuff 500 homeless into 13-30 River St. Shelter beds. Rumors abound of a possible "homeless slate" in the upcoming November elections. Anybody want to run?

CRIMINAL SLEEPERS ALERT !

Hey--all you people with houses and jobs. Did you ever sleep in your car for a period of time when you were having problems with lodging and money? ^{or "car sleepers"} If so, we want to know your success stories. Please call us at 429-1913 as part of our new RAGS to RICHES survey. Remain anonymous if you wish, but let us know that it happened to you. We are compiling statistics to present before the Gang of 7. If ambitious, call the Gang itself at 429-3550 and tell the City Clerk about the realities of the world.

TROUBLE IN THE COUNTY?

County

Under a little known 1985 ordinance, sleeping (in your car) was actually made legal except in areas that were specifically posted. Have you been hassled (told to move) or ticketed in a non-posted area? We'd like to know about it. Contact that overworked 429-1913 with your tales of terror. (True only in unincorporated areas of the County)

UNCONFIRMED RUMORS

Fearful that the Gang of 7 will refuse to respond to wishes of the people of Santa Cruz, some malcontents are actually muttering about sleeping in at City Hall until sleeping is made legal in more discrete and private locations. Naturally we have no sympathy with such disruptive ideas. City Halls were made for day use only, right?

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE TRAINING WANTED

Folks who've had experience in doing Direct Action in furthering an end to the insane policy re: Nicaragua, nuclear weapons, etc. are invited to lower their sights to their own town where similar action may be needed. We invite your help.

HUMAN RELATIONS TASK FORCE REPORT STILL MISSING

Lost, stolen, or strayed, the Yokayama Commission's "decriminalization" suggestions to the Gang of 7 are still among the missing--while the nightly round of police activity continues. Also unclear is who will monitor whether the police are really acting on a complaint in giving a "sleeping" citation. (The Task Force's suggestion to the City Council was that sleeping in vehicles not be ticketed, except upon specific complaint.) But the police department claims that is the present policy. And the Mayor feels 30 shelter beds and 2 jails are enough to deal with the "sleeplessness" problem. Perhaps it's time for these liberal sleepyheads to wake up.

COST REPORT UPCOMING

Ever wonder how much it all costs to ticket people who can't pay anyway for sleeping? Did you know that felony arrests drop when camping arrests rise and vice versa? Stay tuned for specific statistics in the next exciting issue.

We're still waiting for your jokes, stories, complaints, and letters. Drop them off at the Petition for Homeless Rights table. See your name or favorite alias in print.

STREET SHEET

July 7, 1988 Afternoon Edition

#3

SECOND SUPPER AT CITY HALL UPCOMING JULY 12

After the tasty success of Tuesday-before-last's Sup-In in front of City Hall, the cantankerous cooks have decided to host another. Same time (Tuesday, July 12), same place (on and about the City Hall green), with a somewhat different menu. Tentatively planned: corn bread, pinto beans, salad, meat loaf, 'n who knows what else. Got any food to donate? Leave a message for Shannon at 458-9070 (wait until the recorded message is over). We also need paper plates, plastic forks, recipe ideas, 'n hungry bellies. Also on the menu: a City Council roast. Volunteer to clean up afterwards (both the lawn and the City Council) and bring blankets in the event we get sleepy.

While we eat outside, the Gang of 7 (aka the City Council) may be discussing the Petition for Homeless Rights (including the Camping Ban) inside. We hope to present them with another bunch of signatures to spur them on. Maybe the well-fed council will venture outside to swap food and stories with us. Come on by and see for yourself. Bring blankets, banners, musical instruments, costumes, friends, and family.

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE TRAINING PLANNED

Since the Gang of 7 has allowed harassment of the homeless for 8 years under the infamous Camping Ban and since its own Human Relations Task Force has not yet officially communicated its report at the time of this writing (July 7, 4:30 p.m.), we are somewhat skeptical that there will be any substantive change in the current "drive the homeless out of town" policy.

That being so, concerned folk who have trained people for non-violent civil disobedience in connection with other issues will be around during the Tuesday supper to train those who are interested in nonviolent resistance. Rumor has it that some sleepy folk, deprived of their rest by overzealous law enforcement officials in late night raids on van and bush, may seek the security and comfort of some large public building. Since sleeping is illegal everywhere in the city on public property, why not consider a snooze in the belly of the beast? Volunteer your own CB experience and present your body and conscience if you're interested.

OPPOSITION REARS ITS HEAD

A call to the City Council office this afternoon revealed that some misguided souls have actually filed a petition with the City Council in favor of continuing the Camping Ban. Against the 500-1000 signatures to end the ban, these foolish folk have gathered about 55. Who will the City Council listen to--the majority or the minority? Do we have to ask?

CALAMITY'S CORNER (by Calamity Jane Imler)

"So what brings Calamity Jane down from the Zayante Hills, where the hemp grows wild, corn's sweet, and the rattlers won't accept defeat? That's right--unfinished business.

"Seven homeless pregnant women without shelter. Yes, MARDI, seven pregnant women sleeping under bushes, in vehicles, and among the city's tombstones. This hard reality forces us to ask: Whose interests are being served by the River Street Shelter? The Homeless or the bureaucrats? And how much of the homeless monies coming into the county are being siphoned off for real estate and salaries rather than for direct services to the homeless?

"The chair of the Human Relations Task Force, affectionately called the Rubber Stamp Task Force, who claims to be representing the poor in the upcoming council election, knuckled under to the City Council's edict: Don't recommend repealing the Camping Ban. Since action speaks louder than words, we'd like to

challenge this budding politician to put her derriere on the line. Stand up to those psuedo-liberals as others here have done over this issue. Maybe it's time for Calamity Jane to once again rattle the cage--toss her hat into the arena. Stay tuned for further details.

"Hugs and kisses for Linda, Shannon, Robert, Rocky, and to the many residents who again have rallied around our concerns. A lso thanks to the City Council, its Task Force, and Fred, who have goaded us back into action--challenging us to reach deep within to be the very best we can muster. Only this time we're not leaving until they get it right: REPEAL THE CAMPING BAN!

"Finally let me issue a second invitation to the downtown merchants: Let's begin a long overdue dialogue. We have empathy for all concerned, also knowledge that the city's concept of a day center will not do the job. We can mutually benefit each other, and we're ready when you are.

"It's good to be back. Stay tuned--the fun's just begun.

--J.I.

FIGHT THAT TICKET (Part 2)

So you've been ticketed for illegal sleeping, sitting, or walking. You're mad as hell and humiliated to boot, but you've kept your cool, noted down witnesses, resisted the righteous impulse to tear up the ticket, perhaps filled out a citizen's complaint and left it with the Petition table. Now Court looms. It's a chilly Tuesday morning at Dept. E and you feel like warmed-over doggie doo. The Judge calls your name. What now?

Course 1: Plead guilty or no lo contendre ("I do not contest, but do not plead guilty") and ASK FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE. Rather than have your liber or your wallet looted, ask to do volunteer work for the Soup Kitchen, Legal Aid, the Vets, perhaps the Welfare Parents Support Group--any charity group of your choosing. Since it costs them a bundle to jail you and since you probably can't afford the ticket anyway, they may (and frequently do) agree.

You can also give an explanation to the Judge, explain you were bothered by no one, and give a reasonable explanation for your conduct. You might note that you are mad enough to go to trial on the issue, but feel it would waste your time and the court's time, so you are seeking to simplify things. We do not recommend false humility (bad for the soul), but use your own judgement. If you think looking contrite will influence the judge, bring it on. We suggest a courteous more matter-of-fact approach.

Next time: Biting the bullet and fighting fascism: pleading not guilty--the last best choice. (to be cont.)

POLICE CRITIC SEIZED

With the federally-funded drughysteria group CAMP (Campaign Against Marijuana Production) roaming the County hills, perhaps local authorities are jumping on the prohibition bandwagon with more enthusiasm than usual. Street activist and social critic Zolli Smith, a familiar figure around the top of the mall, was kidnapped by city police in plain view of some friends on an ambiguous complaint for sleeping in a field and vigorously defending his right to do so. The sharp-tongued Zolli was dumped in the local psych ward--perhaps to demonstrate to all of us that you've gotta be crazy to try to sleep in this city. Somebody needs a shrink. Perhaps it's the idiots who make and enforce these laws?

SHERIFF REVEALS THREE-YEAR MISUNDERSTANDING

Currently legal to sleep on County property since 1985 except for those areas designated at public hearings as prohibited (Ocean St. Extension is the only place so designated). But earlier this week, the Sheriff's Dept. told an interested caller that sleeping anywhere in the County ("camping") was illegal. When Sheriff Al Noren spoke with Calamith Jane Imler the following day, he confirmed that camping on county property was legal not illegal, but hastily warned against camping on the beaches (mostly State) or on private property. Perhaps the misinformation being given out previously (that camping was illegal) was wishful thinking rather than willfull prejudice. But if you've been ticketed or hassled for "camping" on county property, let us know at 420-1013.

STREET SHEET

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Sunday

July 10, 1988

PLANNED SUPPER, POSSIBLE SLEEP IN GAINS STEAM, BUT STILL NEEDS HELP

The upcoming feed-in, concert, get-together, and (maybe) sleep-in at City Hall Tuesday July 12 at 4 p.m. is taking shape. We got some food; we need some more. Offer your donations now at 458-9070 (wait for the recorded message to end). Invite friends with alternative ideas: we want face painters, jugglers, psychic readers, health workers, writers, singers, painters... Especially needed--people willing to help with child-care: call the above number.

We also invite folks fighting to change things: Animal Rights workers, Christic Institute supporters, Rainbow Coalition activists--bring your bodies and your literature. If you don't see your name here, add it.

One definite, several possible, nonviolent civil disobedience trainers will be there to help us prepare ourselves for the hours and days ahead. There may be a paint-in as well, so get ready to be creative. We're also hoping to get reports on the situation of the homeless in different cities, and perhaps some news from the Rainbow Gathering about happenings there. Who knows, maybe some local scholars from the university and a couple of knowledgeable wags from the street will give a history of street heroes and villains in Santa Cruz.

SK FORCE REPORT STRAGGLES IN, FOUR WEEKS LATE

Yokoyama's Human Relations Task Force recommendation on the camping ban has finally crawled in to the city clerk's office last Friday. The report (available for 90% there) urges "complaint only" enforcement of "camping" (i.e. sleeping) violations for folks in their cars or vans. Too little, too late. Oftimes, the police claim that they currently enforce the law only upon a particular complaint. Who can challenge such a claim without access to their records? Who will oversee this? For years, the police have made liberal use of this crazy law to harass the poor and homeless, and the "progressive" Gang of 7 (the City Council) has made no move to stop this practice. Will the police now alter their practice and believe that the Gang of 7 really cares enough to monitor them effectively. We don't.

Billed as "decriminalization", this recommendation is really selective criminalization. The police can still criminalize any person they choose without substantiating what they do. People living in vans can still be capriciously moved around by a simple complaint from someone in a neighborhood. So now it'll be "only call the cops on people you don't like." Or maybe "it's ok for poor people to sleep on other people's front street." Well, the police have always agreed they have no problem with us sleeping in Santa Barbara or San Francisco.

Besides, the police have adequate means to deal with real criminal problems; life-style and poverty are not properly addressed by police action. We urge the Council to do away with the Camping Ban entirely as it relates to people sleeping in vehicles or in public places where there is no crime, sanitation, or nuisance problem. They have a chance to lead the country in a new enlightened policy, instead of surrendering to fear and bigotry.

SPEAK UP AT CITY COUNCIL

Though the Council has not scheduled debate for our Petition for Homeless Rights for the upcoming Tuesday session, they are going to consider the "enforcement upon complaint only" recommendation of the Yokayama Task Force. Now's the time to tell the Gang (Council) about your feelings on this issue. Should be sometime between 4 and 6 in the afternoon. We'll have a get together on the lawn outside in case you want to "buck up your courage" before standing up before the dreaded and dreadful Gang of 7. The more who express their views the merrier. Be specific. Tell what happened to you and your friends. If you've been hassled, ticketed, or arrested, let 'em know.

ZOLLI RELEASED, PRAISES SHRINKS, KNOCKS COPS

Hauled into the psych ward on a 5150 last week for defending his right to sleep in the daytime, Zolli was back on the streets later in the day. Usually more interested in doping their victims, Dominican Hospital did it right this time, recognizing that Zolli was no crazier than the cops. That wasted public money dragging him in. Perhaps it was the prompt calls into the hospital from concerned friends that helped persuade them. Perhaps they realized that police, unable to arrest Zolli for sleeping during the daytime (it's only illegal at night between 11 pm and 8:30 a.m.), decided they'd label him crazy instead and dump him at Dominican. Welcome back, Z. See you at the sleep-in.

FIGHT YOUR TICKET (Part 3)

Pleading NOT GUILTY! Street Sheets ##2 and 3 have detailed our (non-lawyer) suggestions for dealing with camping tickets if you're willing to do community service or pay a fine or go to jail. Now we move on to the hard-core, who want to make the court and the system pay (money and time-wise) for its own insanities.

The judge will probably attempt to persuade you not to plead "not guilty." It is still your right. He may decide (as he did in the case of Si'ewalk Shannon) to drop the ticket then and there. His court calendar is overfull as it is, and having a trial means calling in the cop who gave you the ticket (and possibly the city attorney). He will ask you for an explanation. Have a good brief one and he may simply dismiss charges!! If not, he'll set a trial date (before a judge--you can't get a jury on a simple infraction) for some weeks in the future. He must release you C.R. if you have adequate ID such as a driver's license (think about this before you plead "not guilty").

Back on the streets, consider your defense. You have no right to a public defender, but you can call the ombudsman for informal advice (429-1913). You might also consider talking to your favorite city council person to ask if this situation should really be wasting your time and the police's. (This is more a way of putting political pressure on the Council than helping your case.) Sit down and itemize what happened to you and who saw it. Next time: What to do when you go back for your trial.

ACTRESSES, ACTORS WANTED: SANTA CRUZ GUERRILLA "GORILLA" THEATRE FORMING

Everyone who believes that homelessness is a problem and that Santa Cruz needs to be informed and educated about what is happening on the streets is invited to participate in a new guerilla-street theatre group organized by writer-director-theatre electrician Madcap Mark Hager. A desire to have fun and stir things up are the only requirements. Show up at City Hall on Tuesday evening for an introduction to this exciting and often controversial political medium.

SECOND PETITION FOR HOMELESS RIGHTS IN THE WORKS

The Gang of 7 (City Council) received our first Petition June 28 (some 500 to 1000 signatures). We intend to turn in more copies of the same this week, but we have no assurance (in fact, no indication) that they will consider it Tuesday or in the near future.

Even if they granted all the demands of the petition, we feel we've only scratched the surface. The core of the petition is the attempt to End the Camping Ban, for people who sleep in their cars. But how many of us have vehicles? Time to legalize sleeping period. If you're not trampling the tulips, blocking traffic, or terrorizing the tourists, what's the beef if you catch a few winks in the bushes or on the green. This is Santa Cruz, U.S.A., after all, not Disneyland or 1942 Berlin. So point #1 on our second petition will be, as it was in Santa Barbara where the right to sleep was only granted after much civil disobedience, to legalize sleeping.

Also under consideration: 10,000 abandoned or unused structures are currently going to waste in Santa Cruz County. How about the City Council doing its bit and pressing for use of at least a small fraction of them? If they won't, perhaps people who need to should do what they must. Give a Squat a shot.

Also and further: How about reining in the brownshits and other insecurity politesse that have been hired by disgruntled merchants of late? These cartoonstrip cops marching the mall with no more legitimate authority to arrest than any citizen have been rousting and searching people as though they were licensed to kill. Time to keep a closer eye on these costumed crusaders. Note time, date, and circumstances of each unpleasant incident as well as witnesses.

Nixon got it. North'll probably get it. How about amnesty for all those currently holding phoney "camping" tickets. A City Council resolution along those lines might go far towards persuading the homeless that though the Council's been asleep for many years, they're finally waking up.

THANKS TO THE BLANKET-GIVERS

A few nights ago when Rocky and Sabrina returned to their camp, they found everything gone--bags, blankets, belongings, everything. Coming to their aid later that night when church numbers weren't answering and the River Street Shelter was full were Bruce and Eduardo--who lent out blankets, bedspreads, and clothing to these homeless activists. Some folks put their money where their mouths are. Thanks.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALL FOR HOMELESS PARTICIPATION

Tuesday: 4 p.m.: City Council meets to discuss "ticketing on complaint" for people asleep in their vehicles; Supper for the homeless outside City Hall.

Wednesday: Russian-American Peace March arrives in town.

Thursday: Homeless activists across the country engage in non-violent CD around homeless issues.

Get ready for a busy week.

STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM

"We, the American People, must struggle to keep our Constitutional freedom that men and women struggled and died for in our past American history. Never in the history of the United States as a president so blatantly violated the laws of the land and violated the dignity of millions of American people.

"I have traveled thousands of miles across the United States from Kentucky to Iowa to Nevada to California and all I have seen is long

some lines of raggedly dressed people sleeping on sidewalks and desperately clutching their bags of personal belongings.

"This is a grave violation of human dignity. As foreigners drive around in Mercedes Benzes, Sons of America who fought and watched their friends die in Vietnam now starve on the streets of American big cities. We, the people of America, rise and say, 'no more!' We pledge our allegiance to a Revolutionary government of invisible Rainbow warriors. We call for the impeachment of the fascist government of Ronald Reagan and George Bush. --William F. Whitefox

TRASHSWEEPER TALKS UP

Claudia, hard-working streetcleaner for 10 these many years, asks mallwalkers, mallsitters, and (even) mallsleepers to please pick up after themselves so she won't have to hate street people in the future. Come on, campers. Clean up your acts.

SCRIBNER PARK SLATED TO BE FLOWERED OVER AND/OR ANNEXED

Watchful activist Carl Foytik recently challenged the Gang of 7's latest scheme to shut down the city to the homeless. Seems the Gang, under pressure from the Downtown Commission to turn Scribner Park (just across Mission St. from the top of the Mall), into a "colorful garden" (by removing the benches), has responded by offering to give it away to some local restaurant owners. Scribner, a musician and long-time union activist, who spent his last years in Santa Cruz on the Mall, would indeed have retched in his grave to see what the latter-day liberals are doing with his park. No stranger to the poor and homeless, he spent his life fighting to open the world to all of us, not to fence it off and turn it over to Yuppie sandwich makers.

If you make it to the Gang of 7's Tuesday meeting, feel free to tell them what you think of this noxious plan (7:30 p.m. during their oral communications period). You might also ask if it's true that the police plan to spike the planter boxes along the mall to make it impossible to sit there, for street and straight person alike. Looks like they are giving it to us again--and you know where.

To add insult to injury, the Gang actually plans to hold a "celebration" on the lower mall and in Scribner park August 6--no, we take that back, it's our very own Downtown Association that plans to celebrate the exclusion of the homeless from yet another piece of "their" turf.

ITEMS FROM THE NEWS (Get out your protocols, folks)



Private 'adoption' of downtown park ambles ahead

By William Bradford Huie
SANTA CRUZ — A deal to turn over a downtown park to a private group is being negotiated by the city and Scribner Park. The deal would give the park to a group of local restaurant owners. Scribner Park is a 1.5-acre park located on the corner of Mission Street and the Mall. It was named after the Scribner family, who lived in Santa Cruz for many years. The park is currently owned by the city of Santa Cruz. The deal would give the park to a group of local restaurant owners. The deal would give the park to a group of local restaurant owners. The deal would give the park to a group of local restaurant owners.

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GOOD FOR THEM

We don't usually praise 'em, but here's a tip of the hat to Councilpeople Weed and Normhoudt for supporting the rights of Santa Cruz sex workers rousted some months back from massage parlors by Neolith Al Noren. The two signed a letter "Don't Turn Pros Into Cons" in spite of the puritanical flock they inevitably had to face. Now if they could only show the same courage and leadership in the matter of homeless rights. Might be good politics as well as good sense.

GRUENEICH'S GRUMBLINGS

What does the law have to say about the rights of the homeless? That sounds like a proper question deserving an informal response. But this anarchist would prefer to use it as a rhetorical device to harp on various themes which may be at least as relevant as law.

First, what do we mean by "the law"? Cops? City Councils? Boards of Supervisors? State legislatures? Congress and their enactments? the courts? constitutions? (Yes, there is more than one, and you may be able to use the California Constitution when the U.S. Constitution doesn't help.)

As for the constitutions, there is a legal concept known as "substantive due process." This phrase refers to the idea that there are various rights which should be honored as a matter of basic decency, or as a limit that should be imposed on government in a truly civilized society, even if there is no explicit guarantee of such rights elsewhere in the constitution. It has been applied in a number of contexts and tends to be especially favored when issues of family life and privacy are involved. It is from this source that the U.S. Supreme Court established the right of families to send their children to private schools, the right of married and unmarried to use contraceptives, and the right of women to have abortions. Nowhere in any constitution are these rights expressly named. A cogent argument has been made that government should not be allowed to prohibit people from sleeping in their own homes or to dictate what hours they should be allowed to sleep. If any city council were to be so foolish as to enact an ordinance prohibiting people from sleeping in their own bedrooms at night, the courts would be quick to slap down such nonsense in the name of constitutional "substantive due process."

But what about Santa Cruz Municipal Ordinance 6.36.010 prohibiting people sleeping in vehicles between 11 pm and 8:30 am. If this were merely applied to wandering Winnebogs in the name of hustling a few extra bucks for the motel industry, we could change the topic to the right of travel. But others have bet your bottom dollar that the primary target of this law is precisely those who use their vehicles as their homes. That brings us back to "the law." "The law" is not just a listing of "rights," but also a determination of who has "the right to have rights." (The phrase is lifted from Hannah Arendt, who observed that European refugees after World War I often committed crimes because as prisoners they had the right to have rights, whereas as refugees they had no such status.)

City councils and other lawmakers generally only concern themselves with the needs of those from whom they can find political support or of those from whom they fear a political threat. On occasion, they also address the situation of some folk left out of the usual circles of influence, but that is virtually always done at a token level and with conspicuous fanfare so as to assure themselves and their supporters that such folk have been taken care of by the good politicians and can be henceforth ignored.

Now I turn to the second operative term in the initial question: "homeless." By calling certain poor people "homeless" we are able to

to them in their home that constitutional law would never allow to be done to a real person in their home. It's very simple: "homeless" people don't have the right to the privacy of their "home" because as "homeless" they don't have the right to such rights. It is bad enough that it is beyond the means of an increasing number of people to find adequate homes, but when people obtain such homes as they are able, the Santa Cruz City Council (and a host of others--liberal, conservative, progressive, and reactionary) treated them as people who don't have the rights that are recognized by any civilized society with respect to people in their homes

A combination of economic conditions and personal circumstances has resulted in significant numbers of folk finding cars, vans, and sometimes even boxes and bushes to serve as their home. The fact that the City Council has provided (at inordinate expense) temporary shelter for a small number of people is no excuse for persecuting those who have been left out and have themselves provided their own homes through other means.

If the City Council cannot understand that a van or a bush is a home, then maybe it will become necessary for people to provide structures that are recognizable as homes. There are many vacant buildings that could be put to use and that have the potential for being homes superior to a mere vehicle. If resort is had to the historic right of squatting, do not expect assistance from "the law." It is more likely that the shibboleth of private property will be used to undo such an obvious step in the direct of civilization. They will then introduce you to the legal concept of "trespass" which will suddenly take precedence over the constitutional concept of "substantive due process."

What is "the law?" The law of the constitution is what either we or the courts, reasonably read into it. The reasoning of the courts is wedded to the prerogatives of wealth, political power, and traditional views of privileged society. "The law" of city councils and legislatures is an expression of the desires of those who have influence with them. "The law" of cops is partly what the courts tell them to do, partly what the city council tells them to do, and largely a reflection of the individual attitudes of the individual officers, who, incidentally, has been assigned the unenviable task of keeping those who do not have the right to have rights from the view of those who are safe in their homes.

(Grueneich is a sometime attorney, sometime anarchist, known to consort with disreputable characters who has agreed to contribute occasionally to the Street Sheet.)

COMING UP NEXT ISSUE: Appeal to the Conservatives: the Economic Cost of Camping Law Enforcement; appeal to fascists: felons run free while campers get free rides to jail and clog the courts. All the doings and dodos at the Gang of 7's Lair after Tuesday's meet and demonstration. ~~Sad~~amity Jane Imler's column. Cartoons, windy speeches, announcements, typos-- all this and more! Stay with us, and send in your cards and letters! Volunteer at the Petition for Homeless Rights table or at 429-1913 to help out. Call the City Council at 429-3550 and ask that your opinion be recorded, and that the number of calls on this issue be tabulated (which they are currently declining to do). The struggle against injustice is a long and hard one. Every pair of hands helping puts us closer to making things a little saner, a little freer. Extend yours.

WANTED: Folks who are fluent in Spanish, French, Greek, Russian, Chinese, etc. to translate the Petition for Homeless Rights into other languages. Call Sam at 429-1913.

STREET SHEET

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Wednesday Evening July 13, 1988

GLASNOST IN RUSSIA, SLEEPING BAN IN SANTA CRUZ:

LOCAL HOMELESS WELCOME RUSSIAN*AMERICAN PEACE MARCH!

Many of us wished to extend greetings to the folks just arrived from amblings in Washington, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Monterey (as well as other cities) and presented signs as this line of marchers for peace walked through the Mall earlier today. There were even a few homeless marchers that joined the throng; others held up signs:

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We encourage our foreign visitors to talk further with any homeless guests and neighbors they may encounter in their Harvey West campground tonight. You should know that the facilities provided you are being denied to us, have been for 10 years, and will continue to be at the express urging of the Gang of 7 (our local City Council). You should know that our "democracy" last night gagged us and shut off debate there and sought to squelch with only a shadow of discussion even among themselves a recommendation from one of their own commissions that sleeping be made legal in Santa Cruz. We wonder if your own authorities would harass and jail the homeless the way the officially-sanctioned police do here. Perhaps these questions should be put to Gangleader (Mayor) Laird between overflowing toasts of friendship.

Do our Russian friends support the homeless here in America-- even if it means stepping on the toes of the American hosts? We urge you: Sign the Petition for Homeless Rights, speak to the Mayor and Councilpeople here before you leave. Show that you are not merely seeking peace between our peoples, but justice as well.

LAIRD AND ROTKIN LEAD GRIPE THERAPY SESSION THE MORNING AFTER GET AUDIENCE TO TALK, BUT PROMISE NOTHING

This morning (July 13) after ignoring the homeless who showed up in Council chambers in record numbers the evening before, the Gang of 7's two chief pseudoprogressives Laird and Rotkin encouraged about a dozen activists to air their grievances before announcing they would do nothing to end the Sleeping ban. Hiding behind Head Cop Basset's deceptive statistics on less camping busts (most time the statute is used to harass rather than actually ticket), Rotkin and Laird sounded off their usual rap about "more beds being provided at River St Shelter," and "protecting the homeless" from their own foolishness in seeking to end the persecution.

The Unknown Juggler proposed the Vancouver Solution, that private individuals be given \$3-5 for taking in a homeless person, saying that that approach had worked well. Righteous Ron O. proposed amnesty for those with crazy camping tickets, suggesting that vets could then emerge from the bushes and seek the state, county, and federal aid to which they were entitled without fearing arrest for old sleeping warrants. The Tyrannical Two (Laird and Rotkin) sadly shook their heads and said they were powerless to help.

Billy Q. suggested that ticketing people who sleep in their cars be by complaint only since, as he put it, "drivers can move their cars, but folks can't move their houses." He pointed out the absurdity of police ticketing people who had permission of the houseowner, in front of whom's home they were parked, and proposed that in cases where the police had to be called on complaint that they present gas and/or housing vouchers to those in the vehicles who had to move. Such a change would both help the situation and give the police a legitimate image and function.

Billy also noted that Emiline St. was proposed as a "sanctuary" parking area in times past. He noted the foolishness of camping tickets in terms the cost involved: people arrested on camping warrants anywhere in the state get shipped back to Santa Cruz jails and the taxpayers here pay the piper.

But all these sensible words were wasted on the Gang's two chief hitmen. They refused to put the Camping Ban law on the ballot to give the voters a chance, and instead proposed that we work to do so--something that would cost the city substantially more. Only one Council person heeds to request that an Initiative be put on the November ballot. A private citizen, on the other hand, would have to round up more than 20,000 registered voters, in what would have to be a Special Election since the deadline for the November election passed in mid-June. Neither democratic nor progressive, these two Gangleaders would deny us even the right to cast a vote on the issue ourselves. But after their debate-gagging tactics at City Council meeting last night that's no surprise.

POETRY FROM THE BUSHES

"Who"

Who will bury our dead.
Who will bury the 69 dead in Frisco.
Who will bury the 1 Lone Ranger in Santa Cruz.
69 Tramps died in Frisco, frozen to death in cold.
1 ex-social worker died in Santa Cruz due to poor medical care.
Her name was Peggy Her name was Peggy.
Our 1 dead Santa Cruz Lone Ranger.
We love you, PEGGY.
Our Santa Cruz Lone Ranger.

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SIDEWALK SHANNON STILL BLEEDING AFTER COP'S PHYSICAL ABUSE

The hope of the homeless for a fair hearing at the Gang of 7 powwow (City Council meeting) wasn't the only casualty yesterday. Sidewalk chef and impromptu legal eagle Shannon was blocked and finally struck by one of the blue Enforcers standing outside the City Council meeting last night around 6 p.m. Directly blocking Shannon from entrance into a public meeting through a doorway that had seen frequent traffic through the afternoon and that a city clerk had directed be made available, the 6'4" Enforcer's encounter with 5'1" Shannon left her face covered with blood as she staggered into Council Chambers, breaking free of her tormenter's grasp with the cry of "Don't Touch Me!"

This in no way bothered the City Council, which continued its business as usual. As of press time today (7:45 p.m.), Shannon was still bleeding. But still free.

NEW PLANS FOR FREEDOM AFOOT

With the Council continuing to doubletalk and stonewall on the issue of legalizing sleeping, several suggestions have been offered for actions in the days ahead. One possibility is educational Truth Squads to attend various meetings of city boards and commissions, with song, music, and spoken comment, to address the issue of the Camping Ban whenever bureaucrats meet to conduct their monkey business. Another is a continuing sleep-in at City Hall or on and around the downtown in vehicles or elsewhere. (Incidentally, a tip of the hat to courageous Richard K., who spent last night on the bench outside City Council chambers when all the big-talking middle-class activists had faded home to their snug little beds. At the dawn's early light, Richard and his bedroll were still unfurled. So even if the Council had its ears closed, the police were listening.)

STREET SHEET

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Monday July 18, 1988

MEET AND GREET THE RUBBER-STAMP COMMISSION FLUNKY GROUP TO FOLLOW GANG OF 7'S LEAD AND IGNORE SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS

Homeless folks, vandwellers, and just plain anybody interested is invited to attend today's Human Resources Commission meeting today, July 18, at 3:15 at the Health Services Solarium at 1060 Emeline St. just off Ocean. The Commission will receive the results of a workshop on the homeless held a month or two ago at which a number of sane ideas were raised. (Ideas like providing a campground, maybe opening up the County Parking Lot, easing harassment of people who sleep in their vehicles, etc.) It is expected that the Commission will try to deep six the proposals, ever-watchful of the political posturing of its Big Daddy--the Gang of 7 (City Council). Perhaps if some local homeless sleepyheads, tired of midnight visits from gunmen in blue, show up and make their position clear, the Commission will forward the message to its downtown bosses.

Limited rides will be available to (and maybe from) this public meeting in back of the Caffe Zenyo in the parking lot. Show up with signs, stories, and information for our public guardians to consider before they report back another "everything is beautiful" report.

As an added bonus, leading this show of concern for the homeless will be Gangleader Laird, our favorite Debatesquelcher, who did such a fine job at last Tuesday's City Council burying the recommendation of his own Human Relations Task Force and running roughshod over the homeless people and advocates who showed up to debate the matter.

BILLY Q. MISQUOTED

Community activist Billy Quealy was misquoted in Street Sheet #5, and we wish to apologize. Quealy, in a vain attempt to talk some sense into psuedoprogressives Rotkin and Laird, suggested that the police be used not to ticket vehiclesleepers, but to ask them to move on complaint only and provide gasoline vouchers and helpful information about other usable parking places. Billy did not suggest ticketing as we reported. Sorry about that, Billy, and keep up the struggle for sanity.

SAN FRANCISCO VAN COMMUNITY UNDER A TACK DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

Faced with a bizarre political situation, Mayor Agnos of San Francisco has announced the city gunman will begin ticketing people living in their vans next Monday. Up there, the penalties are \$1000 fine and 6 months in jail for sleeping in your vehicle, so the local folk are angry and upset. Some weeks back they filed a lawsuit to stop just such a movie by the Mayor, but that suit has not yet been ruled on.

To stop San Francisco from driving its van people out of the city or onto the streets (into a dangerous situation: there were three murders of street people up there in the last week or so), the Recreational Vehicular Association (VRA) and another impromptu group the Homeless Action Group (HAG) are throwing demonstrations at City Hall (Polk St. entrance) noon Thursday and Tuesday respectively. If you're heading up that way, check out the situation and lend your support. Call (415) 621-6211 in San Francisco or 429-1913 locally.

MIXED MEDIA COVERAGE OF SLEEPING BAN DEMOS

Gangleader Laird outrageous repression of debate over the sleeping ban at last Tuesday's City Council meeting provoked front-page stories in various local papers. Full of errors and reeking of paranoia

perhaps we should be grateful for the paper's advance from Trollbusting to Councillicking. We only wish their reporters would spend a little time talking to the people whose lives are affected by their sloppy prattle.

RIGHTeous RON RIDES NORTH

Nouveau homeless activist Ron C., whose ringing comments to the Gang of 7 last Tuesday, surfaced earlier this week in San Francisco as a moving force behind organizing a demonstration and gigil to begin Tuesday night to wake and shake the conscience of the beast up there. Almost singlehandedly, Ron got flyers printed and phones ringing, even attracted the interested of the brain-dead television and radio stations up there. He will be at S.F. City Hall Tuesday at High Noon. He invites any interested Santa Cruzans to join him for the planned Politican Roast. Bring nose plugs and high spirits.

SOVIETS SUPPORT LOCAL HOMELESS RIGHTS

HOMELESS SHAPE SONGS AND SLEEPSPACE WITH COMMIE INVADERS

Last week's Soviet-American Peace March ended not merely in empty toasts and a media boost for Gangleader Laird, but also in some good old-fashioned friendliness and story-swapping at Harvey West Park where the peacewalkers and some local homeless folk bedded down last Wednesday night. In spite of the Santa Cruz Sentinel's scandalous but typical attempt to inflame ("hubs of homeless are coming, to disrupt you") and then ignore ("homeless protestors ignored") the situation, the Soviets responded with sympathy, interest, and good eats. Even the local brownshits, assigned to patrol the area, were amiable with the half dozen or so locals who defied the "no sleep for the poor" law by sharing Harvey West Park with the visiting peaceniks. They shared their wealth; we shared our poverty. A moment of justice. Now all we need is for the Gang of 7 to allow Santa Cruz folk the same rights it so ostentatiously affords trendy visitors.

We thank the Soviets for signing our Petition for Homeless Rights, and hope to have a copy of it translated into Russian so that it can be sent to Santa Cruz's sister city in Russia, Alushta,

CALAMITY'S CARRIER

"It must have been Calamity's beans that got folks so activated at City Hall Tuesday nite. Whatever the reason, it was great. Kepp up the good work, and get ready for the next supper and visit to council chambers: Tuesday--July 26.

"Mayor Laird claims the citizenry is as callous as the council: They don't want the camping ban lifted. He believes that making it an election issue will be divisive - set the homeless movement back five years. What movement? The only folks benefitting so far have been the bureaucrats who are raking in big bucks.

"We believe local residents recognize that sleeping is as necessary to human survival as eating and defecating; they are opposed to jailing people at \$285.00 a day for sleeping. During the upcoming election we're going to encourage public dialogue over the issue. If we discover the electorate is as uncaring as the council, the movement is set back five years, then we'll know whatever we had was built on shifting sand. But out of those ashes will arise a more viable and enduring solution - one that will serve all the area's homeless rather than a select few - one that will ensure that incoming government monies earmarked for homeless go for direct services rather than for fat salaries, buildings, and computers.

"All moons, allyears, all days, all winds, take their course and pass away. --Mayan prophet

--Jane Imler

STREET SHIT

#7

Thursday Morning

July 21, 1988

MORE RUSSIANS DUE AT CITY HALL MONDAY

Coming to your local city hall on Center St. at 4 p.m. Monday, July 25, a small delegation of Russians from Santa Cruz's "sister city" in the USSR, Alushta. After the Soviet hospitality at Harvey West Industrial Park last week when the peace walkers there shared food and (somewhat segregated) camping space with local Santa Cruz homeless, it's certainly our obligation to thank and party them in return. Show up at City Hall Monday with flowers, music, and maybe some modest gifts for the Soviets (they are reported to love political buttons and pins). And, of course, be prepared to educate them about the Gang of 7 (City Council)'s enlightened "wake up the homeless" policies. Perhaps Alushta has passed beyond the Dark Ages and has a different policy towards people who wish or need to sleep during the night but have no shelter. Perhaps not. Come and find out.

FINAL APPEAL TO THE GANG OF 7: THIRD SUPPER FOR THE SLEEP-DEPRIVED

Tired but unbowed, the street chefs invite one and all to yet another chow-down in front of our very own city hall Tuesday July 26--this one to be held at 3:30 so that citizens who want to attend the 4 p.m. meeting of the City Council can also eat and mingle. Naturally the Gang of 7 is invited to join us on the grass, as they seem to have no time for us inside. Needed: volunteers to serve, volunteers to trashgather, volunteers to donate food. Call Shannon at 458-9070 and leave a message after the recorded message ends. If you just want to eat, show up at City Hall on Tuesday--bring banners, games, instruments, and wits. Sleeping bags are recommended, but optional.

Tuesday's City Council meeting will be the last time that an initiative can qualify for the November ballot. The Gang of 7 can, with a flick of its pen, put whatever it wants on the ballot. It could, for instance, propose the voters abolish or modify the sleeping ban--since the Gang is too gutless to do it for themselves (the Sleeping Ban is a city ordinance that can be altered or abolished by majority vote of the City Council). With 1000 to 2000 signatures presented to the Gang of 7 in favor of ending the Sleeping Ban (in the Petition for Homeless Rights), you'd think that they'd have the courtesy and political good sense to wake up and smell the coffee. Perhaps they've stolen too much sleep from those who need it and are cursed with political narcolepsy.

Demand the Gang of 7 end the sleeping ban, put it on the ballot if they are too scared or insensate to act themselves, or schedule public hearings for a full-scale debate on the issue. If they do not act and allow democracy to operate, people themselves may have to bear witness with their bodies and sleeping bags to the cruelty and absurdity of the current law and practice.

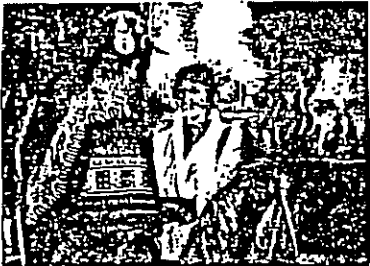
DRUG HYSTERIA STORMTROOPERS ON THE MARCH

After last week's "eaection-summer" coke busts around Loudon Nelson (where street blacks and not their white suppliers were rounded up in yet another futile Drug Prohibition extravaganza), reports are reaching us that folks smoking and dealing grass are getting roughly busted and cuffed. Illegal substances are profitable--so why can't Santa Cruz take a stand for sanity and become one of the first cities to call for a saner approach to "Drug" Prohibition. Did we see Gangleader Laird ostentaciously taking a toke during his first year in office during those ancient times when he still had some claim to being "progressive?" Come home. John.

MEET THE MALCONTENTS

Unlike the Gang of 7, your local Petition for Homeless Rights circulators don't need to be called a week in advance.

Pictured below: the Mayor of the Mall, Madonna Marañ, and Raucous Rocky. Volunteer at the table and you too may have your picture printed in some future Street Shit.



And in San Francisco: →

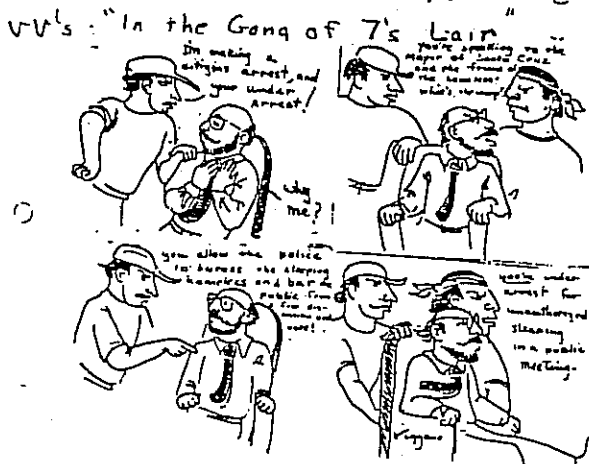
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6 MONTHS in Jail and \$1,200 fine FOR Sleeping in your car or van.
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 • make and bring signs!
 • Don't Drive our friends into the Streets!
 • Priorities the needs for people who sleep in cars
 • Establish an immediate emergency parking area
 • Stop the crackdown!
 For MORE call the "Homeless Action Group" H.A.G. @ 841-2538 or 621-6211

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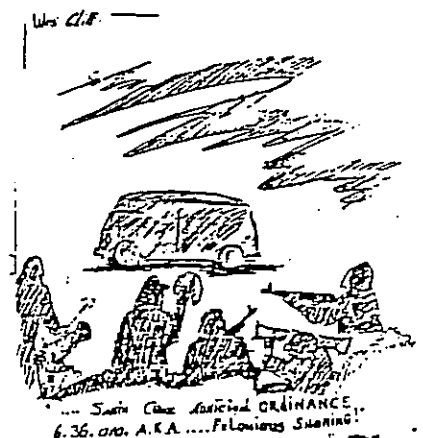
The Honorable Alihajjah Hakin Abdullah Hassan, or just plain Abdullah, drummer for CDU; 1985 mayoral aspirant, black and homeless rights activist, and man about the streets has announced his candidacy for the City Council. Particularly concerned about the situation of the city's minority population, Abdullah intends to shake a little life into the usual election year twaddle. We hope to have a column of his in future issues.

CARTOONISTS ATTACK !

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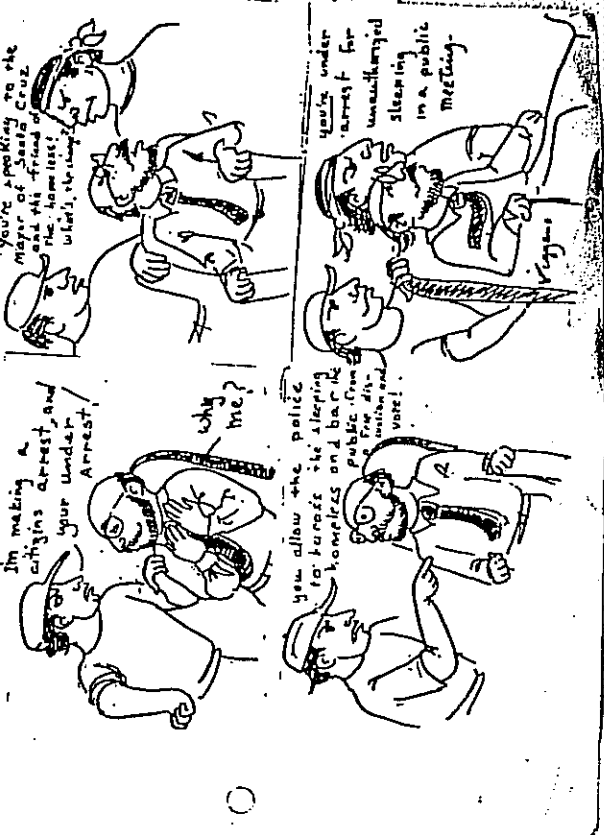
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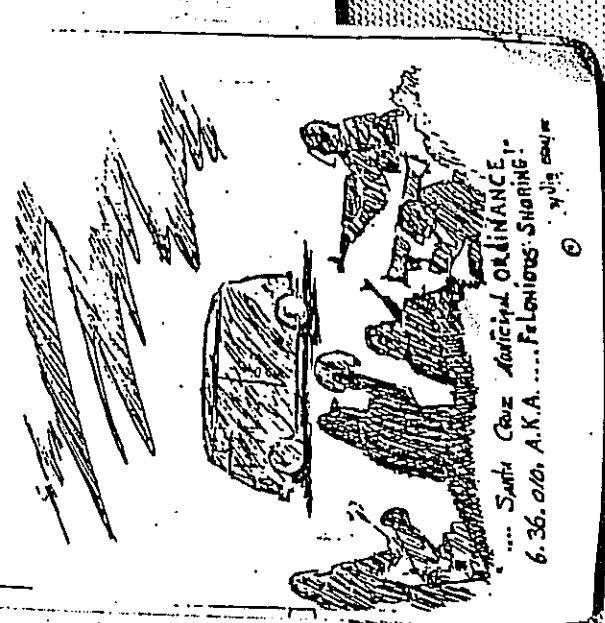
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V-V's: "In the Gang of 7's 'Train' ..."



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6.36.80, A.K.A. Felicitous SHARING!

STREET SHIT

"Use a pillow, go to jail."

SPEAK-OUT OUTSIDE WHILE GANG OF 7 SLUMBERS IN ITS CHAMBERS INSIDE

Coming to the supper, speak-out, and possible sleepin outside City Council chambers at City Hall this coming Tuesday (July 26)? If so, bring along any camping, sleeping, or sitting tickets you may have been hit with in the last year. There'll be people there interested in hearing your story--how you were wakened up, what you were told, whether there'd been a real complaint or cause for the action, what you did, how much you paid (if you did pay anything), and how you feel about it. If the Gang of 7 (City Council) inside won't listen (and we fear they won't), perhaps the citizenry of Santa Cruz will be interested. Make some notes about what happened to you and be prepared to tell the world! (If you're shy, you can just listen; perhaps offer encouragement to other shy gals n guys) City Hall, by the way, is just across Center St. from the downtown library. If the speakers become boring, you can always curl up with a good book.

WILL THE GANG ALLOW A DEMOCRATIC SOLUTION?

Last meeting the Gang of 7 allowed ten minutes of debate on an issue that had brought 80-100 demonstrators outside, and 20 or more folks inside. Speakers on the issue who had entered their names were unceremoniously dumped. Discussion of a stop sign in a local neighborhood took twice to three times as much time in the previous two hours. Is it any wonder then that people refused to be silenced by the phoney dictates of Gang-leader Laird? When their own Human Relations Task Force "ticket upon complaint" recommendation was presented ~~three weeks later~~, the Gang spent all of three minutes (or less) "discussing" it, before consigning it to oblivion. Not without humor, however, one Gangmember suggested that joke cards be given to harassed sleepers, advising them to trek over to already-full shelters as part of the new "Wake Up and Walk Out of Town" exercise program (another instance of the Council's tireless and unappreciated efforts to help the homeless.) Laird was then placed under arrest for bad jokes.

When speakers at the evening session of the Council meeting refused to accept the Gang's comedy act, Gangleader Laird cut off the mike and threatened them with arrest. In a pirouette to the media, he offered to meet the next morning with folks and let them talk to the walls of an empty Council chamber in a gripe therapy session that would have no public or legal impact. Homeless activists who met the next day with and Rotkin found them willing to nod their head and occasionally take a but unwilling to even consider affording those harassed the basic dec of an unmolested night's sleep. Their self-congratulatory attitude what great things they'd done for the homeless and how the current roust policy was working fine evoked no smiles from folks who'd some sharper jokes from the hit comedy team.

Undaunted, we propose to the besieged Gang that they consider letting the people decide:

1. Put the Sleeping Ban on the ballot.
2. Until the issue is decided by the amnesty for all sleeping tickets hitherto issued.

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volving some other crime).

3. Either a moratorium on the sleeping ban until the November election or a designated parking area for people to park and sleep without fear of harassment.

If the Gang refuses to grant these reasonable and democratic proposals at its Tuesday session, we feel they cannot be moved by reasonable dialogue and must be met by non-violent civil disobedient resistance (if that is what people decide their consciences dictate). We encourage people to bring blankets and sleeping bags to City Council meeting and the supper outside (starts 3:30 p.m. Tuesday July 25) and decide what course of action is best when the Council makes its decision.

TRANSLATORS NEEDED

Don't forget the upcoming "sister city" delegation arriving from the USSR to meet with the Gang of 7 Monday July 25 at 4 p.m. at City Hall. We would like sympathetic folks who speak Russian to show up and help communicate concerns of the homeless to our Soviet visitors. Perhaps they can also show the Gang of 7 how to talk English and begin to address the issues they have ignored for the last 5 years.

We also seek folks who are fluent in Tagalog, Spanish, Swedish, and other languages to translate the Petition for Homeless Rights. Our thanks in advance to French-speaking Anne and Portuguese-speaking Steffanie for their efforts. Leave a message for Robert at 429-9801.

DO BIG RIGS PARK IN THE CITY?

Does anyone know if truckers, passing through town, break the sacred no-sleeping law by feloniously resting between the hours of 11 pm and 8:30 a.m. in City Limits. We thought that a few such rigs could be found out at Harvey West Industrial Park, but a closer investigation last night found none. And a source out there told us that truckers usually park at Granite or in the K-Mart lot out in Soquel. So maybe the police aren't providing special privileges for truckers--or maybe so: another source suggested that the Safeway parking lot on the West side has been used by these inter-state lawbreakers. Let us know what you've seen. Come by the table or leave a message at 458-9070.

GOT A JOB FOR A HOMELESS PERSON?

Feel free to leave offers of work at the Petition for Homeless Rights table, still hopefully located at the top of the mall around the P, G, & E building. Yesterday a guy found a driver down on the mall to work the next day within five minutes. No charge, and it helps everybody.

COOKS, VITTLES, STILL WANTED FOR TUESDAY NIGHT FEED

Frustrated grand chefs are wanted to prepare dinner for 100-200 people. If you think you'd like to have us sample your work, leave a message for Shannon at 458-9070. Surplus food is also in heavy demand. Give us a ring if you have anything you wish to contribute. (Perhaps the Gang of 7 would like to forego its fancy Tuesday dinner and share with us?)

SLEEP-IN TODAY, SHIT-IN TOMORROW?

With benches disappearing from the Mall (just being replaced cause of rotten wood, Gangmember Rotkin assured us), we wondered if street folks were being given a subtle message. Then word reached us that the Loudon Nelson center was restricted its restroom. Perhaps this is part of the city's new plan to encourage a fertilizer industry domestically? Cover your noses, folks.

STREET

SHEET

"A dog can piss in the woods; why can't I?"

• THURSDAY Huddle WITH ROTKIN SAME OLD SAME OLD

Homeless advocates met with Councilmember Rotkin yesterday in hopes of reaching a compromise and spotting a glimmer of sanity in the hitherto intransigent Gang of 7 (City Council). "Mike", as he likes to be called, was the labile half of the hastily-assembled Damage Control Duo that met with angry activists ^{the morning} after the "shut-up-or-we-arrest-you" City Council meeting of July 12. Confronted with the reality of police harassment and utterly inadequate "Shelter" by a dozen people, "Mike" at that time retreated into denial and a rapid stream of protestations that the homeless never had it so good.

Yesterday, in his report back to the few remaining activists patient enough to sit through a replay of the same old song, "Mike" confirmed that the Council had had no intention of passing its own Human Relations Task Force report, demonstrations or no demonstrations, much less lifting the sleeping ban and providing amnesty. There had been some stories circulating that wild-and-crazy demonstrators had alienated and terrified a benevolent liberal City Council that was just looking for a quiet way to provide relief to vandwellers they'd malignly neglected for 5 years. Seems not. Looks like the Human Relations Task Force was just another case of Big Show, No Go. To all of us who put in our time, energy, and trust (including the sincere if gullable folks who ran it), we offer our sympathies and suggest a less credulous attitude in the days (and nights) ahead.

LAST SUMMER'S STUDY EXPOSES SKY-HIGH COSTS OF SLEEPING BAN

In an extensively researched but unpublished study done last summer (1987), Mike Sutterlee uncovered some revealing figures. Averages over the past 7 or 8 years show that 700-800 cases a week (for all offenses) go through Municipal Court; 9-9.5% of these are camping or camping-related offenses (where "camping", of course, means sleeping). "Campers" may be arrested on the spot or ticketed; failure to appear and unpaid tickets lead to warrants and an automatic "guilty" verdict. Average time awarded is a week in jail. (This is a conservative estimate, and, depending on the accumulation of charges, the result could be months in jail.)

According to the Santa Cruz jail, it costs about \$40 a day to incarcerate someone. 9% of 750 cases a week at \$40 a day costs this city about \$1,100,000 a year to jail "campers", based on the city's own figures. That is an awful lot of money to spend to ineffectively keep homeless people off the streets for a city that refuses to construct or allow alternate facilities (like a campground in the Pogonip).

The argument (if you could call it that) is that if they didn't spend that much money on jail sentences, the problem would only be that much worse (not found to be the case in San Francisco or Santa Barbara where the policy was liberalized). Their system isn't working; their reasoning is not reasonable; their priorities are misplaced. A million dollars a year would shelter an awful lot of people without incarcerating them, keep them off the streets, and out of jail. Purely in financial

Don't forget: Tuesday, July 26 is the City Council Follies: 5:30 p.m. right across from the Main Library: a free supper, sing-in, speak-out, and (if you've brought a blanket or a bag) possible sleep-in. Bring yr. toothbrush.

"To take a pee...squatting...and look at the Big Dipper
...and wipe yourself with plaintain leaves...is Heaven."

---from E.G.'s weathered wall

STREET SHEET

CALAMITY JANE'S COLUMN

Calamity Jane to Street Sheet editor: "Perhaps, just this once, you can put this on the front page rather than the back. --J"

"Spent the last few days up in the hills (they seemed real glad to see me), tendin' redwood seedlings and pickin' organic cukes for the season's first batch of Calamity Jane's pickles. Might even be samples at Tuesday nite's supper.

"On Friday, accompanied by Abdul for moral and comedic support, Calamity trotted over to City Hall--perhaps limped is a more apt description, to take out nomination papers for a City Council seat. Something to do with the notion if you can't beat them, join them. It should be a rip roaring campaign, real grassroots--I'm not named Calamity for nuthin'. A round of applause for those City Clerk women: Pat, Connie, and Jeanne. Their patience in dealing with our buffoonery was admirable.

"'You work on behalf of the homeless and environment?' people will often say to me. 'Not sure I see the connection.' From my perspective, everything is linked to everything else. The human race has turned out to be the most perverse, destructive organism in the environment. We have raped the land, poisoned the waters, and destroyed animal and plant life with utter disregard for future generations. Homelessness is a by-product of our follies: Magnificent redwoods are slaughtered for bigger and finer ONE family homes, while homeless women give birth among city tombstones and shelterless people in this area are harassed and ticketed for the natural and necessary act of sleeping.

"The rainbow people, also some of the so-called "street people" should be awarded Congressional Medals of Honor rather than being scorned. They have knowingly selected a mode of life that least impacts the environment. On the other hand, we as a race, as a community, are guilty of crimes of the highest order. The human race stands as the most critical environmental issue of the day.

"What can we as individuals do to halt this degradation of a people and the planet? Let us look within, examine our preoccupation with greed, self-serving behaviors, and reasons for ostracizing "street people" or anything that marches to a different drum. What do we find so irritating about their presence? Could it be we're envious of their free spirit? connectiveness to the earth? A linkabe the majority of us lost eons ago.

"But if this self-examination proves too painful, we might try protesting, resisting, demanding that government do more than pay lip service to the horrendous injustices going on in Santa Cruz. It's no wonder that the city plummeted from 33rd place to 69th place in the most dsireable place to live survey. We've become a city of sheep, and one gutsy woman or man can become the majority. So get off your good intentions... Join us Tuesday at City Hall, July 26 - 3:30 p.m. till ? for supper and a little shuteye if the situation warrants it.

See Ya !

---Calamity Jane Imler

Volunteer Ye Cocks and Child Carers!

Call Jane at 452-9076 and leave a message!

For feeding the folks Tuesday July 26 3:30 pm at City Hall!

Help! Call now! Don't hesitate. Volunteer child-care! 3:30 pm on →

TRANSITION TIMES MAY RESUME PUBLICATION

Who remembers that ancient ancestor of the Street Sheet, an 11" x 14" gutter rag from 1985 when the River St. shelter was still a gleam in the eyes of the homeless advocates whose ceaseless pressure finally made it inevitable? Longheart Linda does, and she intends to bring back that cry against craziness soon. Transition Times fought police abuse, media somnolence, and streetpeople scapegoating with all the ferocity and intelligence that our own readers have come to know and love. And this was back in the days when the S.C. Sentinel sent its reporter Paul B. out "among the trolls"--in its semi-conscious tribute to the rich thugs who were preying on the poor and styling themselves "trollbusters." Let's see that first issue, Linda!

SPANISH TRANSLATION COMPLETED--OTHER CUNNING LINGUISTS SOUGHT

Muchas gracias to our hasty translator who turned in the Petition for Homeless Rights in its Spanish persona. Gracias otra vez, Kirstin! And to any closet Russian experts out there, we urge you to step forward immediately so that the visiting Russian delegation from Alushta can be given copies to take back with them to circulate around their city. If the Gang of 7 (City Council) finds it hard to read the report of its own Human Relations Task Force in English, perhaps it can get the message between trendy lasnost toasts with the visiting Soviets. As we told the Soviet-American peace walkers:

В погоне за счастьем,
в царстве Крузе spectacylom zd kornez na ynuze.

THE HOMELESS ENDORSEMENT

you think I care if it's Bush or Dukakis?
know either one will most certainly fuck us.
e poor will stay poor,
d will raise a big ruckus.
e rich--they will gouge us, exploit us
d suck us.
e will all be so broke, we'll forget what
buck is.
I don't really care, take Dukakis or Bush.
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--Smiley Salasie



ENDNOTES

A tip of hat to visiting cartoonist Moon, whose impromptu work you see to the right.... Reminding you that the Gang of 7 need company Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. at City Hall when they meet the Russians, again Tuesday at 3:30 when we will be staging a feed-in, speak-out, and (maybe) a sleep-in...and Thursday at 2 p.m. at City Hall when the Down-town Commission meets, having murdered the "enforcement on complaint only" recommendation of the HRTF, to plot more crimes against the poor. Show up and speak up.

STREET SHEET

LATE FLASH:

H O M E L E S S T A B L E A R R E S T E D

Taken by surprise shortly after 10 a.m. this morning, the defenseless table where petitioners for homeless rights had set up shop near the tiny alley across from Zocilli's Deli was seized and spirited away by two fearless city policemen. With little explanation, Officers Pruger and Vogel cited unspecified complaints from unnamed citizens and began scooping up literature and petitions to take into custody. Tableworkers Maria and Angela sought to remind the giddy guardians of the Sleeping Ban that they were not asleep, that this was broad daylight, and that they were picking on an innocent table that had never caused them or the city any harm. Not to be swayed, the cops dragged off table and literature to the downtown station where it was later recovered by Streetsinger Eddie.

Eddie was informed that the table had been abandoned. Apparently the officers don't count women in their tally of real persons, as Maria and Angela have both assured us they would never abandon the cause, much less the table, into which they have put so much time and effort. Police harassment? Police hanky-panky, or a simple case of the police trying to find a home for the needy table?

COUNCIL TO MEET WHILE HOMELESS TALK TICKETS OUTSIDE

It's Suppertime Tuesday again, and Calamity Jane has assembled a new roster of make-shift cooks to feed the folks outside City Hall today at 3:30 p.m. The Gang or 7 (City Council) is holding its bi-weekly charades inside (you can look, but you better not talk), while outside, people affected by the notorious Sleeping Ban will be demonstrating their displeasure, discussing their experiences, and catching a bite of early supper and late afternoon sunshine.

Sympathizers, well-wishers, curious spectators, critics, are all invited to read, speak, and listen. We're also hoping for a little music and perhaps even a strolling mime or two.

Some folks, anticipating a chilly evening later on, will be bringing their sleeping bags with them, but be advised that the local barons have decreed there shall be no sleeping after 11 p.m. Will the peasants obey the wise edicts of their elders and betters? Tonight will tell.

At their gangmeeting inside, the Council will be offered another 1000 signatures on the Petition for Homeless Rights (which they have thus far refused to respond to or put on their agenda). We will also propose that they (a) Put the Sleeping Ban on the November ballot, (b) Suspend ticketing and harassment until November when the voters will have a chance to decide, and (c) Initiate amnesty for sleepers slapped with absurd fines and/or jail time for trying to meet basic human need.

Thus far the Gang has shown no mercy to the sleepless needy (other than lauding its own accomplishments and promising a few dozen more beds many months down the road). Perhaps other good citizens will feel differently and bring a few blankets and sleeping bags to City Hall today to distribute among those who need them. Bring blankets, sleeping bags, and warm clothing.

CH. SCME ALL YE LIBERALS !

Not only do homeless and harassed locals need your bags and blankets--and to those who have responded to this appeal, we offer our hugs and thanks--but we need your presence. It may not be your usual or favorite pasttime to hangout with the homeless, but it helps persuade the Gang of 7 within that its constituents are concerned and/or angry enough about this issue to stick their necks out. It may also soften the police response should folks choose to sleep in and risk arrest to know that the less powerless have their eyes on what's going on. Consider this, and bring your body to the demo & not to the sleep-in that may follow.

VIGYANO'S VIEW

I've always considered myself an artist, not a writer. But here I sit, poised, pen in hand. You see, I've been very curious about the homeless situation recently, and I feel like I'm opening a panorama of little publicized information. For instance, families comprise 30% of the estimated 8 million Americans who are homeless, and the number of homeless people are increasing at a rate of 20-25% annually.

At the same time, the San Francisco police department is ticketing and impounding vehicles in the panhandle district in a renewed attempt to "clean up" its city.

Besides families, streetpeople are veterans, physically handicapped, mentally disturbed. Young people under 20 who ran away from home. Old people, mentally retarded, people addicted to drugs.

I suggest you start asking questions and find out more about this American predicament. It's not going to disappear when you close your eyes. It's not going to disappear because of a camping ban or police harassment or fining and jailing people who fall asleep in the wrong place, simply because they are tired and have no home to go to.

Be grateful to existence or God however you see him if you have a home and roof, and find compassion for your fellow man and woman who sleeps in the park illegally only to be hauled into jail and perhaps mistreated if he has repeated this crime.

So start asking questions. This is planet earth. It's our home. It's time to love our home and take care of each other.

--Vigyano

WEED TO HOMELESS: "TAKE YOUR PROTESTS SOMEWHERE ELSE"

At the reception for the visiting Alushta delegation yesterday afternoon, homeless advocates got a peek at visiting notables and even exchanged a few words with the City Council Gang as they made great show of their progressive credentials in toasting and feting a small crew of Soviets. Several healthy debates on homelessness ensued between local Santa Cruzans as the afternoon wore on, but the Soviets themselves, perhaps warned off from the homeless advocates by congenial Gangleader Laird, refused to discuss homelessness as an issue and would not sign the Petition for Homeless Rights (though they did take a copy with them).

Gangmember J. Weed addressed herself to People's Sheriff Rocky Stone at one point, inviting him to protest elsewhere--Capitola, Scotts Valley, etc. She couldn't have meant Watsonville, which hasn't enforced its "camping" ban in some years. Was she the same courteous Councilperson who suggested that the protesters some weeks ago had been drinking too much toxic waste? We eagerly await her next witticism.

COUNCIL HAS OPTION TO INVOKE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROCEDURE
DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH

Eagle-eyed Calamity Jane, between whipping up fresh eats for hungry folks (3:30 p.m. today, we remind you) and flinging her hat into the City Council race ring, has brought to our attention an interesting section of the Santa Cruz City Charter. Section 612 (p. 13. of the Charter for all you footnote checkers) provides for immediate resolution

of the Sleeping Ban scandal. Should the Gang choose to do so, it can vote straightaway to set aside particular parking spaces and lots for people to park in at night, and as an interim solution, legalize sleeping at least in some areas. This procedure was used back in 1985 to open Peter Caroda's shelter and could be invoked again if the Gang has the guts. Give 'em a call at 429-3550 and suggest they do so.

GANG'S PROMISES WEAR THINNER

Bubba Brian, his eyes on the conduct of the duplicitous double talk of the Gang of 7, has a few news flashes for us:

1. Where are the benches? Motormouthed Mike Rotkin, Gangcrony and PR expert extraordinaire, defused some anger Wednesday before last by claiming that benches recently removed from the Leaks were merely being replaced for rotting wood, and would be back within the week. Two weeks later, more benches have been removed from the bookshop santa cruz area and the Leaks' benches are just a memory. It may be more than wood that's rotten here.

2. As they buried the Human Relations Task Force recommendation to ticket sleepers in cars only upon complaint at their last City Council meeting, the Gang of 7 (in a merry mood, perhaps) agreed to give out flyers to folks being roused. The police were instructed to provide homeless sleepless folks with cheery cards listing non-existent shelter services (River St. Shelter has 4 beds available nightly for the general public--10 for the mentally ill). Folks ticketed recently have reported that these "joke cards" have not been provided them as promised. Not that it makes much difference--but this gives you some idea of how serious the Gang is in carrying out even its own insubstantial commitments.

FRIEND TURNS TO FOE: GRAY SMEARS HOMELESS ADVOCATES

Dourly spewing denunciations right and left, former homeless advocate Fred Gray acted definitively Friday to separate himself the movement to end the sleeping ban by a comforting letter to the Gang of 7 denouncing demonstrators. Two weeks before, he had gone on tv to typify the dissatisfied homeless as winos, outside agitators, and political opportunists. Yesterday, he gave the Register-Pajaronian another series of personal attacks against homeless activists.

Currently the manager of the meagre River St. Shelter, Grey served on the do-little Human Relations Task Force for the last year and a half of its existence. The HRTF was discretely silent about police-harassment of sleepers in Santa Cruz until presented with complaints and then a petition to end the sleeping ban for vehicles (the current Petition for Homeless Rights--first brought to this City Council--selected group in an attempt to "go through channels"). At that point the HRTF directed Fred to draft a recommendation that cops ticket people "on complaint only" rather than as a dragnet technique to drive the poor out of town. The recommendation was buried for a month and would have been buried longer had not pressure from public demonstrations put the matter before the Council.

Gray then bitched and moaned that the demonstrations were defeating the HRTF recommendation which he, as grandmaster of city politics, had learned would pass with "quiet diplomacy." Even before the recommendation had reached the Gang of 7, Fred was on the media fomenting against homeless demonstrators, casting aspersions, attacking motives. His channel 5 speech of Sunday before last mixed hyperbole and slander.

Subsequent conversations with Gangmembers Rotkin, Weed, and Levir revealed that Fred's recommendation had no support--demonstrators or no demonstrators--regardless of Fred's best intentions and efforts in playing the local Henry Kissenger.

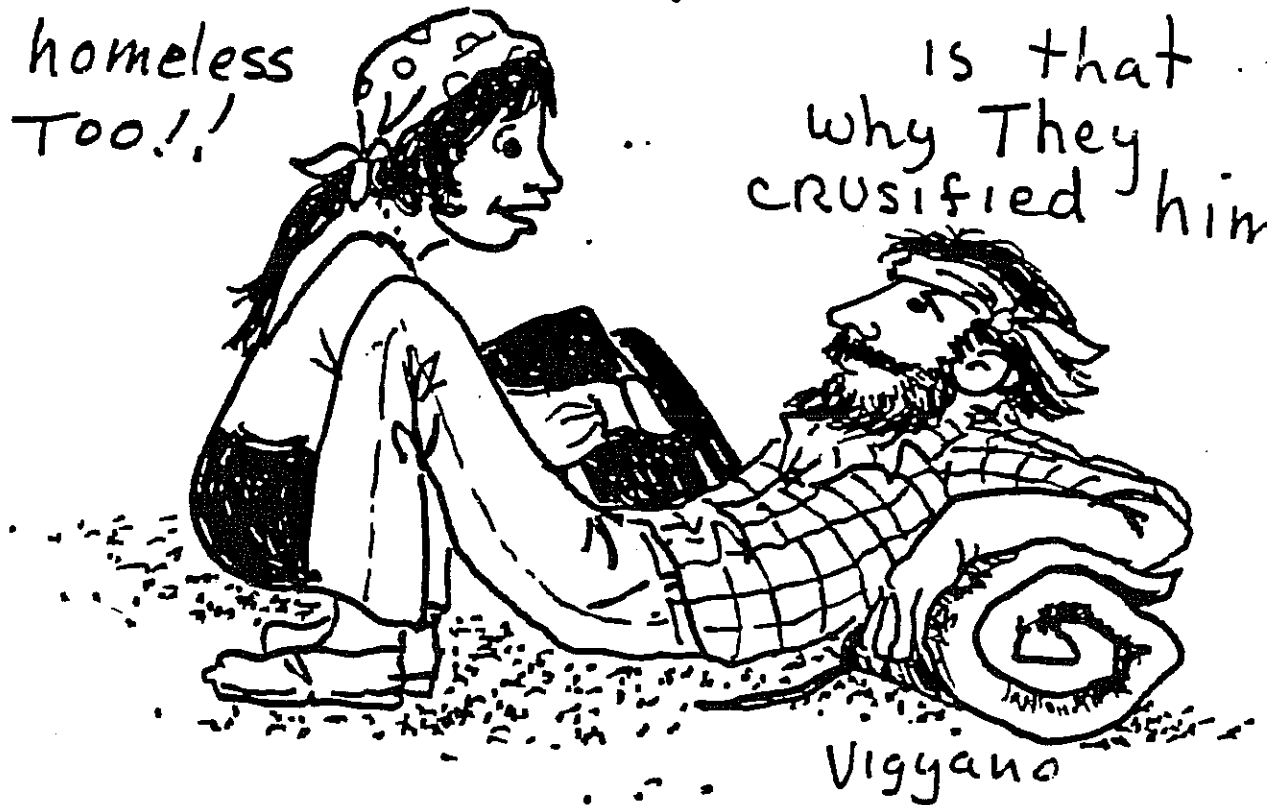
And when the Gang quickly buried the HRTF recommendation (as homeless advocates did not want it to be, though they felt it was inadequate), Gray ascended to the rooftops and spoke to the media denouncing the homeless and homeless advocates for having ruined his political scenario. He attacked, not the phoney City Council that continues to endorse ticketing sleeping humanity, but the advocates and activists who have been working non-stop to end this situation.

We have ignored Fred's attacks for weeks, hoping that he would let his once-strong conscience overpower his injured ego, but last Monday's attack was one media slander too many. All we can say now is, if you heard it from Fred, check out the source.

(Fred Gray was invited to contribute to this and numerous prior issues of the Street Sheet, but declined to do so. We are still willing to print his reply--if he dares.)

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Jesus was a rebel, and
homeless
Too!!

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STREET SHEET

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FIRST MASS SLEEP-IN AT CITY HALL: CITY ARRESTS HOMELESS

After a fitful hour or two of troubled slumber, Saly and Rob, two determined homeless folk, were busted by the Sleepbuster brigade, the S.C. city police under orders from unrepentant Gang of 7. Three others--Robert, Maria, and John--were ticketed for illegal camping and released O.R. A few photographers and well-wishers including Rocky, Jane, Cap, Brian, and Vic stayed up past their bedtime, to observe the proceedings. Police were generally civil, waiting until after the late-night Gangmeeting of the City Council had ended and all good liberals had gone to bed.

Two weeks before, a hearty loner, who called himself John Q. Citizen, had done a lone sleep-in after the boisterous Gag Session the Gang of 7 stage-managed last July 12. But last night was the first time that a group of people, all but one of them homeless, had calmly taken matters into their own hands and declared that all the pompous rhetoric and uniformed intimidation that City Hall had to offer wouldn't stop them from confronting legalized insanity. To the armed might and institutionalized craziness of the Gang of 7's Sleeping Ban, these five folk offered the simple silence of unadorned human need.

At press time today, we were still trying to track down the two criminal sleepers in the bowels of the city jail. When we do, we hope to offer a report from them on the extent of the infamous Sleeping Mafia inside the city's dungeons. Check our next issue for an expose of this evil gang of sleepers thankfully behind lock and key for their crimes against the night.

DEBATE BEFORE GANG OF 7 DEEPENS AND BROADENS

Perhaps shamed by the publicity attendant on their Gag Session of July 12, the Gang of 7 allowed folks to vent their anger and concern over their continuing Sleeping Ban. Over an hour and a half of lucid argument, heartfelt feeling, and occasionally off-the-wall angriness greeted the stone faced Gang as many new faces and voices stepped into the public spotlight to denounce this abusive ordinance and urge creative solutions. Gangleader Laird and his cronies sat silent as Twofeather's voice rung out through the council chambers: "Where can I sleep, Mr. Mayor?" Speaker after speaker painted a different aspect of the situation. Sweet-voiced Gayle sought to reveal the bonds connecting the oppressing Gang and the many victimized--the oneness of us all. Robespierre Robert urged the Gang to grant amnesty, declare a ticketing moratorium, open public hearings, and put the issue on the ballot. A tape of the City Council meeting will be available at the downtown library probably by the end of the week and certainly by next Monday.

After folks had spoken their piece to a silent Council, that had carefully arranged the issue be aired during a time when no serious debate among Gangmembers was required, Rotkin replied. Like an old tape recorder playing an endless loop, the psuedo-socialist Gangmember speedily assured the audience that his tireless efforts to meet with homeless advocates and track down shelter space for women and children had revealed no problems deserving of immediate action by him and his bunch.

Invoking his ancestral chant, "ending the camping ban is not a good solution," Mugwump Mike expressed benevolent impatience with the cries of the homeless and harassed, and left folks wondering what black hole their hour and a half of weary, nervous, eloquent testimony had vanished into. Perhaps the only testimony these folks understand is the outraged reaction of their own constituents, as jail and police costs mount for folks who challenge their camping tickets, as middle-class people with consciences begin to share solidarity and sleeping bags with the homeless, and as sympathizers consider that recently-seen bumper sticker: "Help the Homeless: Don't Spend Your Bucks in South Africa or Santa Cruz!"

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO DOUBLETALK PUBLIC

After being challenged a month ago for its false public statements to discourage folks sleeping outside the City of Santa Cruz in the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County, the Sheriff's office seems to have adopted subtler tactics. Last month, one caller was told by the office that sleeping (or "camping" as the doublespeak artists like to call it) was illegal everywhere in the county; when Sheriff Al Noren was confronted by Calamity Jane Imler's reminder that the law since 1985 has been that camping everywhere in the unincorporated areas is legal unless posted after 10-day notice and public hearing, he hemmed and hawed, but admitted that that was the law. (Only one area has been barred to sleeper's: the Ocean St. Extension).

Numerous calls to the Sheriff's office in the last few days has resulted in claims that they didn't know whether you could sleep legally on the road or not, but that it was "probably illegal." Referred to the illusive Sergeant Clair, after being disconnected 5 times, our informant was given a creative tale about sleeping in campers being illegal but sleeping in vehicles being legal. Our legal contact remembers no such provision in the 1985 law, but perhaps the Sergeant rediscovered it when our informant told him that the vehicle he was driving was a camper. We encourage folks to call the Sheriff's office (425-2083) for some further clarification on their policy. If you're too busy to go to a demonstration, too introverted to staff a table, too lethargic to write a letter to the editor, how about picking up a phone and getting the straight dope from the sheriff? Let us know what they tell you (leave a message with Dave, Donnie, and/or Charlie at 425-0267, and leave your name and number if you wish to be called back).

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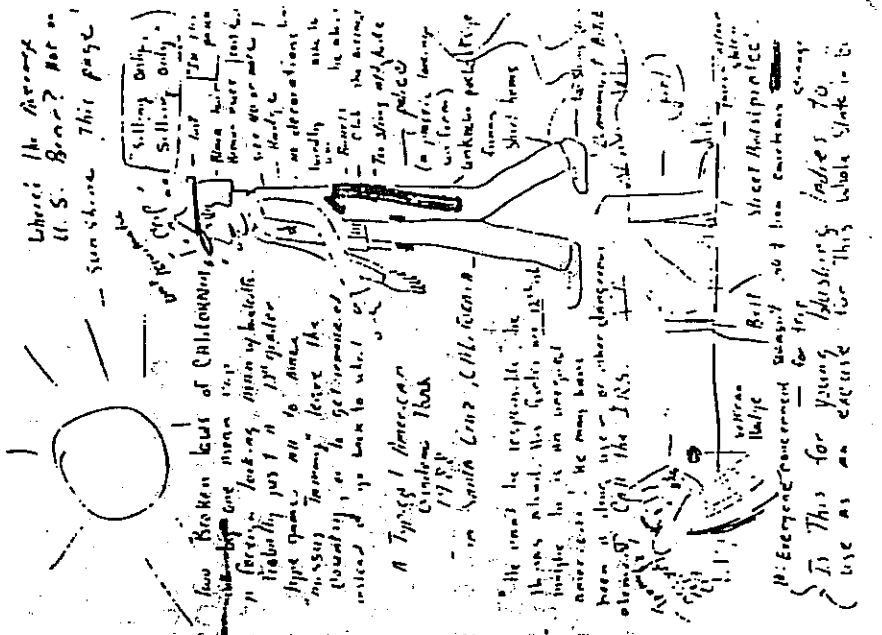


GET UP, SENOR

on out and talk, expressing their concerns like normal human beings. We were confronted with cold indignation and a lecture that it was our responsibility to police the front of its store, that they "hadn't time" to walk fifteen feet outside and let us know there was a problem, that they'd had "many complaints" (but refused to specify how many or when) from customers unwilling to come down to their offices, and that we'd "better leave now." (In all fairness, it was after closing time--out their threatening tone was a malevolent echo of their earlier action.)

We intend to follow up our concern at the sadly inappropriate responses of those folks inside "serving the public." We hope that higher levels of management will show higher intelligence. In the meantime, we urge a gentle response towards the ^{new} does inside along with the reminder that they have a responsibility to conduct themselves as human beings not barnial lords. There's a real world outside their doors and not all of us have lights at night and a hearth in the dark.

A VIEW FROM THE STREET: BY TANNY V.



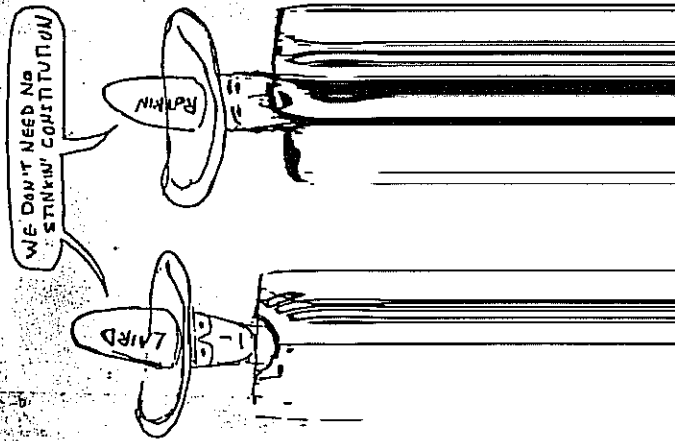
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CRIMINAL SLEEPERS PAROLED

Circles under their eyes but back on the streets again are sleep felons Sal (aka Ken) and Rob, who successfully braved the booking process and made their way back into daylight. We're not sure of their trial date for this misnamed misdemeanor, but keep watching these pages and get ready to go to suit up with fancy duds or just show up period to watch the awful law in all its smug majesty. If the judge sees this is the first case of fifty, maybe he'll have a word with the D.A. and ask whether the police don't have better things to do than scour the land looking for sleeping bags.

Our thanks to Sal and Rob and the three other sleepers cited Wednesday morning outside City Hall for their willingness to go public against a law that's a public menace. May those more comfortably situated in their homes listen to the promptings of their conscience and consider carefully whether it isn't time to follow the example of King and Gandhi. And Sal and Rob.

HOMELESS TABLE SITE OF CONTINUED HARASSMENT

For three days running, Madonna Maria, homeless advocate and fighter for sleeper's rights, has been dealing with one wave of police intervention after another. On Monday she had to contend with the continued and close intimidating presence of armed gunmen attacking her for selling the Street Sheet without a license (we ask a 10% donation per page to cover the cost of xeroxing and provide peanut butter sandwiches for the hearty homeless and h. advocates who staff the table). On Tuesday morning the table itself was wantonly seized and carried off to the police station (see Street Sheet #11). On Wednesday police massed around her table in a menacing manner after a complaint from a local merchant that a mad bicyclist was selling his wares outside (some rube had put up a sign "\$2" for a delapidated bicycle frame--thought by observers to be a joke at that time).

Man of the hour in two of these crises: Eddie the Lionhearted, angrykind street singer and long-time social revolutionary, who retrieved the kidnapped table on Tuesday and had it back and running within an hour after its seizure. On Wednesday he intervened as police battered Maria with questions and charges, went and spoke directly to the merchant who'd had the problem, and provided the support without which there might have been no Petition for Homeless Rights table remaining as the afternoon closed. Our thanks to a man whose voice is ever ready in song or dialogue to speak the truth in those uncomfortable situations where many of us fear to tread.

WINNEBAGO WATCH UNDER CONSIDERATION

In order to clear the local police department of wild charges of selective enforcement against poor and alternate life-style vandwellers, we have asked the Santa Cruz citizenry to keep their eyes on the local winnebagos that are preying on our beaches and city streets. If you see such a van illegally parked after 11 p.m. at night (and before 8:30 a.m. in the morning), we suggest an immediate complaint to the police to assure that no unauthorized sleeping is going on within. Note the time of your call, the officer you speak to, the location of the criminal activity. Then, the next morning, go by the offending vehicle and ask the well-rested

owners if they've had a policeman at their door within the last month (much less at 2 a.m. in the morning--the normal calling time for such midnight rousts for more humble cars and vans). Note their reply and their license number, then give us a call at 429-1913 with your report. We're sure that the outrageous accusations that some crazed homeless folk have made against our even-handed police department will be shown to be the nonsense that Gangmember Mike (the mouth) Rotkin says they are.

BROWNSHITS ON THE MARCH

With the rising clamour against habitual abuses by the Mall "security police" in our ears, we'd like to suggest that citizens pause and reacquaint themselves with their constitutional rights. The uniformed cartoon cops that strut about in brown uniforms up and down the mall all day, though they may look official, have no more right to perform an arrest or a search than you or I. Any citizen may make an arrest if she is a witness to a crime or has probable cause to think one has been committed.

So if you are confronted by a demand from some ill-tempered joker wearing a brown monkeysuit, you may call over a friend as a witness, courteously (or discourteously) ask the intruder to leave you alone, and go about your business. If the SS-man-in-training chooses to pursue his harassment of you, ask various people to be witnesses, note the time and the date, and tell the goon that if he continues to bother you, you will file a complaint. You even have the option to make a citizen's arrest of him.

Be advised that these modern day gestapo men are poorly-trained, poorly-paid, new on the job. Our informants tell us that they are paid \$6/hour (compared to the \$20 plus/hour that regular police get), that they are drawn directly from the schoolclasses of the instructor/security chief who runs the agency they work for (PSI).

We are not lawyers here, so what we tell you does not constitute legal advice--check out these facts yourself. (If you come up with more information, let us know.) The brownshits always have the option to call the police themselves, but if they threaten or intimidate you, ask them coolly what section of the law you are violating, if anyone has filed a complaint (and if so, who), and consider getting "respectable" witnesses if you feel these is a simple case of harassment going on.

Also be aware that these folks have an organization and are armed, whereas you are probably not. They can often (but not always) secure the cooperation of the police. But in theory their powers are only those of ordinary citizens. Make them aware you know this (courteously if possible, but firmly).

ARTISTS TAKE NOTE

Cindy-by-the-fly, the muralist whose homeless picture has graced our table for the last two weeks, has announced she's planning another series of street scenes. If you're interested in being model or artist in this activity, stop by the Petition table (somewhere between the ID Building and the Bookshop Santa Cruz at last notice) and let us know.

IT'S A BURN !

Nailed for "vandalism" for a miniscule mark left on a bench yesterday afternoon was the unfortunate would-be arsonist J.E. Left with a ticket in hand and a mouth wide open, J.E. was told that the cigarette he left there was reason enough for a court appearance. Local photographers have captured the event on film--for the judge's edification and the amusement of other folks who wish to see another example of the law-in-action.

STREET SHEET

PUT ON YOUR PAJAMAS: SLEEPWALKERS STROLL SLATED FOR TUESDAY NIGHT

Since the Gang of 7 (City Council) has seen fit to decree sleeplessness for the indefinite future, we have heard reliable rumors that a gang of criminal sleepwalkers will assemble tomorrow night 8:30 p.m. at the town clock in the first leg of a Santa Cruz sleepwalk. In Santa Barbara, we've heard, there was extensive "sleepwalking" (since sleeping there was illegal as well until 1986) where folks eager to be law-abiding tried to stay on their feet night after night and walked about the town so as not to block traffic or obstruct the sidewalk. Our sources tell us that doctors began complaining when poor folks were brought in to the Emergency Room suffering from exhaustion--perhaps contributing to the eventual abolition of the Santa Barbara sleeping ban.

We don't think the local somnambulists plan so drastic an alternative. Rather they just wish to offer a sleepytime greetings to the Gang of 7 as each one of those councilmembers snuggles down into her or his bed for the night. In case you're too late to catch the beginning of the Stroll, the sleepwalkers may be found around the neighborhoods of each Gangmember's beddingdown spot: Laird-1214 King, Weed-509 Seaside, Wormhoudt-827 California, Rotkin-123 Liberty, Sears-131 Shelter Lagoon Dr., Levine-42 Ortalon, and Ghio-1201 Bay. Bring marshmallows, cocoa, and your favorite list of songs as we provide these Sleepstealing slumberers with a little nighttime serenading.

We hope this melodic ambulatory non-violent demonstration will soften the hearts of these hitherto intransigent folks. So slip into your sleeping duds and light those candles: time to visit these Rip Van Winkles.

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE ARE BIG RIGS SLEEPING IN SANTA CRUZ

Last Street Sheet, we asked all you good people to let us know whether Winnebago scofflaws were recklessly sleeping on or near the city's streets. We continue to urge you to phone in your tips to us at 429-1913 M-F, 9-5. (If it's later, give a call to 429-9801.) You might also let the city police know that known and identified lawbreakers are making a mockery of the Sleeping Ban (429-3911); make a note of the time you call, whom you speak with, and where the criminal sleeper is committing his foul deed.

But--we almost forgot--the big news is that, last night at least 6 of these over-sized sleepfelons were seen up on Delaware Ave. between Natural Bridges and Swift Sts. So, though the sleep traffic may have moved from Harvey West Industrial Park, it's still in town--we demand the appropriate response from the City Council: drive these terrorists out of town!

STUPIDVIPERS TO MEET, SPEED THROUGH HOMELESS FUNDS FOR BUREAUCRATS

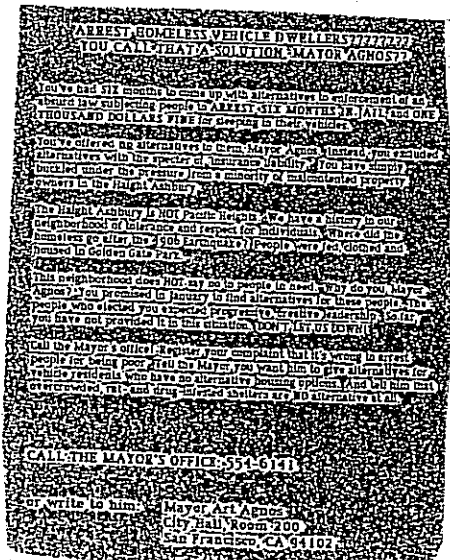
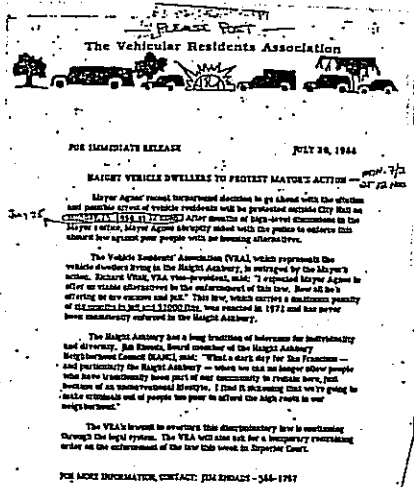
People take note! Tomorrow (Tuesday, August 1) at 9 a.m. on the 5th floor of the County Building, the Board of Stupidvipers (aka Supervisors) meets to routinely pass item #40, currently on their "consent agenda" That means no debate, almost no mention--unless the item is pulled from that agenda and put up for public discussion. Item #40 involves a call for \$640,000 for "homeless" purposes, more than half of it to pay well-fed and well-housed bureaucrats instead of going for some useful purpose (like a campground, lavatory and shower facilities, possibly even some more shelter space, a grant for a local switchboard, etc.). We urge interested folks to get up early and get down to the

county building to confront this quiet boondoggle and redirect these monies to the people who need them. Bring signs, clear voices, and strong hearts (as well as hardy stomachs).

SAN FRANCISCO ROUTS VANDWELLERS: HASSLED CARPEOPLE REGROUP

After high-level threats by police to levy \$1000 fines and six-month jail terms on long-time vandweller residents of the Haight-Ashbury, the Residential Vehicular community of S.F. has largely dispersed to different parts of the City to avoid seizure of their vehicles, kids, and pets by the rapacious and misguided Agnost Regime. They got together again last Saturday in the panhandle to plan a counterattack against the sudden repressive move by Mayor and police after a previous six-month well-publicized ticketing moratorium and before that many years of almost no enforcement of the ancient 1971 ordinance. The VRA (Vehicular Residents Association) plans to set up a petitioning table on Haight St., urge calls to Agnost (554-6141 in S.F.), and perhaps engage in more dramatic action (a Tent City in the park or panhandle until these citizens are allowed to return to their homes in peace). If you're interested in helping, call Robin or Erik at 415 431-5647: they'll update you on coming events.

Also rumored for today: Some traveling folks from Laguna Seca's recent Grateful Dead concert may be arriving in S.F. around 4 p.m. this afternoon to slow down the hustle and bustle of the financial district there with their own large and colorful vehicles. If you happen to drive up there and are on hand, let us know what happened. No business as usual for the Housebusters up North.



SHORT TAKES

Sidewalk Shannon sends out special thanks to Mark of the Cheese ...and to Joseph of Indian Joes for his offer to donate food for the upcoming 4th Big ChowDown (coming next Tuesday at your local City Hall).... Don't forget to keep those calls coming in to the Sheriff's office to remind them that it is indeed legal to camp in the unincorporated areas of the County (ask 'em first where it's legal to camp; if they misinform you, get their names, and give Donny, Dave, or Charlie a call at 425-0267). Sheriff's #: 425-2121...Also let D,D,& C know if you've had some hassle with a policeman or local brownshit: you may remain anonymous if you wish...and if you've been ticketed for sleeping, camping, spitting, or breathing, give us a call at 429-1913 and let us know....Keep snoozing....

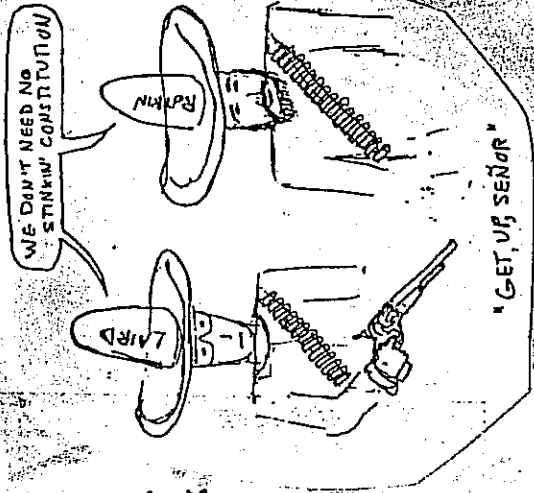
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Wednesday Morning

SLEEPWALKER'S STROLL NETS PORCHLIGHT POSTURING AND BUNKERBED SILENCE FROM CITY COUNCIL GANG

Last night's candlelight procession took sleepy but cheerful homeless and friends on a long walk through Santa Cruz's West side in search of intelligent life at the various Gang of 7 homes, mostly without success. Led by Bubbah Brian and Raucous Rocky, a group that began with over 20, ultimately dwindled to a dozen, and included invaders from the San Jose Mercury News and the Santa Cruz Sentinel, plodded up Mission St. at 9 p.m. last night with "End the Sleeping Ban" signs, bathrobes, lit candles, and teddy bear to serenade the Wormhauadt family.

Mardi was unavoidably detained by a long-distance call and declined to speak to her fans, but her husband and a few other residents scolded the demonstrators for sleepwalking in their neck of town. Asked whether they could sleep there (since the Gang of 7 has persisted in making the entire city off-limits for outdoor or in-vehicle slumber), Mr. Wormhauadt replied that they should rather present themselves at Mardi's City Hall office for processing. The weary walkers found this suggestion amusing and filed it for future action.

Next the strolling serenaders (melodically murmuring "Give Sleep a Chance") made their way past the Saturn Cafe in hopes of swelling their ranks from the coffeedrinking crowd, but other than a few timid smiles and several "gosh, if only I weren't so busy" greetings, the procession continued unreinforced to the Bay St. home of "Honest" Joe Ghio. Charlie the Chich, youngest of all the demonstrators, lay down in a borrowed blanket on Joe's lawn, while an unknown guitarist softly accompanied the untutored singers in an early August Xmas carol. Inside numerous creatures were stirring, but none would come to the door to talk to the ever-hopeful Santa Cruz Somnambulists.

Nothing daunted, but diminished by the departure of Mad John T., ex-inmates activist and the elder of the group, the folks found themselves at Jane Weed's, where they found a Gangmember made of sterner stuff, actually willing to show herself and talk with them. With a somewhat drowsy grasp on the facts, Weed suggested demonstrators take their woes to the Board of Stupidvipers (known to innocents as the Board of Supervisors) and stop pestering the poor City Council. She agreed to urge County bureaucrats to look into persistent reports that Sheriff's Deputies were telling Bedtime Stories to local campers about their sleeping by the roadside being illegal before running them off. Her presence rather than her promises earned the grudging respect of some demonstrators; and she did decline to unleash the armed Sleepbusters who arrived in two squadcars to ensure that the homeless were neither disturbing the peace nor illegally sleeping. Her final suggestion: find better hiding places.

Final visit for the night was at Mike (the Mouth) Rotkin's digs where the nimble-tongued teacher sagely assured us that "the time was not ripe" for sleeping in Santa Cruz and that a massive backlash would result from any attempt to hold hearings on the matter or put the matter up for public debate.

Still anxious and waiting to be visited by the Slumbertime Singers: Levine, Laird, and Sears-Williams with return wake-up calls scheduled for the elusive Ghio and WormhauDt. Lots of happy honking from sympathetic passing motorists. One brief "get-a-job" debate with an angry neighbor of Ghio's who let his redneck tendencies get the best of him. No coffee and doughnuts. Overall rating: three stars. Robespierre Robert sez, next time check it out.

KEYSTONE KOPS=STEP UP: PRESSURE: TICKETING BLITZ FOR HOMELESS ACTIVISTS

After three days of repeated police hankypanky at the mall-side table of the Petition for Homeless Rights, including one outright abduction of the table itself, the city's finest resumed harassment Monday with a vengeance, levying a \$60 ticket against one worker for a legitimate if ineptly explained stop in a handicapped zone, and then on Tuesday laying in wait for Bubba Brian and ticketing him when he repositioned the Homeless table to the regulation 4' from the benches. Were gumshoes Pruger and Vogel (the ticketing officers) acting out of individual malice or on orders from Head Hound Jack Basset? Citizens beware--their bite is worse than their bark.

HOMELESS ADVOCATE DIES SUDDENLY

Mike Saterlee, long-time front-line friend of the homeless and handicapped, died suddenly last Saturday morning at his Corralitos home after sharing a cup of coffee with one of his paraplegic housemates Larry. Friends and fellow activists feared that the reasonably healthy Mike might have met with foul-play since he had recently come public with serious charges against the city and county police departments regarding malfeasance and boondoggling in the area of "camping" arrests. Last summer, Mike committed hundreds of hours to a painstaking study of court dockets to chart the ebb and flow of those arrests and estimate their cost. His most conservative figure had citizens of the City and County paying over \$1,000,000/year to arrest criminal sleepers. An autopsy report, however, revealed that Mike died of cerebral edema (what the Pajaronian inaccurately termed a "brain hemorrhage"), probably the result of a congenital condition aggravated by the constant stress he worked under as a result of his homeless work. Mike was no stranger to both sides of the prison bars and continued to attend demonstrations even at the risk of revocation of his parole.

We are told his co-worker on this project will help to assemble Mike's papers and update his work to make public in the near future. When you lay down your sleeping bag under the starry sky tonight or think of those that are, remember Mike. He'd have been by your side in time of trouble or just to share a midnight laugh before bedding down. Bye, Mike.

ANTI-SHRINK RALLY PLANNED FOR THURSDAY

The Mental Health Captives Liberation Front, led by long-time madman John Telfair, will be holding a rally and picket in front of Dominican Hospital's infamous snakepit psych ward from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday August 5. Telfair seeks the release of numerous inmates being held against their will as well as an end to the barbarous practices of forced institutionalization and forced drugging. Squaring off against the multi-billion dollar mental illness industry isn't an easy fight, so maybe you'd like to spare yourself a future problem by attacking this behemoth now when a few prescient courageous people are willing to stand by you. Contact John at 426-3201 for further information, and if you've had problems with the Shrink Shop, he might be willing to listen.

in a useless and costly attack on a social and medical problem (prohibited drugs), and where ordinary people--even the poorest woman on the street--is encouraged to become a part of the greater community through real support systems.

If you are interested in participating in the National Teach-In on Homelessness, or just want more information please contact me: Hon. Alihaajah Hakin Abdullah Hassan, 1012 Bay St., Santa Cruz 95060. Phone: 426-8309. After 6 p.m.: 458-0156.

VIGYANO'S VISIONS

(Vigyano is an artist, cartoonist, and sometime activist who's slow to take sides in heated public debate, preferring to find a middle ground and resolve conflicts peacefully and inclusively. Here are her latest thoughts on the current homeless harassment.)

I'm a resident of Santa Cruz, and I have noticed a lack of human inhabitants in Scribner Park ever since the local police decided to "clean up downtown Santa Cruz" as tourist season was about to begin. Upon asking around, I found that a lot of homeless people used to hang out at Scribner park, but police harassment & intimidation frightened these people to such an extent the park now stands vacated.

My question is "How on earth are we going to create peace on this planet if we cannot create a peaceful co-existence right here at home with each other?"

SAN FRANCISCO BEAT

The Residential Vehicular Association man up north informs us that tomorrow Thursday August 5 VRA folks will be showing up at 2 p.m. at the Public Housing Authority to seek some kind of alternate lodging now that Archboss Agnos (S.F. mayor) has decreed sleeping in vehicles is punishable by 6 months in jail and/or \$1000 fine. So far enforcement of this crazier-than-crazy law has been pretty much limited to the Haight (with a busting of windows and vehicles by frisky police over along the Great Highway some nights back) as former vehicle dwellers there scatter to other parts of the city.

Tonite at 8 p.m. on KCBS, the great Mayor himself will be available to discuss his repressive policies. It's a toll free call, so tune in to 770 AM, get the number, and call in to talk about the sleeping ban in Santa Cruz and San Francisco. Thousands of listeners, only two thin dimes.

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PROPERTY VALUES INCREASED BY 30% LAST YEAR IN THE HAIGHT. BUT GREED HAS



No bounds. The Rich get Richer and the Poor get Poorer THINK (and ACT) about it!

FAREWELL TO 429-1913

Could be pressure from on-high is filtering down. You can still turn in Petitions or proposals at 265 Water St. But the new phone for messages, news that you've called the City Council to urge an end to the Sleeping Ban, encouraging words, is 423-9687.

STUPIDVIPERS RAIN CASH ON BUREAUCRATS, NARCS

Tuesday's Board of Stupes meeting saw some vocal opposition to several "feed the fat" schemes proposed by D.A. and Health Services Agency respectively. D.A. Art Danner brought in some out-of-town narcs to inveigh against Cocaine Madness and urge another 50Gs be spent to support the futile cycle of Drug Prohibition--prosecute the poor blacks who get caught up in the narc sweeps, forcing drug prices higher and bringing in more street entrepreneurs and new types of drugs. (Does anyone remember Nixon's Operation Intercept that blocked marijuana and spread heroin?) Danner claimed he didn't favor the proposed "zero-tolerance" policy currently being used by the insane federal prohibitionists (grass in your car or house? kiss both goodbye.). Yet his election-year Drug Strike Force Team was to be funded by moneys seized from "drug sellers." How about taking action against the local liquor stores and tobacconists, Art? They're killing hundreds of thousands more a year than the crack dealers. Nah, whose gonna give money for that?

Speaking against this folly--musician, activist, and City Council hopeful, Abdullah Hassan, who urged that the Board consider the impact of these "fill-the-jails" antics on the local minority population and the county economy generally. Also in the lists against the new Reefer Madness mentality--Robespierre Robert, who suggested the Board show some vision and propose new and saner measures for dealing with national anti-drug hysteria and local drug abuse.

Bigger bucks were at stake when homeless advocate Calamity Jane Imler spoke up against the proposed Health Services Agency grant of \$650,000 or so to its Homeless Persons Assistance Project (most of the funds being sought are federal). In this proposed cash giveaway to career homeless bureaucrats, more than half the chunk of change would go to salaries of non-homeless people fulfilling positions like "typist," "deputy public guardian," etc. We imagine we could scare up some homeless typists willing to work at a fraction of the cost of these suburban pencilpushers. Head HSA honchess Eli Hall defended the raid on the public pursestrings (too late for public hearings, she lamented) and noted that 15 Medi-Cruz users a month were being serviced by the well-paid department. Strange thing was that further inquiries revealed half of next year's services budget is already spent--and the several hundred Gs that could be available for further services are to be spent on bureaucrats' salaries. Could something be amiss here?

We invite folks interested in these peculiar goingson to show up Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. at the Board of Stupidvipers, 5th floor, County Bldg. Bring signs, clear voices, and camping tickets. (The County has the ability to open a campground forthwith, should it choose to do so.) We also recommend Monday morning conversations with our own Santa Cruz Stupidviper Gary Patton, who holds court at the Cafe Zenho at 8 (yawn) a.m. each week. Come one, come all.

ABDULLAH SPEAKS OUT : "I blame the system, not its victims."

I am a Vietnam Vet, the only black candidate running, and a graduate in Theatre Arts (watch for me in the forthcoming Salt and Pepper--a guerilla street theatre group still in search of volunteers). When we don't get together, we don't win. A resident here for 15years, I want us to share a commitment to a common direction--to create a city where sleeping is not a criminal activity, where police and outside narcs are not busting heads and minority people

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**ARREST HOMELESS VEHICLE DWELLERS \$7227222
YOU CALL THAT A SOLUTION MAYOR AGNOS??**

YOU'VE HAD SIX MONTHS TO COME UP WITH ALTERNATIVES TO ENFORCEMENT OF AN OBSCURE LAW SUBJECTING PEOPLE TO ARREST, SIX MONTHS IN JAIL, AND ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FINE FOR SLEEPING IN THEIR VEHICLES.

YOU'VE OFFERED NO ALTERNATIVES TO THEM, MAYOR AGNOS. INSTEAD, YOU EXCLUDED ALTERNATIVES WITH THE SPECIES OF INSURANCE LIABILITY. YOU HAVE SIMPLY BUCKLED UNDER THE PRESSURE FROM A MINORITY OF MALCONTENTED PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE HAIGHT ASHBURY.

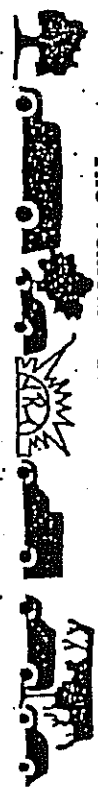
THE HAIGHT ASHBURY IS NOT PACIFIC HEIGHTS. YOU HAVE A HISTORY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD OF TOLERANCE AND RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUALS. WHOSE DID THE HOMELESS GO AFTER THE 1908 BARTHAQUAR? PEOPLE WERE FED, CLOTHED AND HOUSED IN GOLDEN GATE PARK.

THIS NEIGHBORHOOD DOES NOT SAY NO TO PEOPLE IN NEED. WHY DO YOU, MAYOR AGNOS? YOU PROMISED IN JANUARY TO FIND ALTERNATIVES FOR THESE PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE WHO ELECTED YOU EXPECTED PROGRESSIVE, SENSITIVE LEADERSHIP. SO FAR, YOU HAVE NOT PROVIDED IT IN THIS SITUATION. DON'T LET US DO YOUR

CALL THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, REGISTER YOUR COMPLAINT THAT IT'S WRONG TO ARREST PEOPLE FOR BEING POOR. TELL THE MAYOR YOU WANT HIM TO GIVE ALTERNATIVES FOR VEHICLE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING OPTIONS. AND TELL HIM THAT OVERCROWDED, RATS AND DRUG INFESTED SHelters ARE NO ALTERNATIVE AT ALL.

CALL THE MAYOR'S OFFICE: 554-6141

OR WRITE TO HIM: Mayor Art Agnos
City Hall Room 200
San Francisco, CA 94102



The Vehicular Residents Association

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JULY 20, 1968

HAIGHT VEHICLE DWELLERS TO PROTEST MAYOR'S ACTION — AT 12 noon

MAYOR AGNOS' RECENT BURNAROUND DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE ELATION AND POSSIBLE ARREST OF VEHICLE RESIDENTS WILL BE PROTESTED OUTSIDE CITY HALL ON MONDAY, JULY 22, 1968, AT 12:00 PM. AFTER MONTHS OF HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, MAYOR AGNOS STRIPPY SIDED WITH THE POLICE TO ENFORCE THIS OBSCURE LAW AGAINST POOR PEOPLE WITH NO HOUSING ALTERNATIVES.

THE VEHICLE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (VRA), WHICH REPRESENTS THE VEHICLE DWELLERS LIVING IN THE HAIGHT ASHBURY, IS OUTRAGED BY THE MAYOR'S ACTION. RICHARD VITALL, VRA VICE-PRESIDENT, SAID: "I EXPECTED MAYOR AGNOS TO OFFER US SERIOUS ALTERNATIVES TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS LAW. NOW ALL HE'S OFFERING US ARE EXCUSES AND JAIL." THIS LAW, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS IN JAIL AND \$1000 FINE, WAS ENACTED IN 1971 AND HAS NEVER BEEN CONSISTENTLY ENFORCED IN THE HAIGHT ASHBURY.

THE HAIGHT ASHBURY HAS A LONG TRADITION OF TOLERANCE FOR INDIVIDUALITY AND DIVERSITY. JIM BORDS, BOARD MEMBER OF THE HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC), SAID: "WHAT A DIRT DAY FOR SAN FRANCISCO -- AND PARTICULARLY THE HAIGHT ASHBURY -- WHEN WE CAN NO LONGER ALLOW PEOPLE WHO HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN PART OF OUR COMMUNITY TO REMAIN HERE, JUST BECAUSE OF AN UNCONVENTIONAL LIFESTYLE. I FIND IT STUNNING THAT WE'RE GOING TO MAKE CRIMINALS OUT OF PEOPLE TOO POOR TO AFFORD THE HIGH RENTS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD."

THE VRA'S INTENT IS TO OBTAIN THIS DISCRIMINATORY LAW'S CONTINUING THROUGH THE LEGAL SYSTEM. THE VRA WILL ALSO ASK FOR A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW UNTIL WE SEE IN SUPERIOR COURT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: JIM RHOADS - 566-1787

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— The Redwooder

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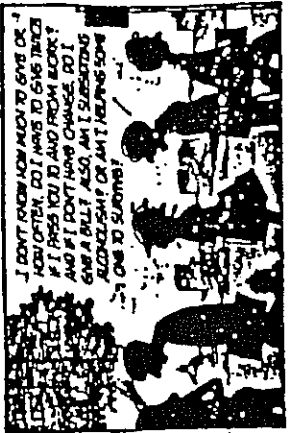
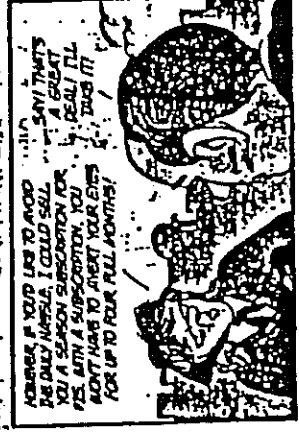
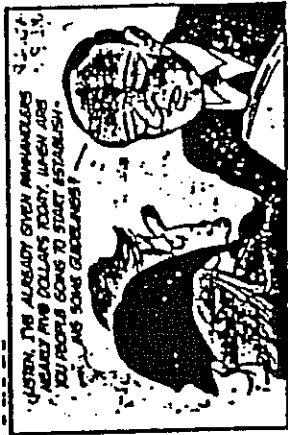
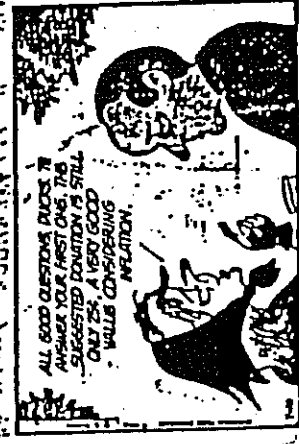
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Street Shirt
Sheet #15

"Methought I heard a voice cry, "Sleep no more ! The Gang of 7 does murder sleep." The innocent sleep, sleep that knits up the ravell'd sleeve of care, the death of each day's life, sore labor's bath, balm of hurt minds, great nature's second course, chief nourisher in life's feast.

--freely adapted from Shakespeare's Macbeth.

STREET SHEET

#16

August 4, 1988

Thursday Afternoon

SHRINK SHOP SITE OF EDUCATIONAL PROTESTS THIS AFTERNOON

Folks concerned about forced drugging and forced institutionalization may be interested in a rally and picket to be held today at 3 p.m. in front of Dominican Hospital's "dope not hope" psych ward at 1555 Soquel Drive on the east side of the freeway. If you've been victimized by the Mental Illness Industry at one time or another, you might be interested in sharing your experiences with some of the folks gathered out front, or at least sharing your outrage that a "crazy" label can set anybody up for a euthanasia of the conscience and soul via modern-day "behavior-controlling" drugs administered against your will.

John Telfair (at 426-3201) of the Mental Health Captives Liberation Front will be out front givin' 'em hell, and if you can't make the demo, but want to talk to someone about psych inmates' rights, give him a call. John warns that Dominican holds folks involuntarily for 72-hours, fills 'em full of consciousness-confusing drugs, and ships 'em off to closed board 'n care homes where they get slapped with conservatorships that remove all rights at a stroke of the pen. He suggests that homeless people are particularly vulnerable targets for this procedure and that it's one way abrasive individuals are disappeared from the social scene without the need for messy questions about law and constitutional rights.

TELFAIR'S TALES OF TERROR

"When you notice that a friend has disappeared off the mall for awhile, a good place to look besides the jail might be our local "psych" jail, known as the Dominican Hospital Mental Health Unit. Of course, because of secrecy laws, you don't say over the phone or at the desk, "Is John or Mary Doe there?" What you should say is, "I would like to speak to John or Mary Doe." In other words, you speak with the assumption that you know the party in question is incarcerated there. If you call on the phone, call the patients' phones not the staff phone as listed in the phone book. These numbers are: west wing- 476-9828 or east wing - 476 - 9836.

"Many homeless people are being imprisoned throughout this country on the grounds of being "gravely disabled," with the criteria of not being able to take care of themselves, especially not being able to provide shelter for themselves. In other words, homelessness is being used by the establishment as a means of getting rid of "undesireables." These are the very poor--by having them locked up against their will in "psych" jails and internment camps, euphemistically called "hospitals."

"There, your brothers and sisters are drugged and dehumanized and often metamorphized from beautiful and precious human beings into slaves of a vicious arm of the all-powerful state structure, known as

the Mental Health System, and eventually degenerate into vegetative states. This may be the American holocaust, the "final solution" of the problem of what to do with the poor and the homeless.

"As a means of arousing public consciousness, as to the abuses of basic human rights, we have been having vigils at the Clock Tower on Fridays from 4 to 5 p.m. And this Thursday (today), from 3 to 5, as our response to this persecution of the poor and homeless and those who deviate from the norms of this repressive society. For further info, call me (see previous story).

--John Telfair

SPEAKING OF DRUGS...

Rumors have reached Calamity Jane that a new and profitable source of city funding may have opened up. 116 marijuana plants were arrested this morning for illegally growing on or near city-owned property off Zayante Rd. by zealous herbsnatchers. Perhaps taking its cue from the federal cocaine fund-raising program for the Contras, our own city Mothers and Fathers are seeking to help the homeless in their own enlightened way by growing good hearty ganja. How about spreading some of the good stuff around, guys 'n gals?

SPECIAL DRUGS FOR THE HOMELESS

"When being homeless, one faces a psychological crisis of survival. When a homeless person is having a tough time of psychological endurance, it should not be presumed that his problems are caused by a mythical mental illness. Since mental illness cannot be pathologically verified, it makes no sense to involve the mental health department as a solution for the homeless crisis.

"Based on an educated perception or bitter personal experience, the homeless are reluctant to be involved with the mental health system. Scared of being a drugged zombie in a scene from "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," a homeless person would prefer sleeping outside during the cold night. That is why there are mental health refugees living out in the streets.

"However, these refugees have a hard time enduring the street. Their inability to survive and triumph from homelessness is caused by the treatment that was meted out to them by the mental health establishment. Their brains and mental capacity are eroded by heavy use of psychotropic and neuroleptic drugs. Common symptoms caused by these drugs are jaundice, tardive dyskinesia, and psychosis. Also the institutional dependency, which is forced upon psychiatric inmates, is a contradiction of society's expectation of individual self-reliance.

"Like astrology and alchemy, psychiatry has little practical value as a guide for successful independent living in society. Instead of spending more money for institutions, highly paid professionals, and bureaucracy (with the end result being little money for the clients), the money should be spent for creating housing and economic opportunity for the homeless.

--Fred Barnett

GANG OF 7 AWAY ON HOLIDAYS LEAVING SLEEPBUSTERS ON PATROL

Having concluded all is well in sleepless Santa Cruz, the partytime Gang of 7 has adjourned for August, their next City Council meeting not due until September 13. We hope to keep a close watch on armed Sleepbuster units that have been left behind by the good-hearted Gang to assure that the homeless don't oversleep. If you get hit with a Sleeping ticket (known in Policespeak as a Camping ticket), give a call to us at 438-3060 and ask for Fandango Jake. If you get hassled by the Sheriff's Dept (they wear brown; the city sleepbusters wear blue) outside City limits, talk to Jake or call Donny, Dave, or Charlie at 425-0267. If you're interesting in writing for the Street Sheet or volunteering time you can also leave a message. See you next Sheet...

Verbatim Text of Titillating
"Camping" Laws**STREET SHEET**

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Saturday

Afternoon

August 6, 1988

TROLLBUSTERS, SLEEPBUSTERS, STRIKE WITHIN 24 HOURS:**WATCH YOUR BLANKETS !**

Be on the lookout for a half-blue, half-white jeep, spotted last night along Front St. first throwing eggs at Tim the BubbleMan, and then threatening folk at the top of the mall near the bookshop, santa cruz over a loud speaker, at one point menacing watchers with a baseball bat and verbal threats. Bubbah Brian stood his ground and noted the license number of these misguided youths (XYX 118 or 118 XYX). We're sure Officer Fischer, to whom he reported the incident, will move swiftly to pursue and prosecute these loudmouths-on-wheels, if he's not assigned to other Sleepbusting duties.

Speaking of which, channel 8 reporter Jan Stewart passed us a tip a few hours ago that 9 sleepers were busted 1/2 mile east between Hiway 17 and River St. These arrests were allegedly made by city police and the folks seized were actually jailed--but again up to now the rumors are murky. As we have pointed out in these pages in the past, sleeping is legal in most of the county, so just what kind of questionable-hanky-panky is going on here?

Again, we encourage our outdoors readers to call Fandango Jake at 438-3060 if they get camping or camping-related (e.g. "open container," "blocking the sidewalk," "walking through the park afterhours", etc) offenses. We hope to have a set of legal suggestions coming out in a subsequent Street Sheet so that you may truly have your day in court (and insist that the harassing officer have his). For the time being, we recommend you plead Not Guilty, demand a trial (before a judge--you can't get one before a jury unless it's a misdemeanor--most of these tickets are for infractions), and conduct a full defense of yourself against a patently unconstitutional law. If you are found guilty, by all means, ask for Community Service (unless you wish to report on crowded jail conditions from the inside).⁽²⁾ "Fight Your Ticket"--a series we began many Street Sheets ago may reappear with Part 4 in a subsequent issue.

BRIEF BLURBS

Recumbent Rob, one of the two sleepers caught with their bodies down at City Hall Tuesday night, reported a quick processing and release from the city's dungeons, the transporting officer so impressed with his previous work as a Motivational Speaker that he urged him to avoid the holding tank; Rob chose the crisper company of fellow prisoners and reported three other campers were being held prisoner awaiting processing, just on that one night (in addition to Sal, also arrested at City Hall for Sleep-crime)...two tips of the hat to Bubbah Brian and Madonna Maria for their continuing front-line service at the Petition for Homeless Rights table, under the watchful eyes and weapons of city troopers and their eager-beaver brownshirted mascots...Dog-eared Dick reports advertised help for the homeless at a Homeless Services office at the old Pacific Bell building on Locust--they'll give you bus fare to Dominican Hospital, he was told....

Costly CAT-scans coming out of the River St. Shelter and Dominican?.. Seems at least 2 folks lodged at the Shelter got treated to one of these \$600- plus tests, perhaps to determine if their mental plumbing was in order. Maybe the folks spending the bucks for these luxuries should have their priorities reordered or their books checked/particularly in a community that doesn't provide dentists for poor and homeless people, it seems extravagant to use CAT-scans to diagnose mental problems.

...Follow-up on the Board of Stupidvipers Cash Giveaway to Human Resources Agency salaries (\$300,000 plus no less): Word reaches us that \$40,000 of \$80,000 budgeted for the fiscal year has already been spent for services: maybe all those extra typists will get paid to type notes to each other while homeless folks take Jane Weed's suggestion and hide from police in the bushes at night...

THERESA TARGETS TICKETS : "The Camping Ban"

"Although I've been in Santa Cruz for 15 years, I had never spent a long summer day just "hanging out" on the Mall until last week, when I decided to research what "Repealing the Camping Ban" actually meant. Although I started my research as a project in Cultural Anthropology, I soon felt strongly enough about it to become more involved.

"Repealing the camping ban means changing the local law so that people who sleep in their vehicles won't get a ticket for doing so. Someone who has been driving and gets very tired, or gets drunk, should be allowed, even ENCOURAGED, to sleep it off in their car. Visting relatives with campers can often be better accomodated in their vans or whatever. (And I personally think that well-maintained and painted schoolbuses help keep the exotic allure that Santa Cruz has for both tourists and freethinkers. Many of these buses are like 60's museums, and their owners are happy to show you around. Just ask.)

"In any case, laws against littering, lack of sanitation, or making noise or a nuisance of oneself already exist and could be more strictly enforced. But it is wrong, as well as inconvenient, to forbid people to sleep in peace.

"So why was this law made? I believe it was to try to cut down on the homeless and poverty-stricken here in Santa Cruz. But a law that makes criminals out of people who have no other place to sleep, is wrong as well as ineffective because these people are still homeless! To add criminality to their poverty is twice dehumanizing and also eats away at any regard they might have had for the law. Most can't (or won't) afford to pay the "camping" ticket they get, and end up with a warrant out for their arrest. When caught, throwing them in jail costs taxpayers over \$40 a day (check the figures yourself!). And when this "criminal" is "let loose" they sleep in their car all over again! (That \$40 could be better spent by adding a few public showers to the public restrooms...if the homeless/unemployed looked and smelled a little cleaner, they could have a chance of getting a job. Some do want work--I've talked to them.)

"In summary, this law is not only ineffective, but also costly to the taxpayers. Perhaps even more importantly, it is unjust in that it makes criminals out of both the poverty-stricken, and people who are living an alternative lifestyle. Let's not make a mockery of justice, by making criminals out of people who sleep in their vehicles. Live and let live, with respect. How can we really know what it's like to be in someone else's sandals?

--Theresa Tranquillo

PARLAY WITH PATTON SLATED

Weary of the boring buffoonery of the Gang of 7 (and the Gang is currently on vacation until mid-September), folks interested in homeless

¹ Sidewalk Shannon, on the other hand, estimates \$225 for 24-hour jail costs, not counting court time.

rights might set their alarm clocks (or position their sleeping bags toward the rising sun) so as to meet and greet General Gary Patton at Cafe Zenho 8 a.m. Monday, August 8 when he discusses the Board of Stupid-vipers upcoming Tuesday agenda. (They meet all day at the County building across the river, on the 5th floor, starting at 9 a.m.)

Various Gang of 7 celebrities (J. Weed and M. Rotkin among others) have advised homeless sleepyheads to stagger over to the Board of Stupid-vipers for a little shuteye. The County repealed its own Sleeping Ban some years back (though it lingers on in certain specified areas), but Sleepnapper Sheriffs continue to rob weary folks of their rest with tiresome regularity. Perhaps General Patton can be persuaded to rein in these lawmen-gone-bad.

We're also going to propose ~~that the county open up a demonstration~~ ~~campground~~ for folks with vehicles (and perhaps those without) to lay down bag and body without the usual midnight molestation. Patton, to his credit, did help pass the 1985 law that permits "camping" everywhere in the County where it's not prohibited by public hearing. Now if he can only Archaic Al Noren to modernize his medieval police priorities, perhaps the homeless can get back to their usual job of struggling through the daylight hours.

Some coffee may be available to the poor of purse, but no guarantees. Bring your latest camping tickets and tell General Gary just what's been going on on the battlefield, while he's been busy in the Boardroom.

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Joining the Sleepwalker's Stroll to the homes of the notoriously sleeplogged Gang of 7 were S.C. Sentinel "reporter" John Robinson and San Jose Mercury News photographer Cheryl Nuss. Nuss's busy camera captured numerous shots of the nighttime wanderers moving from house to house, and one of Woolgatherer Weed having a "dialogue" with the homeless advocates (see below). Cheryl stuck out the vigil to its bitter end around 1 a.m. and wrote a brief piece, suggesting she might do a lengthier one later. Her only inaccuracy--no-key-note "low-key" enforcement of the sleeping prohibition is what we want.

Sentinel hatchetman Robinson on the otherhand (story below) contented himself with lofty sneers at the sleepless and avuncular sympathy towards the well-housed well-rested Councilmembers who declined to invite the visitors to share even the stable out back. Perhaps next stroll, the sleepsearchers will ignore the Gang's modesty and lay down their bags on the front lawns--quietly, so as not to awaken the sleeping neighbors.

In all fairness, we would like to thank the frequently slanderous Sentinel for its second 2nd Sleeping ban survey (August 4--see below) showing again that 4 out of 5 Santa Cruzans have more sense than 7 out of 7 City Council seatwarmers. Keep your fingers on the pulse of the city, Sentinel; just wash your hands and dust off your specs when you report on our next demonstration.

Santa Cruz Sentinel — Wednesday, Aug. 3, 1988

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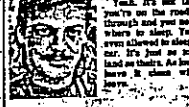
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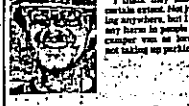
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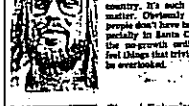
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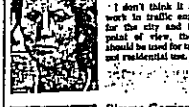
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Cheryl Nuss — Mercury News



VIGYANO'S VISIONS

Attention all anti-abortionists ! Are you one of the soft-hearted people who think it's a crime for any mother to have an abortion? Well, I have news for you. All of the homeless people were once little cuddly babies. They still need your assistance. And now that the population explosion is upon us (over 5,000,000,000 people on this planet) there are more homeless than ever before. We need your support. I suggest you start investigating this situation.

Our state mental hospitals are overcrowded with inadequate care. So the inmates are kept drugged and have their rights taken away. It's a prison. Yes, folks, it's still going on. And a lot of these people are homeless (a prison is not a home).

See a lot of homeless alcoholics or drug users? Well some of these folks feel alienated like you and don't give a damn. Some of these folks are Vietnam Vets with post-war syndrome. You see they got drafted into the service, taught how to kill the "enemy," and faced enormous unending stress. Then they were brought back home into the Good Ole U.S.A. without any rehabilitation. Some are very sensitive people who often have horrendous nightmares. Drinking helps them to forget temporarily.

Some of the street people couldn't find jobs and have no money. And after a few camping tickets, their car was impounded. They went to jail. Now they don't even have their home on wheels, however humble it was.

Some of the street folks are runaways. Some have been molested repeated or have come from violent homes where a few limbs have been broken or their hearts and hopes shriveled by psychological abuse. That can be even worse. Mom or Dad may take strangelight in zeroing in on the child and frightening and/or torturing her.

How about a child whose welfare mother can no longer cope and has gone to bed and refuse to get up, so the child is on the street? Perhaps Mom has gone off to do her own thing.

There are women on the street who left home because of repeated beatings. There are the mentally retarded, the physically disabled, the old people. Yes folks, these are some of the homeless that our city police are ticketing with fines up to \$135 and jailtime.

These are people you see on the mall and feel alienated from. These people are part of the overpopulated world. The human beings on this planet. I could write a whole scenario about how we're destroying our drinking water, the wild life, the air we breathe. But for now-- this is about the homeless.

We're all living on this one planet and Mother Earth needs some help now, today. We have a camping ban in Santa Cruz that is causing a lot of abuse. We have a homeless situation that needs our love and care. Let's get involved. Get acquainted with the homeless. Help dissolve alienation. Bring your heart. Cause love is the healing force. It heals you too.

MADONNA MARIA'S MURMURINGS

(Maria, fluent in at least 3 languages, front-line Homeless Rights Petitioner, and friend to half the street population of Santa Cruz has finally been coaxed into giving us a few words:)

I was on Pacific Avenue yesterday (August 4) and observed a man being arrested. I couldn't believe the way this person was taken into custody. There were 4 police officers (one in plainclothes) and 2 PSI

security guardsto apprehend one man. Half of the officers present could have been taking care of other things. For example, the Beach Flats area...or insuring the safety of theelderly, blind or disabled.

One of the things that's really appalling to me is that someone who is rich can break the law and get off scotfree simply because they have a lot of money in their pocket. Some of them have rich parents who give them money whenever they ask for it. However, if a poor person breaks the law, they get fucked over big time. One--because they can't afford a good attorney. Two--because of the way they look. Three--because some people are a minority (Native American Indian, Hispanic, etc.)

Martin Luther King was a great civil rights leader. Persons of Native American Indian descent have been done wrong by the American government. Their ancestors were the first people here. Last but not least the guys who risked their lives by having to go to Vietnam. We need to stop and think about life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. ---the rights we supposedly have as Americans. These days it's becoming a matter of survival.

SEEN ANY BATHROOMS LATELY?

Former socialist and current gang of 7 fast talker Mike (the mouth) Rotkin assured homeless activists some weeks back that the City of Santa Cruz had several (up to half a dozen) all-night public restrooms in their endless concern for the needs of the homeless. We have sent out knowledgeable and well-armed explorers in search of these fabled lavatories and would appreciate any reports on their whereabouts. Next Street Sheet we hope to publish a map, or perhaps the grim story of those doughty adventurers who struggled, but did not make it, to the promised toilets.

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Register-Pajaroian Wednesday, August 3, 1988

DA's plea for drug-war funds again rejected

KATHARINE BAIL... DA's plea for drug-war funds again rejected... (New) runners are poised to take over (for those arrested). We know they have weekly meetings at the summit (of Highway 17) with Oakland gang members.

Abdullah and Robert attack here nonsense



A couple of local homeless on the mall decided to throw all caution to the wind and celebrate. After all it was maria's birthday.

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Jane Weed, dressed in a nightgown, got out of bed to meet the group which serenaded her with "Silent Night" before demanding homeless camping areas and more services.

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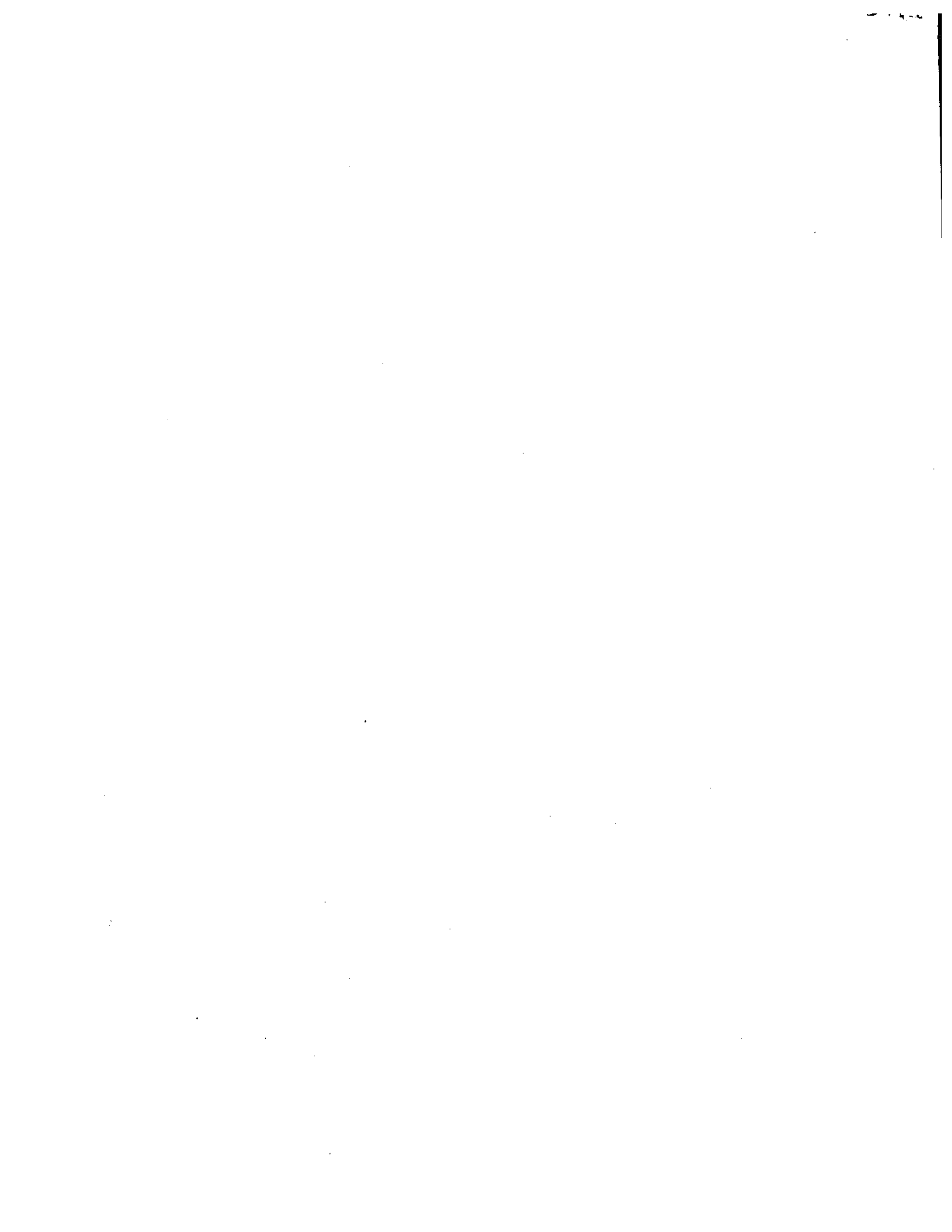
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- Anatole France

Tuesday

August 9, 1988

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STREET
SHIFT



SHEET

STUPES FACE REPORTS OF DEPUTY HARASSMENT FROM ANGRY HOMELESS

Due at the weekly meeting of the County Board of Stupidvipers this afternoon: folks angry and concerned about the illegal misinformation and outrageous sleeping busts that went down last week. (See story below) Liberal Stupidviper G. Patton at his Monday morning agenda meeting at Cafe Zinho (held weekly at 8 a.m.--show up next week if you can) confirmed that it is currently legal to sleep in most unincorporated parts of the County in or outside of your vehicle. When presented with complaints that the Sheriff's office and his roaming deputy dawgs were misinforming people by phone and hassling them late at night ("move on, move on"), Patton agreed to pursue any complaints into the bowels of Norenland and to inform these moral nyctalopiacs¹ that the law is the law, whatever Archaic Al's political priorities might be.

We urge folks who are concerned about lawless lies from deputies paid to enforce the law, not to mention on-the-spot harassment of innocent sleepers to show up at the Board meeting (5th floor, County Building, Ocean & Water Sts.) at 1:30 today. There may be some lengthy business before "Oral Communications" begins, so bring your pillows and prepare to catch a few legal winks. No food and not much entertainment, but some of the people who were busted last Friday (as sensationally misreported in Sunday's S.C. Urinal) may be on hand to describe specific mistreatment by the deputies and S.C.P.D. (who apparently couldn't resist joining in the fun).

Bring along any tickets you got outside the City (that is, tickets you got from brown-shirted Sheriff's deputies--not to be confused with piglet mallmarchers from the PSI) as well as a description of instances when you were falsely informed that it was illegal to sleep in the County and intimidated into moving. The sooner this stuff is brought to light, the quicker we can bury this bullshit practice. Show up and speak up!

ROUSTED SLEEPER CHALLENGES NEWSPAPER'S SLANDERS REPORTS SLEEZY POLICE MISTREATMENT OF WOMEN

Gryphon, one of the 9 campers whose camp and possessions were attacked and destroyed last Friday, gave a point-by-point correction of the slanted trollbuster-titillating story pedalled by the S.C. Urinal last Sunday. Not "more than a dozen," but 8 campsites were involved. The bust began at 5 a.m., according to Gryphon, when he was forced out

¹ nyctalopiac: One who can see well only by day or in a strong light.

of his sleeping bag at gunpoint naked. He was then handcuffed and pushed to the ground, where he was held for fifteen minutes until he agreed to sign a "camping" ticket.

At the same time, other officers interrupted another couple making love, forced both of them out of their tent, and videotaped the naked woman over her protests. The officers then cited the group and gave them one hour (not four as reported by the Urinal) to pack up all their belongings and leave.

Gryphon protested that they were on County land where their camping was legal, but to no avail. The hit team then returned an hour later and began systematically trashing the area, dragging away tents and chopping up personal possessions with machetes and hachets. The campers offered to clean up the mess the officers were making if they could be left in peace, but the Sleepbusters preferred headlines and easy targets and ignored the proposal. According to Gryphon it was the police themselves that created the "giant garbage dump" mostly out of the belongings of the campers. Additionally there was much old garbage there (some cans were dated from the 50s); the old Elks' Club had apparently collapsed down the hill some 30-40 years before with its trash remaining there.

Gryphon and some others involved may be speaking before the Board of Stupidvipers this afternoon to alert the community and other campers what they may be facing from vigilantes-with-badges operating under color of law. They also had few kind words for the Urinal's standard target-the-victim approach to the homeless.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONTINUES BALDFACE LIES TO PUBLIC

WHEN WILL BOARD OF STUPIDVIPERS DEMAND RESPECT FOR ITS OWN LAWS?

Reached this morning by an interested camper, Sgt. Clair continued Archaic Al Noren's long-standing practice of misinforming the public regarding their rights to use County land. Asked if it were okay to sleep anywhere in the County in her VW bus, Clair informed the caller that it was not and suggested she call the welfare department to get money for a place to sleep (isn't this carrying police support for local motels to an extreme?). He also suggested that she couldn't even park her van on someone else's property with that person's permission because that would require a use permit. When asked to state the relevant ordinance, Clair replied he couldn't and bid a friendly goodbay to the caller.

ZINHO, BOOKSTORE SANTACRUZ CONTEMPLATE SHITHOUSE SHUTOUT

Inundated with use of their restroom, the Courtyard businesses off the Bookstore Santa Cruz have put a combination lock on their bathroom and may be seeking to restrict access to their toilets and sinks. Word has reached us that maintenance costs for the bathroom exceed \$1000/month. It does strike us as unfair that private businesses should have to bear so much responsibility for maintaining common public decency and cleanliness. How about a word to the City Council at 429-3550 about opening a public restroom? And has anybody found Rotkin's public bathrooms yet?

In the interim (while the Gang of 7--the Council--is off vacationing while we ^{queue} up at the bathroom door), consider making a small contribution to the jovial James, whose mop and cleanser keep the restroom running. If you can't find him, leave a coin at the back register of the Bookstore Santa Cruz. If we use 'em, we should pay to clean 'em.

Historical note: pay restrooms were tried two years ago at the Bookstore, but abandoned when the tokens disappeared. More recently, 25¢ tolldoors were purchased but not installed. We urge the management to continue its traditional open door policy and urge users to contribute to the upkeep of these little-heralded but much-needed facilities.

August 13, 1988

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Sunday Morning

STREET

SHEET



STUMP THE STUPES: COME TO THE MIDDAY SUPPER TUESDAY!

With the Gang of 7 (City Council) snoozing away their vacation time, sleepseekers and their sympathizers must now turn towards the County and its 5 chief honchos on the Board of Stupidvipers. The Board meets weekly Tuesday starting at 9 a.m., but the public isn't really allowed free rein until Oral Communications around 4 p.m. in the afternoon (or sooner, if they have a short session).

We plan to meet at San Lorenzo Park at the Duck Pond near the one remaining bench, table, and bbq pit to put out a little feed for the hungry. (There used to be many more benches, tables, and pits, but we're told local smallminds removed them, so as to discourage Undesireable Transient Elements.) Anyway, show up at 2 with any sleeping tickets or general harassment coupons you may have collected in the last few months, and make ready to present your story to the Board at 4 p.m. or sooner. They're on the 5th floor of the County Building just a spit and a stumble away.

We also hope to have gotten together a set of Fight Your Ticket guidelines that will assist you if you decide to plead "Not Guilty" and seek a fair trial before a judge. Selected and certified by a friendly local slyster, this set of questions may help you to more fully inform the court as to the particulars of your case, subpoena (or present) witnesses, cross-examine the harassing officers, and generally demonstrate to courtroom and public the folly of these sleeping busts. BRING YOUR TICKETS and TALK ABOUT THEM !

POOP FROM THE STREET

...The Sheriff's office continues to warn innocent travelers against legally resting and sleeping in unincorporated areas of the County. A call this morning that Mi information Center provoked warnings that any hapless person sleepy enough to close his eyes on county property may be accosted and told to "move on." Didn't Stupidviper Gary Patton, "the People's Friend," tell us last Monday and again on Tuesday at the Board meeting that he would attempt to rein in the lawbreaking lawmen? What's up, General? Who's running the army here?

...Our streetwise informants Gandolf and Fredo inform us that another tree has been downed (one in front of Woolworth's on the Mall) in the continuing campaign to eliminate "dangerous black pools" where peering narcs with binocs cannot adequately survey the minute-by-minute movements of each passerby. Still no sign of the missing benches removed from Leaks and in front of the bookstore santa cruz for "repairs." They say the City is slated to remove 14 trees and innumerable shade-giving bushes from the Mall in order to bring 24-hour surveillance to the citizenry.

...A wide-eyed guitar ist apparently saw more than he bargained for last Wednesday night: trollbusters hitting on streetpeople in three separate places, apparently under the eyes of police in a nearby paddywagon with no interference. We hope he brings this to the attention of the Board of Stupidvipers on Tuesday, and in the meantime we'll pass on the news to Gang of 7 motormouth Mike Rotkin, who has assured us he will allow no SCPD hankypanky. (We're still trying to find the 24-hour restrooms you promised us, Mike.)

...due to face the judge: Bubbah Brian for chalking "Make War No More" on a wall near the post office. He offered to clean it up, but our vigilant cost-conscious (\$20-plus/hour for them; \$40-200/day court and jail costs to you) police preferred to handcuff Brian, and haul him in. His trial date's coming up next Wednesday. Anybody interested in watching these expensive unconstitutional antics? Call 429-9801 for more info.

PREGNANT CAMPER IN COLD CELL

Busted this morning on an outstanding warrant over a year old for sleeping in a vehicle in the city limits in a parking lot, Julie B. reported being handcuffed, along with her two companions, and taken to a holding cell, where she was told to remove her shoes and give up her medications (she has hi-blood pressure meds that she has to take 3 times daily). A blood-smeared wall, a filthy toilet, and an overseeing officer who refused her a blanket even though he was informed of her unborn baby's presence-- were Julie's experiences during the next 5 hours, at which point she was released OR, (after being fingerprinted to assist in future sleepcrime investigations.) Julie may be speaking to the Board Tuesday regarding the jail's failure to allow her access to prescribed medication and adequate warmth (she had to sit on the floor). Could this be happening in sunny Santa Cruz?

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...Gentrification moguls up north have put the San Francisco bandwagons to flight. Last Friday, a local court there dismissed the suit brought by folks living in their vehicles against enforcement of the infamous MPC 97. Too scared, disorganized, apathetic, and unsupported to fight back effectively, the S.F. bus people have dispersed to other parts of the city, but continue to plan to fight the discriminatory ordinance in the courts. They may even make common cause with the next target of the trollbusters-with-suits-n-ties: the street community and those who sleep in Golden Gate Park.

“ A Song to Loafing

Laws that criminalize wandering, being on the streets, loitering or not having a job, are, in the rubric of constitutional law, "void for vagueness." They fail to give fair notice of what behavior is forbidden, and they encourage arbitrary and erratic arrests and convictions. They are indefinite by design to allow the police to catch people who are thought undesirable but who have done no wrong and are not chargeable with any particular offense.

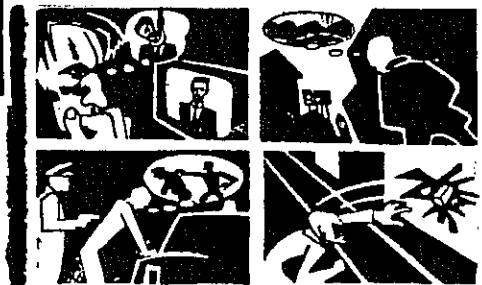
Loitering and loitering, like privacy and many other rights we take for granted, are not specifically mentioned in the Constitution, but they are protected by it. They give value and meaning to life and nurture our sense of independence, self-confidence and creativity. "These amenities," wrote Justice William O. Douglas in declaring unconstitutional a Jacksonville, Florida vagrancy ordinance, "have dignified the right of dissent and have honored the right to be nonconformists and the right to defy submissiveness."

Wanderers and loafers may be bad for the downtown convention trade, but they have an honored place in our culture. Walt Whitman was a great loafer who loved the open road. "I loaf and invite my soul, I lean and loaf at my ease observing a spear of summer grass," he wrote in "Song of Myself."

—Laughlin McDonald, director of the ACLU's Southern Regional Office. Excerpted from an article he wrote for The Atlanta Constitution opposing a plan to "clean up" downtown Atlanta by getting rid of "street parks, benches, benches--"



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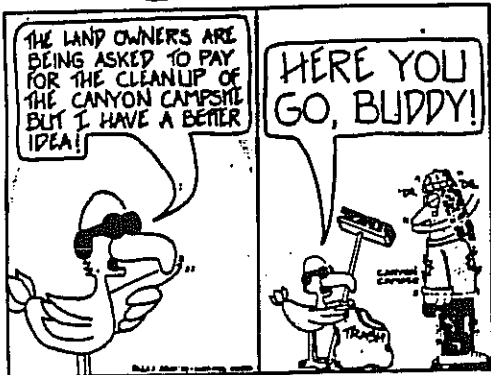
request of the hot dog stand on the corner, who found that the tree (a male of the species) smelled uncomfortably like doggie dodo. Plan are reportedly under way to replace the offending tree with its sexual counterpart whose odor better complements the scent of roasting flesh. We hope this is not another shaggy dog story and further developments

...Coming soon: The Sleepwalker's Reprise: yet another nighttime stroll about the streets of Santa Cruz in search of sleep sanctuaries and the mythical public bathrooms. Ready your robes, nightgowns, and cocoacups. Tune up your barbershop quartet voices. Calamity Jane has promised to accompany the serenading somnambulists with a Welcome Wagon that will supply coffee and sandwiches. She rides while we walk.

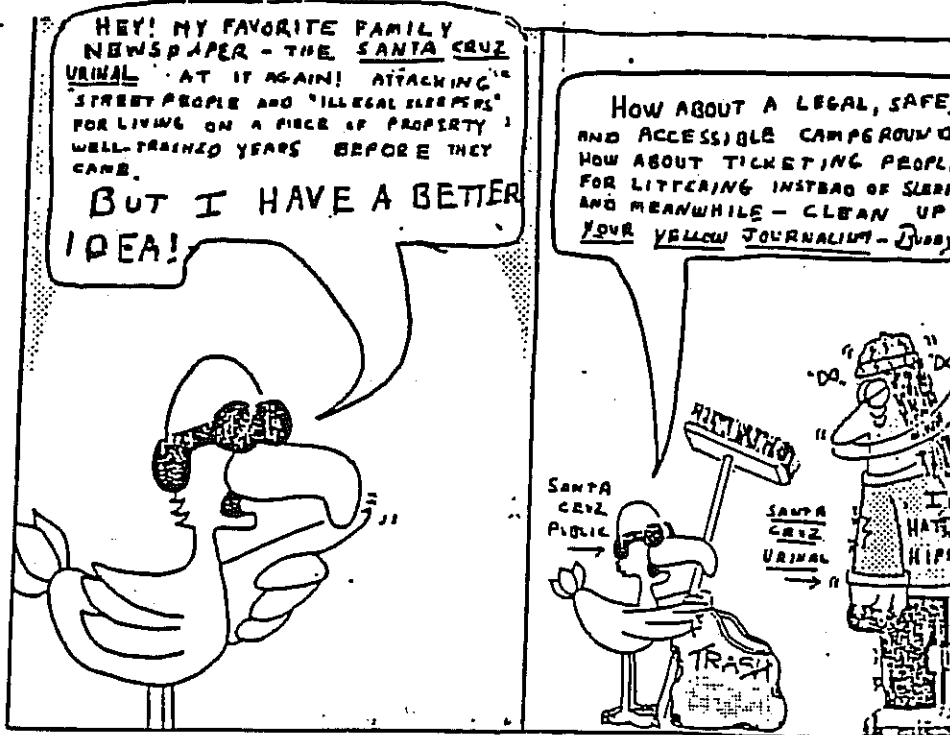
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TALKING BACK TO BIGOTRY:

The Santa Cruz Urinal - sez:
(12/14/88)



We say:



PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN!

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After each question, reply
"yes," "no," "I don't know," "I don't
care," "none of your business," "fuck
you", or whatever comes to mind.

VOICES FROM THE STREETS AND SUITES:

On the Street Sheet:

1. Do you object to the name Street (Shit) Sheet?
2. Any other suggestions:
3. Do you feel we alienate our readers by referring to the dear Supervisors as "Stupidvipers", to the City Council as the "Gang of 7" and to the friendly Santa Cruz Sentinel as the S.C. Urinal?
4. What would you like to see in the Sheet that isn't already there? :
5. Would you pay for a regular subscription to the Street Sheet, say at 10-15¢/two-sided page?
6. Would you like to work on or contribute to the Sheet?
(Write name, and phone):
7. Do you find the Sheet too repetitive or adolescent?
8. Would you like to take the editors of the Sheet out to dinner? (Leave phone number and name)

On demonstrations:

1. Do you feel the homeless suppers in front of City Hall have helped or hindered the cause of those seeking sensible sleeping laws in Santa Cruz City and County?
2. Would you favor more militant tactics?
 - a Tent City?
 - Sleepins at City Hall or downtown?
 - A conscious "fill-the-jails" policy?
 - A nationwide boycott of Santa Cruz until it alters its discriminatory policies?
3. Would you be willing to go to jail (for several days possibly) to end the sleeping ban?
4. Contrariwise, do you feel demonstrations are strengthening opponents of the homeless (the Sentinel, the City Council, trollbusters)
5. Would you be willing to sign and circulate a 2nd Petition for Homeless Rights that would mandate a "right to sleep" for everyone (even those without vehicles), urge a study of abandoned buildings, establish a civilian police review board, and mandate immediate action to deal with the housing crisis?
6. Would you be willing to participate in a demonstration in front of the Police Department against police abuses?
7. Would you be willing to park your vehicle downtown and sleep in it one night during the next the weeks to challenge the Ban?
8. Would you want to volunteer your services, funds, or support to this effort to end the Sleeping Ban? Leave name and phone number.
9. Do you feel our efforts have produced unproductive polarization, creative tension, or something else?

Return to Homeless Table.

STREET SHEET



Abdullah sez:

I hate the editor
but I love the
Street Sheet!



CITY COPS VIOLATE CHURCH SANCTUARY SLEEPBUSTER ANTIQS TAKE ON SINISTER TONE

In a series of pre-dawn raids this week, city police entered the grounds of the Calvary Episcopal Church at 532 Center St. and drove off sleeping homeless people, referred there by the Riverstreet Shelter and lodged there with the permission of Calvary authorities. Unwilling to tolerate the sight of undisturbed slumber so near the center of town, the gun-toting sleepbusters struck first in the early morning hours of August 16 (Tuesday), citing one man (Bindlestiff Bird) and driving off his 9 companions. Church employee Steve J. objected vigorously but to no avail.

The next night 3 squad cars and 4 officers showed up on the scene in a repeat performance, but Steve had arranged an alarm system and hustled all the sleepers into the church building when the first police searchlight appeared. Frustrated at not being about to more directly harass their prey, the police threatened Steve with arrest and may have later electronically activated his burglar alarm in a parting shot at the hassled sleepers. On Thursday night, Steve had to cram all the sleepers inside the church building itself, hoping to avoid further confrontation with the sleepbusting lawmen. A few unfortunates who showed up after the church was locked felt the brunt of the dawn patrol's fury, one man being handcuffed and led away in the 3rd of what may be a continuing series of deprivations on homeless sleepers and constitutional rights.

Perhaps the local "law" is taking a page from the book of their right-wing brothers down in El Salvador where priests supporting the poor get even firmer treatment. Reached later, a high-ranking police official first defended the practice by saying that the head of the local church, David Jones, had authorized the raids some years ago in a letter. Since homeless have been sleeping on church grounds with the specific permission of the church through the Shelter program since early June, this sounds unlikely. Pressed further in a phone conversation yesterday, the official stated that the cops would bust poor sleepers even if they were there with the ok of the episcopal authorities because of...you guessed it... the Santa Cruz City Sleeping Ban.

We encourage our readers to contact police chief Jack Bassett at 429-3700, and ask him what new outrages we can expect from his force in the days ahead. When armed officers begin regular and sanctioned violations of church property, it's time for all of us to wake up.

PASATIEMPO CAMP CLEAN-UP STALLED BY CITY BUREAUCRACY WORKERS STILL WANTED TO HAUL OUT ANCIENT TRASH

Helping hands from the offices of Sleepervisers Patton and Forbis have run into the steel mesh of city and state bureaucracies after initial moves to assist folks cleaning up themuch-touted "garbage dumps" located south of Pasatiempo near the intersections of Highways 1 and 17. Working steadily under the fiery noonday sun Thursday, a dozen or so campers, street people, and homeless advocates bagged a ton or two of two-year old

garbage and stacked up the bags for later removal to the road via a steep and winding trail. Register-Pajaronian and S.C. Sentinel reporters took notes and later wrote fairly prominent stories which appeared in their Friday editions. Channel 8 reporter Jan Stewart trooped in with her videoman and passed on the story to couch potatoes across the county. We commend the news media for covering this situation, though the roots and context of the whole brouhaha was ignored or lightly touched on at best.

The Sentinel (oft-referred to in these pages as the S.C. Urinal for its front-page attacks on street people and campers) patted itself on the back for stirring up the publicity that initiated the cleanup and failed to mention that numerous visits from sheriffs and police in 1987 (when the trash was not substantially less than in 1988) produced no huge environmental outcry. It was only after harassed homeless sleepers began speaking out in the city and demonstrating at City Hall that the huge "camping problem" was unveiled.

Sheriff's deputy M. Tracy informed campers that the land they were on was city property and that police would return in 3 days (Sunday or thereabouts) to drive the cleaner-upers from their makeshift homes (one man has lived there more than 5 years and in the last week had two shelters destroyed by police and/or security patrols in a period of 20 days.) When later pressed by phone to provide a map of the property lines, Tracy grew truculent and vague, retracting earlier statements and insisting he was too busy to talk any further.

Attempts to get a dumpster for disposing of the trash were stalled as of Friday evening by City Hall stalling. The County Environmental Protection unit was able to secure some garbage bags, but were awaiting action from assistant city manager Laura Brown to seek a waiver of the state encroachment permit usually required to place a dumpster on the shoulder of a freeway.

Homeless advocates are encouraging people with flatbed trucks to volunteer their vehicles (talk to us at the Homeless table or call 426-4606) so the clean-up can be continued and completed. A special tip of the hat to the Coffee Roasting Company for its gunny sack donations-- and to Rev. John (whose column appears next issue) for securing them. We also need a few dozen volunteers to be ready to pass trash bags hand over hand once the trucks or dumpsters are secured. This may happen Monday morning or possibly sooner, so have your old clothes ready. A sign will be posted at the Homeless table the morning of the clean-up.

THE KICKER' DRAWS HIS GUN?

CLARK'S CAPERS THE TALK OF THE MALL

Disquieting allegations have been pouring in regarding the conduct of our own beloved Officer Clark in the past week. After a report that Clark kicked and threatened the limping J. Miller Thursday night before last, another man on crutches reported a similar incident early this week (arrested under the Sleeping ban for an old warrant, this man reported Clark told him he'd be kicked in the injured leg if he didn't leave town). The same day (August 17) a third man filed a formal complaint at the police station against Clark, alleging he violently abused a drunk in front of Shockley's and threatened the complainant, seeking to stop him from witnessing the situation. Finally, on the evening of August 18, half a dozen witnesses saw Clark draw his gun on a man carrying a skateboard after the skateboarder had objected to Clark's demand that he shut up and offered to fight Clark fairly. "Down on your knees and say your prayers," was reported what the 'fastest gun-on-Pacific' told the trembling skateboarder. We suggest a vacation for the hyperenthusiastic policeman in some far-off jurisdiction where his sleep and ours may remain undisturbed.

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...Correction: the offending ginko tree removed from the Woolworth's area on the mall was a female and not a male as reported in Street Sheet #20. Our knowledgeable informant also tells us that the merchants are maintaining their traditional "blame the homeless" attitude toward business problems and encourages us to use a trashcan, particularly towards the end of the day when the paid street cleaners have gone home to their well-deserved rest.

...Our thanks to the anonymous but timely donations of food that have been appearing on the upper end of the mall from The Mystery Feast-bringer. Again we encourage all eaters to trash the plastic and paper accompanying the edible goodies to sooth the sensibilities of over-sensitive. Volunteer for the periodic Trashmasher patrols led by Biblemaster Alan and watch for announcement of our Wheel of Garbage contest which offers free Street Sheets and fond hugs to the most prolific trashfinder (no fair raiding the dumpsters).

....Community activist and loveable ragamuffin Billy Q. reports the County Administrating Office may act on his letter to the Board of Sleepervisers denouncing County policy of busting folks in other counties on sleeping-tickets-zone-to-warrant, then shipping them back to jail here at taxpayer expense, and releasing them for the whole process to begin again....

...Earnest but overworked shysters are still assuring us that Fight Your Ticket guidelines for use in your upcoming Sleeping ticket trials will be out by next week. Better start digging in to your own lawbooks. A call to fearless Foytik (see below) may also be helpful.

...Ear-to-the-wind, voice-to-the-skies, street musicians Amiable Amy and Banjo Bob may be joining us on our Monday nite sleepwalk. The two noted unusual police solicitude a few days ago for a mob of Christian hymnshouters up near Zoccoli's in spite of numerous complaints phoned in by ear-weary pedestrians and unimpressed pagans who wanted to see if the police would apply even-handed harassment to all vocalists. The patrolling officers ambled on by, however, more respectful of christian focalists than of christian sanctuary (see earlier story).

SECOND SLEEPWALK MAY END IN SLEEP-IN

Time to put on your nightcaps and robes again, sleepers--Monday night August 22 at 8:00 p.m. we gather at the town clock across from

the Mall, light our candles, and tune up our voices for another bedtime stroll to Gang of 7 members and hopefuls' homes in search of a soft lawn to sleep on, or, perhaps, some more helpful advice as to where the sleepy can legally sleep. Bring sleeping bags, blankets, cocoa cups, melodic musical instruments, and fairy dust. Calamity Jane will reportedly be driving either her chariot or her welcome wagon to provide coffee, doughnuts, and pillows. You must provide your presence. The walk is slated to end at the town clock where, rumor has it, some will be too sleepy to go any further and have to bed down there. We invite local folks (especially those running for City Council) who believe sleeping to be a right not a privilege to join us or offer a napping place and a cocoa break for the strolling somnambulists.

FEARLESS FOYTIK TO HEAD TICKETWATCH

Longtime activist and sometime Gang of 7 aspirant Carl Foytik has withdrawn from the City Council race and agreed to assist folks plagued by sleeping, camping, and other-type harassment tickets. Carl is not a lawyer, but has been able to face down the chief hound--Jack Bassett himself--in getting false tickets thrown out or withdrawn. Foytik can be reached at 427-0826. He urges you to make a copy of your ticket (make two and leave one at the Homeless table) and give him a call. If you can't reach him, plead not guilty and ask for a trial.

COURTHOUSE CALENDER

...Bubbah Brian wore out the seat of his pants waiting for arraignment in MacAdams courtroom Wednesday on charges of chalking "Make War No Mar" on a wall near the post office. Though he offered to erase it, he was led off in handcuffs, perhaps for asserting his rights too clearly. Charge dismissed.

...Bubbah Brian charged with operating the Homeless table too close to a bench. (He'd moved it further from the bench to correct a mistake made by another worker, but this movement attracted the attention of pistol-toting watchers.) Charge dismissed.

...Robespierre Robert, first of the City Hall sleep-in cases up for trial, will appear in Judge Atack's court, 8:30 a.m. August 30, on a charge of felonious snoozing. Witnesses and well-wishers are invited to attend. Court B.

SATISFIED SNORES FROM SANTA BARBARA

While San Francisco vandwellers are staggering under recent police assaults on the right to sleep, Santa Barbara homeless, both in and out of vehicles, are reportedly in much better shape than 3 years ago when they began their campaign for the right to sleep. Santa Barbara activist Rough-hewn Robert gave us the dope last issue--and his story was confirmed by Legal Defense Center attorney Will Hastings, who noted busts were down by 75% for sleeping (though camping laws are still being used to harass more visible sleepers). Hastings noted all tickets were vigorously contested, demurrers filed, and trials sought. He offered to freely provide his own advice and experience by phone to attorneys up here planning to fight the constitutionality of the Sleeping Ban. He also encouraged people to file statements about police misconduct, noting that such actions had results (though 50% of those who filed them failed to appear in court because driven out of town by the police).

We display below the historic poster that eventually produced a miracle conversion of the Santa Barbara bosses and persuaded them to allow sleepers their basic human rights.

SHAKEY'S SOFT SHOUTS

"The mall is my garden; I watch the people go by.
The mall is my music; Girl on the mall.

The woods are my soft bed; look at the stars.
The clouds that roll away to a new day.

Getting high with my friends, talking about the hard times
And all that they done

Badge on the corner really makes me wonder.

In the sunshine I trip away to darker days."

--Shakey

"LET US BE HONEST" by Anders

"A few days ago, I told officials S.C.P.D. and the
County Sheriff's department that I was homeless, camping illegally,

and that I was willing to tell them exactly where I was camping.
I am also planning on telling the Cowell Foundation, the owners
of the land I am now camping on, at the soonest possible opportu-
nity. I did this out of a desire to be honest.

"I honestly believe that I have the right to camp and utilize
the land that other people are not already using. If in truth I have
this right, then why should I be surreptitious around the police?
It is better to confirm and voice this right with those who wish to
deprive us of it. We must never forget that although law enforcement
officials may have a different opinion than us, and although they
are willing to back up that opinion with violence, they are still
good human beings. They have parents; they have had children; they
have cried; they have loved, some are even proud grandparents.

"We must not scorn them for carrying their cruel nightsticks;
we must look into their hearts and love them for the good things they
have done. We must love our fellow human beings in uniform so that
in time they will find the blackstick at their side tooheavy a burden
to carry if they want to rise to the peaceful place within themselves.

"Let us be honest."

--Anders Schwartz Corr

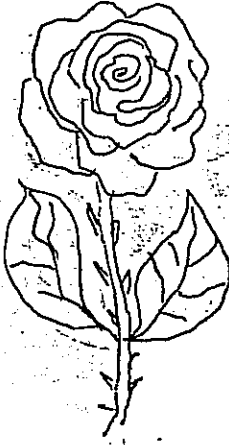
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"Schools, politicians, business people, police--all want the
mind to be trained. And the heart can be a disturbance. It is
going to be a disturbance.

"If you are a policeman and if you have a heart, you cannot
give a man or woman or child a sleeping ticket, or arrest him for
sleeping illegally. You remember you have a bed waiting for you
at home. Your children, your old mother and father, are sleeping in
a warm bed in their homes.

"This person has done nothing to you. He is just sleeping, a
basic human necessity. And you are going to wake him up and give
him a ticket and make him move, or even arrest him because of other
unpaid sleeping tickets. For what? To fill your ticket quota for
the police department? To be obedient? To get a promotion?"

Even a beautiful Rose
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Thorns.



Sleep is
Healthy
(Everybody likes sleep)
(Quiet for sleep)
(More sleep)
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(Legalize sleeping)

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T.V. 22

The homeless in Santa Barbara are under attack.
Santa Barbara's anti-sleeping law is not designed for tourists or vacationers. It is intended to drive the homeless out of town.
Santa Barbara in the 1980's has become the kind of example that Selma and Montgomery were in the 1960's.
And, just as in Selma and Montgomery, we must draw the line.

SUPPORT THE HOMELESS.

GO TO SANTA BARBARA. GO TO SLEEP. GO TO JAIL.

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Santa Barbara aftermath:

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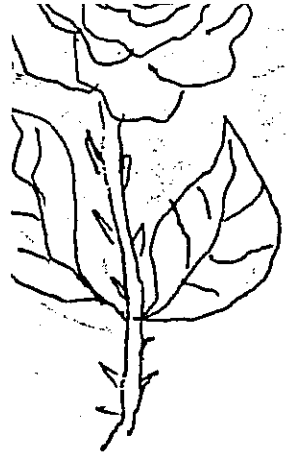
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Ernie Fuchs

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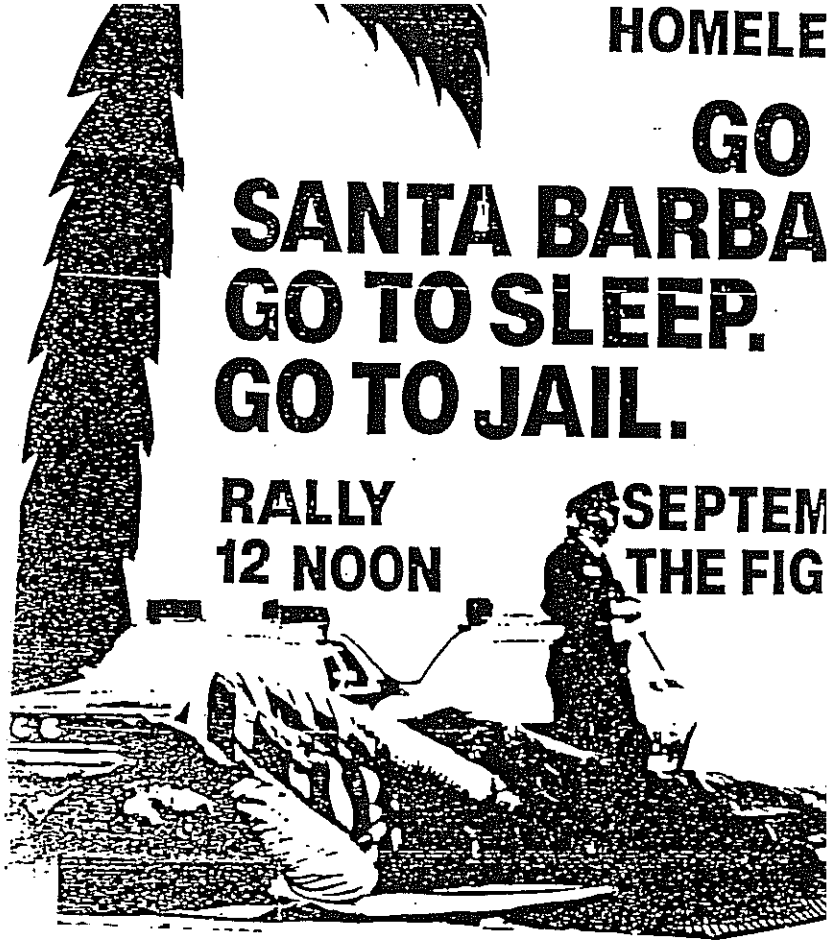
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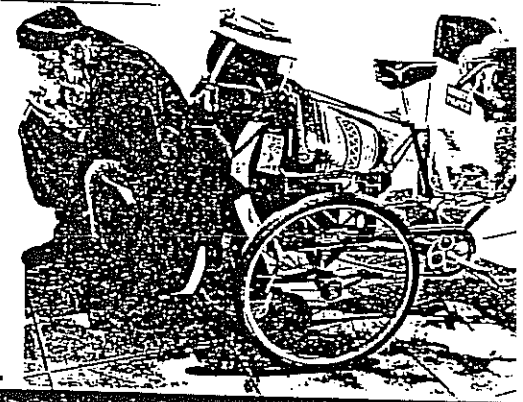


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STREET SHEET



CLEAN-UP CONTINUES TODAY: GET READY TO GET DIRTY

Still unable to secure trucks or dumpsters, Petition for Homeless Rights cleanliness fanatics ("Cleanliness is next to Well-restedness in our pantheon of virtues") plan to press ahead with the Pasatiempo property cleanup today, starting around 1 p.m. About a hundred hefty garbage bags have been donated by anonymous donors (and we encourage you good citizens out there to secure more). With these bags, our own good legs and numerous helping hands, we intend to bag another ton or two of garbage and ready it to be passed out once the state bureaucracy and private truck owners come through with the final leg of the transportation.

Come on by the Homeless table. Let us know you're interested. You too may find your picture in the local papers or on tv if the reporters are ambitious enough to follow us out to the campers' area a second time. Wear old clothes. Try and borrow a pair of gloves or old socks. Warning to the squeamish: this is volunteer work--no wages, no benefits, no meals, no manners. Just the thrill of changing places for a day with your garbage men.

For those too fastidious, weak, busy, or well-groomed to be interested in this soul-building labor (that shouldn't take more than an hour or two), we direct you to the Monday night Sleepwalker's Stroll at 8 p.m. at the town clock. (See below)

It's clean-up time. Not to pacify the property owners or balm the press, or even further PR with the community-at-large. As Raging Eddie put it, it ain't the campers that created the problem, but the community that has consistently denied services to folks who need them and then sought to blame the victims. A more enlightened attitude towards certain basic human needs these last few years (portapotties? public rest rooms? occasional garbage pickups?) would have obviated this whole situation. And, ask yourself, who creates more waste--the Tannery and fast-food restaurant business?, the tourists and the weekend beerbarfers?, the middle-class drowning in its own trash?--or a handful of canyon campers? To ask the question is to answer it.

CORRECTIONS...UPDATES...APOLOGIES

....Carl Foylik is still the man to call for advice on your ticket (at 427-2826) (keep trying if you don't get through quickly). He tells us, however, that head police hound J. Bassett was most helpful in correcting the egregious errors of his too-hot-to-strike underlings and did not need to be "faced down," merely reasoned with. We wish the Master Sleepbuster were so reasonable about the most basic human right--the right to private untroubled sleep. Give him another call, Carl.

....If you've been following our "next issue" section, you'll be saddened to know that we must postpone for yet another issue (or three) the clever advice of our legal eagles in dealing with the D.A. in court...as well as Rev. John's street history and helphints...sorry, John, your carefully hand-written article has been (again) temporarily mislaid...

....Calvary Church sources report that SCPD raids onto church soil are down, perhaps because church worker Stev. D. has himself been roosting sleeping unfortunates from the church grass to "save them" from the police...

HOMELESS HOE-DOWN TO PRECEDE SLEEPWALK

Billed for 8:00 p.m. August 22 at the town clock, the 2nd Sleepwalk-and-Serenade by that Gang of Gangs - the Gang of (aka the "City Council" to the naive) continues to twinkle brightly in our future, and we hope, yours. But 7:00 p.m., an hour prior to that magic moment when the happy homeless begin their nocturnal amblings, street musicians, big-name bands, and unknown soloists are invited to present original and stolen songs concerning issues of Homeless Rights. The meaner and stronger the better. Particularly desirable: songs naming local names, telling local tales, and setting to music personal experiences or ideas. Lusty lyrics and sentimental love songs will also be considered.

Warning: the judges will have a tape recorder present and will seek the right to teach your tune to the Sleepwalkers so that they may share your stuff with Gang of 7 members and aspirants. If you can write up your lyrics and xerox a few copies for the walkers, great. Think of the fame and spiritual fortune to be made with your songs echoing about the nighttime streets of Santa Cruz. Start composing now! Have your songs ready and your instruments in tune at 7 p.m. Monday, in front of the town clock.

And everybody else: dress warmly, but bring pillows, nightgowns, and teddybears. Candles and cocoa will be provided.

Also remember that you may decide to lay down your sleeping bag at the town clock after our merry march has ended. If so, the sleepshoppers may be ready with their ticketbooks, so be advised.

VIGYANO'S VISIONS.

While working with a dozen volunteers to clean up trash, Jane Imler and I were waiting for more bags, and Jane was talking to a reporter. She mentioned she was an activist for the homeless and an environmental activist as well. "Good grief!" I thought, "I'm picking up this garbage, so that makes me an activist too!"

"Howsoever, I've discovered bits and pieces of information, and I'd like to share them with you. Jerry and Scott have been living in the woods here for quite a few months. As simple and basic as it is, this is their home. They have readily welcomed and shared their space, their food, and warm friendship with other homeless folks. One was a lady, who stayed in the protection of the woods while she healed from a serious case of hepatitis.

"I also talked to a young man who was an ex-convict and drug addict. He shared how grateful he was to be living in nature away from the drug scene and how he had asked the authorities for help over and over because he had a drug problem, but no help was offered. Only prison. As he talked, I found myself bewildered by the insensitivity of the whole "War on Drugs" our government has into, by the way our society treats addicts of illegal drugs.

"I talked with Jeff, a simple guy with a big heart and very sensitive. He just wanted to be left alone to continue living in the woods and to invite others into his sanctuary for healing.

"Now I hear from the police who came. Jeff and the others have been well warned that the police will return in three days and bust the illegal campers. I wonder at this insensitive society where alienation and stress is epidemic. It's really time for self-searching. If our laws are inhuman, are we to be obedient? Or do we question authority? Do we use our intelligence and become activists?

CAMPING LAWS BLOWN UP

Myopic and crabby readers have insisted that the City and County camping laws, as boldly displayed in Street Sheet #17, were difficult to read without extensive magnification. Rather than suggest our faithful followers start flexing their eye muscles or begin eating more carrots in their diets, we present the following section for the visually impaired:

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CAMPING 6.31.000-6.34.010

6.36.030 HEALTH AND SANITATION

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6.31.000 VIOLATION. It is unlawful for any person not authorized as provided in Section 6.31.030 to collect bundled newspapers from street curbsides in the city. Any person engaging in such unlawful activity is guilty of an infraction. (Ord. 74-14 § 11(part), 1974).

Chapter 6.30

CAMPING

- 6.36.010 Camping prohibited.
- 6.36.030 Camping permitted.
- 6.36.040 Camping - Special events.
- 6.36.050 Penalty - single offense.
- 6.36.060 Penalty - subsequent offense within 48 hours.

6.36.010 **CAMPING PROHIBITED.** No person shall camp anywhere in the city of Santa Cruz, whether on public or private property, except as hereinafter expressly permitted. "To camp" means to do any of the following:

- (a) Sleeping - eleven P.M. to eight thirty A.M. To sleep at any time between the hours of eleven P.M. and eight thirty A.M. in any of the following places:
 - (1) Outdoors with or without bedding, tent, hammock or other similar protection or equipment;
 - (2) In, on or under any structure not intended for human occupancy, whether with or without bedding, tent, hammock or other similar protection or equipment;

(b) In, on or under any parked vehicle, including an automobile, bus, truck, camper, trailer or recreational vehicle.

(c) Setting up bedding - eleven P.M. to eight thirty A.M. To establish or maintain outdoors or in, on or under any structure not intended for human occupancy, at any time between the hours of eleven P.M. and eight thirty A.M., a temporary or permanent place for sleeping, by setting up any bedding, sleeping bag, blanket, mattress, tent, hammock or other sleeping equipment in such a manner as to be immediately usable for sleeping purposes.

(d) Setting up campsite - anytime. To establish or maintain outdoors or in, on, or under any structure not intended for human occupancy, at any time during the day or night, a temporary or permanent place for cooking or sleeping, by setting up any bedding, sleeping bag, blanket, mattress, tent, hammock or other sleeping equipment or by setting up any cooking equipment, with the intent to remain in that location overnight. (Ord. 78-29, §2, 1978)

6.36.030 **CAMPING PERMITTED.** Camping is permitted in the city of Santa Cruz only in the following circumstances:

- (a) Camping in public areas specifically set aside and clearly marked for public camping purposes.
- (b) Camping events sponsored and conducted by and under the direction and control of the Santa Cruz City Parks and Recreation Department.
- (c) Camping events authorized by the city council pursuant to section 6.36.030.
- (d) Camping in the yard of a residence with the consent of the owner or occupant of the residence, where the

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6.36.030 **CAMPING - SPECIAL EVENTS.** The city council may, by resolution, authorize overnight camping on city-owned property as a special event sponsored by non-profit community service organizations. Any organization seeking such authority from the city council shall file with the parks and recreation director a written request setting forth detailed information concerning the proposed event. The parks and recreation director may require certain additional information in writing, as he or she may deem necessary or appropriate for evaluation of the request. When complete information has been submitted, the director of parks and recreation shall confer with the city manager and they shall jointly prepare and submit to the city council a report with their recommendation for approval, conditional approval or denial of the request. (Ord. 78-29, §2, 1978)

6.36.040-6.36.060. HEALTH AND SANITATION

6.36.040 **PENALTY - SINGLE OFFENSE.** Any person who violates any section in this chapter is guilty of an infraction and shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars (Ord 78-41, § 1, 1979)

6.36.060 **PENALTY - SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE WITHIN 48 HOURS.** Any person who violates any section in this chapter and is cited for such violation, and who within forty-eight hours after receiving such citation again violates the same section, is guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord 79-41 § 1, 1979)

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CAMPING 6.36.030

camping is in the rear yard of the residence or where the camping is in an area of a side yard of the residence that is separated from view from the street by a fence or hedge or other obstruction; except that camping shall not be permitted under this subsection where it is conducted in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance because of noise, inadequate sanitation, or other matters offensive to persons of ordinary sensibility; nor shall camping be permitted under this subsection where the camping in any yard is of such frequency, intensity or duration as to constitute a use of land prohibited by any provisions of title 24 of this code; nor shall camping be permitted under this subsection where prohibited under chapter 24.30 of this code concerning use of mobile homes; nor shall camping be permitted under this subsection where any fee, charge or other monetary consideration is collected for the privilege of camping or for any services or the use of any facilities related thereto. (Ord. 78-29, §3, 1978).

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- Chapter 16.10
- NO CAMPING ZONES
- 16.16.010 Level.
- 16.16.020 Definitions.
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The board of supervisors finds that unauthorized camping may result in unclean, unattended fires, public nuisances or other public health and safety problems. The intent of this chapter is to establish a procedure by which the board of supervisors may designate specified areas within the unincorporated portions of Santa Cruz County as no camping zones. (Ord. 3631 (1 part), 1985 prior code § 8.54.01)

16.16.020 Definitions.
 "To camp," and "camping" mean to tubular or maintain at any time a temporary or permanent place for cooking and/or sleeping.

- A. Outdoors, with or without the use of shelter;
- B. in, on or under any structure not intended for human occupancy;
- C. in, on or under any parked vehicle, including an automobile, bus, truck, camper, trailer or recreational vehicle; or
- D. in, on or under any abandoned or

unincorporated structure. (Ord. 3631 (1 part), 1985 prior code § 8.54.01)

16.16.030 Designation authority.
 The board of supervisors may designate any areas within the unincorporated portions of Santa Cruz County as "no camping zones" for such purposes as to protect the land as a natural public resource. Notice of the hearing shall be given to the public in advance by posting in public places within the proposed "no camping zone" and by local newsy advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed "no camping zone." The proposed zone shall be identified by a signpost sufficient to enable enforcement. If the board designates a "no camping zone," it may also direct that the designated area be posted or otherwise identified as a "no camping zone." The board may remove a "no camping zone" designation at the same manner in which it is established. (Ord. 3631 (1 part), 1985 prior code § 8.54.02)

16.16.040 Camping prohibited in designated areas.
 No person shall camp in any zone designated by the board of supervisors as a "no camping zone" except as otherwise permitted by this chapter. (Ord. 3631 (1 part), 1985 prior code § 8.54.03)

16.16.050 Designated.
 The following zones are designated as "no camping zones":
 - A. S. M. Correll Foundation Ocean Beach Lighthouse Area;
 - Santa Cruz city limits to the south;
 - Hiram Correll State Park to the north; the

unincorporated portions of Santa Cruz County to the south.

16.16.060 Exemptions.
 Camping shall be permitted in the no camping zones located in the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County in the following circumstances:
 A. Camping shall be permitted in public or private areas specifically posted and clearly marked for camping purposes.
 B. Camping shall be permitted in open areas with events sponsored and operated under the direction and control of the Santa Cruz County Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services Department.
 C. Camping shall be permitted in the yard of a residence with the consent of the owner or occupant of the residence. The subdivision does not authorize or validate camping with such frequency, frequency or duration as to constitute a use of land prohibited by any provision of Title 13 of this code. (Ord. 3631 (1 part), 1985 prior code § 8.54.04)

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 ...no repeat--no surveys from Street Sheet #20 were turned in to our anxiously expectant editor; come on campers--reread #20, rip out page 4, and fill it out!...Donations are rising (though this paper is still losing money); even a local merchant or two has quietly passed us a little cash and patted us on the back; now if they can just give the Downtown Businessman's Assn and the Downtown Commission brain and heart transplants...Monday morning 8 a.m. at the Cafezinho, Sleepervisor G. Patton again emerges to expound on Tuesday's Board of Stages agenda; show up and thank General Patton for softening the Sheriff's office and ask him what's happened to the long-delayed walk-in campground; maybe Gary can redirect a little bureaucrat booty into a real home for the homeless...

Volunteers help clean campsite of homeless

By Kathy Salomon

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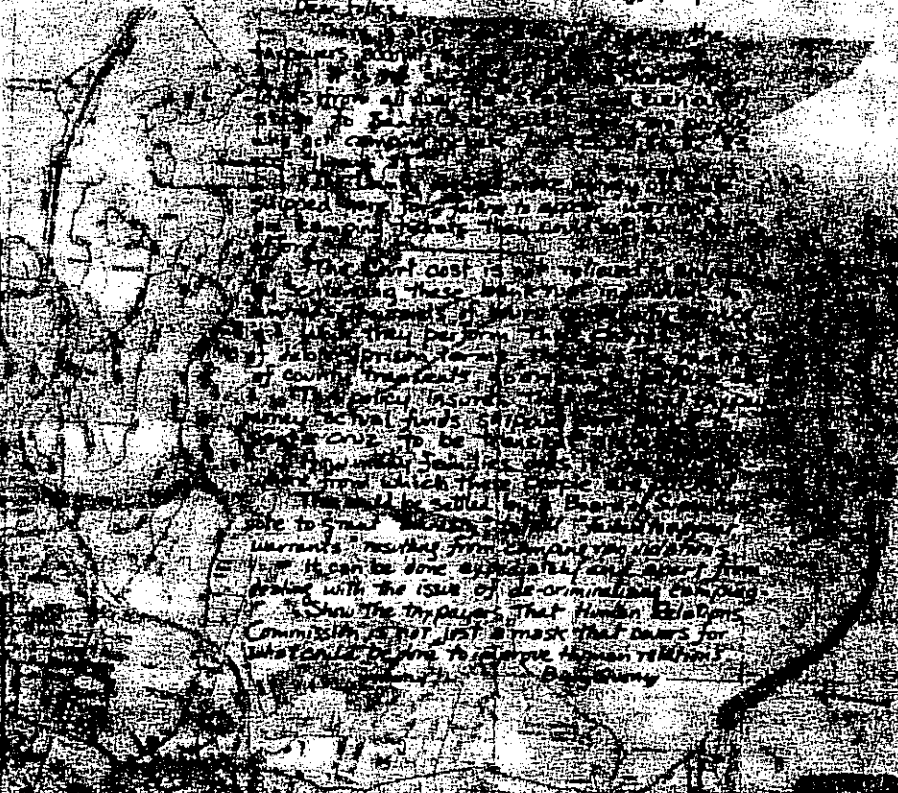


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MENTAL ILLNESS SYSTEM: VICTIM'S PLAN DEMO AT RIVER ST. SHELTER

"Orange John" and his gang of street-speaking senatics will be at the River St. and Highway 9 come Thursday August 25 at 4:30 p.m. to demonstrate the River St. Shelter's practices of diverting homeless patients into the Mental Illness System as as of 72-hour holds, into psych wards, and locked door-board and care homes. John is concerned that a heavy percentage of Harbor House patients are from out-of-county and speculates that the local mental illness patients are down at Dominican are shipping to be labeled "grave" and sent off to far-away board and care homes, outside the circle of their friends and support system.

Also of concern is the rumor that Bob Campbell, who heads the psychiatric side of the Shelter, may be given commitment powers usually reserved to power-crazed shrinkadinks. We haven't spoken to Bob yet about the controversy and have found him a friend of the homeless in the past. But we encourage our readers to speak to all parties concerned, ask lotsof questions, and continue to support Orange John in his campaign to end forced treatment at these modern-day mind-cages. (River St. Shelter is an open facility, and we don't know whether folks in the psych beds there are forceably medicated or not. More in our next issue.)

Sleepytime Schedule Tonight:

at the Town Clock
(across from post office)

Homeless Hoedown 7 p.m.
Sleepwalk Starts 8 p.m.
Possible Sleepin midnight



#23

August 22, 1988

Monday Morning

STREET SHEET

"Houseless not

homeless-- the earth is my home."

--Lorenzo the Destro

LATE BREAKING NEWS:

PATTON GRAPS CUT, BROWN "BOSS" ELSEWHERE

Confronted at his Monday-morning koffeekatch, little General G. Patton replied to an inquiry as to just where the promised Pasatiempo clean-up dumpster promised by his aide Denis last Thursday was hiding, with a stiff "it's the city's problem." When asked whether his office could expedite the situation by carrying out its commitments, Patton bridled, ducked, and lashed out at the questioner, suggesting he was "unprofessional" to raise the issue at his Monday morning private pep talk. Asked how to proceed, Patton suggested a letter, but later continued that he'd suggest the Board of Stupidvipers ignore the letter anyway, leaving the trash to pile up on the shoulder of hiway 17 where campers were carrying it out by hand on the understanding that it would be gathered.

Private citizens Charles Levine and Al Raboff responded to the Stuperviperish stonewalling by offering \$40 to pay for dump costs (Patton refused to provide or seek any assistance, expecting campers to pay for the costs of waste left by dozens of others). Lorenzo the Destroyer last offered his truck for use, so it looks like the little General may be on the hook for the moment.

Meanwhile, Laura Brown, assist city manager, whose office was responsible for clearing the project, continued to be too busy to reply. Looks like the campers, the homeless, and the public-spirited will be handling this project alone.

CAMPER-BAGGED GARBAGE AWAITS CITY/COUNTY ACTION

TRASH IN SEARCH OF A DUMPSTER PILES UP ON HIWAY 17 SHOULDER

Fulfilling their promise to clean up Pasatiempo campsites and dumpgrounds, filled with garbage from campers and residents of years be Jocular Jeff and a group of fellow campers, good samaritan street folks and enterprising homeless activists continued bagging years-old trash on the late Sunday sun and readying it for pickup. County authorities had assured the workers Thursday and Friday that a dumpster would be available to spirit away the garbage mound, but by mid-Saturday Jeff and his fellow campers found the trash they had carefully bagged and dragged to the road head near their campsite was causing such a stink, it had to be painstakingly hauled out to the road in hopes that the clowns downtown would do what had contracted to do and get some hauling vehicles or containers there.

Homeless advocates intend to confront Sleeperviser Gary Patton with the problem come Monday morning 8 a.m. when he offers diehard loyal and long-suffering critics alike his weekly analysis of the Board of Stupidvipers Tuesday agenda in the cafezinho, behind the bookstore santa cruz. Folks interested in bringing up homeless issues (such as the need for a campground, problems with lawless sheriffs engaging in unauthorized sleazebait raids on county property, the question of 'who's got the dumpster?', etc) are invited to prop open their eyes and stagger on down to catch the little General Patton does respond to questions (if pursued vigorously enough), and hi

knowledge of state and county issues is quite extensive. Whether he can develop the political will to press for setting up such an obvious necessity as a walk-in campground where homeless folks and travelers can sleep and camp in peace depends on the pressure you exert as wide-awake citizens. It's election time coming up--so now's the time to speak.

NEWSPAPER'S POOR-BAITING RAISES FAMILIAR CHORUS OF REDNECK HIPPIE HATERS

Dripping with sneeze from their "camper garbage" expose of the last two weeks, the Santa Cruz Urinal's muddy hands have eagerly grasped a filthy fistful of bigot-bits, a sack of hate mail directed against the Pasatiempo campers. "Make the campers clean up," scream the incoming letters, the writers prompted to small-minded rage by the inaccurate, incomplete, and slanted reporting of the masters of yellow journalism.

From the first, the campers had offered to clean up their campsites and some of the nearer dumps. For years, the Pasatiempo property owners had made no complaints (a simple letter to the SCPD would have enabled the eager sleepbusters to clear the campsites); could they possibly have known the garbage problem was of long standing? Could they have been uninterested in meeting their own responsibilities and cleaning it up? Could they have been doing a little dumping of their own?

Sheriffs, SCPD, and fire inspectors visited the area numerous times in 1987. Why was no action taken then? Could it be that the downtown agitation against sleepbusting by people, poor and well-to-do alike who've had enough of this stupid unfair law prompted the police to look for new ways of generating hostility against street people and campers?

Hard on the heels of The Great Garbage Scandal came a series of raids against church-supported sleepers on the grounds of Calvary Episcopal (see Street Sheet #21). The S.C. Urinal saw fit to rage on in its headlines about trash--to terrorize the fastidious minds of the fearful homebodies it has roused to their writing tables, but didn't give a damn about the rights of dozens of people under the nominal protection of the church seeking sanctuary from a cruel and crazy Sleeping Ban.

We were glad to see the Urinal devoting a column or two to the campers' cleanup in its Friday edition. But the damage of its trollbusting appeals continues to echo in its letter columns, as it well-anticipated and hoped for. It seeks to ride a whirlwind of bigotry into the November elections and install an even more narrow-minded slate of bigots in City Council than the current Gang of 7 (who could hardly be worse on the Sleeping Ban). We urge caring people to get to their typewriters, to pull out their notepads, and let Urinal readers know that the tinkle-down yellow journalism doesn't fool as many or as easily nowadays. Flush away this garbage. Send 'em a letter, and send us a copy (leave a letter at the Homeless table).

REV. JOHN'S RECOLLECTIONS

Let's talk. What has this County come to? Remember when your mother would come down and buy an item or listen to the music being played? Creativity was displayed all over this town. I remember tourists were gathered and I'd hear them say, "This is such a magical town; all the music and the arts are so beautiful. Sure wish vacation wasn't over."

My own grandma and family would come down just to hear the music. Police were very friendly. I'd hear "good morning" while Joe Jones was lighting a joint, relaxing in the sun, or even exchanging arts and crafts. A real positive atmosphere. Oh, but the music! Whether it was a song by Bob Dylan or a flute recital of Beethoven's 5th, sweetness echoed throughout the mall.

Folks were surely attentive to what was ministered enough to come back year after year to spend their hard-earned bucks on the crafts, and to fill the musicians' box.

The warmth of Santa Cruz...is gone. Let's ask ourselves this question, "Do we really want it this way?" Signs everywhere. Tourists see these also and wonder. Security guards patrolling...police on the watch. What has Santa Cruz come to? Why is it this way? Why do the \$75,000 campers get to park anywhere without tickets issued, and the poor soul with only the simple means of survival--an ugly truck or van which is beautiful in his or her eyes--get cited everywhere he or she parks?

This is not fair. Not everyone is unemployed who sleeps in a car or van. Most will agree rents are sky-high everywhere. Why not save some bucks? Certain circumstances, perhaps beyond their control, may force the poor man or woman to live this way. We cannot blame anything or anyone. We are all guilty of survival. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer--it's a fact of life

This doesn't mean you can stop feeding yourself because you're poor. Or stop sleeping because there's nowhere to sleep. We all must eat and sleep, work and reap the ways we sow. (To be cont.)

(Rev. John is a genuine preacher as well as having been a street person; he lives in his van and works at the Coffee Roasting Co.)

SIDEWALK SHANNON'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Capitalism and socialism are designed for children. They assume that people are incapable of mature self-government--that they must either be motivated by greed or controlled through centralized power."
--Philip Slater, Wealth Addiction

BUNSALOW BILLY'S DAYDREAMS

Induced insomnia, forbidden dreams,
We take part in a crime
Each night at bedtime,
We find ourselves fined
Each time we unwind.
Yes justice is blind
But the beast doesn't mind
She's easy to bind and belittle
Rape, roll and reduce to ruin
Conehead cops copulate her corpse
and Lady Liberty awaits helplessly
as the next victim in line.
To be sodomized by the Fascist Police State
Like vampires they wait to suck the life
force out of anything resembling human dignity.
Forgive them for they know not who they screw
but be aware it's me and you.

--Billy Starr

UPDATES...HOT FLASHES...COLD COMFORTS

...Madonna Maria reports that the Shell station's rest room at Ocean and Water is open 24-hours (until they read this page). Hitch up your pants and head that way if the call of nature becomes stronger than your fear of being seen squatting like a squaw caught in the lights of each passing car.

...Crazy John T. announces a meeting in the CafeZinho Monday August 22 with the author of "Nightmare on the Ward," an expose and critique of local psychiatric facilities published a few weeks (months?) back in The Sun. Discussion will include the upcoming Thursday 4 p.m. demo planned to protest the River Street Shelter's tie-in with the Mental Illness Manufacturing Corp. ("Mental Health" as they call themselves) and the proposal to give the admin-trator there the power to commit unwary troubled homeless folks who enter seeking shelter and end up roped and doped.

"THE STRUCTURE OF APATHY"

Apathy is a structure built on four pillars.

The first pillar is the thought that "this stuff isn't really happening."

The second pillar is the thought that "Even if it is happening, there isn't anything I can do about it."

The third pillar is the thought that "Since there isn't anything I can do about it, I'm not going to let it bother me."

The fourth pillar is the thought that "Since I'm not letting it bother me, it isn't happening."

--D.D.

SC. Unlinal SLANDERS PRODUCE CLOSET TROLLBUSTERS:

Street people embraced

The following members made their first trip to the support centers of the homeless community in the city of Santa Cruz.

During a recent visit by the group to a local club, one with only two campers, the door was locked by a stream of loud and obscuring the loud and obscuring language from the rear of the club. Homeless people, a "bitch" "bitch" was observed shouting at the door. In the course, the person walked through the more obscuring loudly, "I am not violent, I am not violent." He then walked up to the door and asked the girl if she is a person, and he found her for her and screamed at the door. The terrified girl ran to the top of the club who screamed obscuringly and then she would be all right. The man who language left the door, opened by both person and door.

My group started to try and comfort the frightened child and then quietly approached the door and he made the same "bitch" "bitch" in all. The start of the more obscuring, obscuring that making me "bitch" in the club and obscuring behavior. "There are many work persons around here."

These Santa Cruzers share the view that our street people, including those who may be "obscured," should be embraced, even if it is on the other hand, the man or the woman are willing to deal with it really matter them. I am thankful of the words of Alexander Pope:

"Till it is necessary of such things as these As to be heard, and to be seen, but grows accustomed to be seen, no eye notices, then pray, then embrace." Frank Child Santa Cruz

Campers should do cleanup

The Age 2 Street campers who sleep outdoors was very interesting. The area had a group of people sleeping outside on private property near Canal Street and Highway 1. The campers were around and the police report that they found probably around 100 feet. They were very well in the middle of the area of trash left at the campsite and had a good conversation in support of I must like to suggest that better cleanup in this area is needed and the Santa Cruz police were asked to clean up the area.

Under the illegal campers in their message and just don't work cleanup on their own. There is a crime, you know! They made the area, they are clean it up.

While I'm on the subject of cleaning up trash, I don't understand why California has a law that prohibits street campers in other states. If you have your car by the side of the road, it is a crime and you can lose your driving privileges for doing it. When the police discover an abandoned car, they report the car's identification number. That number is used to find the car is registered and are usually responsible to clean the records on computers. When a car is found it is simple to know who was the last owner of the car and the person is held responsible for it. The owner makes some arrangements, if he is going to sell you a car or does to change your car to a black car, or the law of your state or county, I think you'd simply have it.

Jim Langley Santa Cruz

Who let the squatters go?

Reading Tom Long's article on the illegal squatters in the month near Highway 1 and Canal Street was interesting. However, even more interesting was the fact that the police in the "campers" have no power to clean up their mess. Why doesn't Santa Cruz police clean up their mess? Let the police do their job and remove them!

Jim Langley Santa Cruz

Make the campers clean up

Illegal squatters sleeping outdoors have been a problem for many years. I would have more than enough space for the law.

The city and county officials are in a hurry to make the property owners clean up the mess of garbage left by the illegal and trash removal. Why?

Are there campers about the law? Why are they here? Are they allowed to clean up after themselves? These people should be made to clean up their mess.

How much do you pay for the area? Make them clean up!

As a supporting property owner in the city of Santa Cruz, I really would not have paid for the mess left by these illegal squatters.

Jim Langley Santa Cruz

They'll be more campers

With the large number of working people in this county working for minimum wage or slightly above, and with the price of a room working at around \$200 per month, I would estimate a good number of people who have been told to "clean up" their mess, to find a way of cleaning up. The mess and those are the mess that will be. It is the necessary cleaning up in private mess. I believe the mess will be worse if I have going to clean up. I would like to see a law that makes it a crime to clean up.

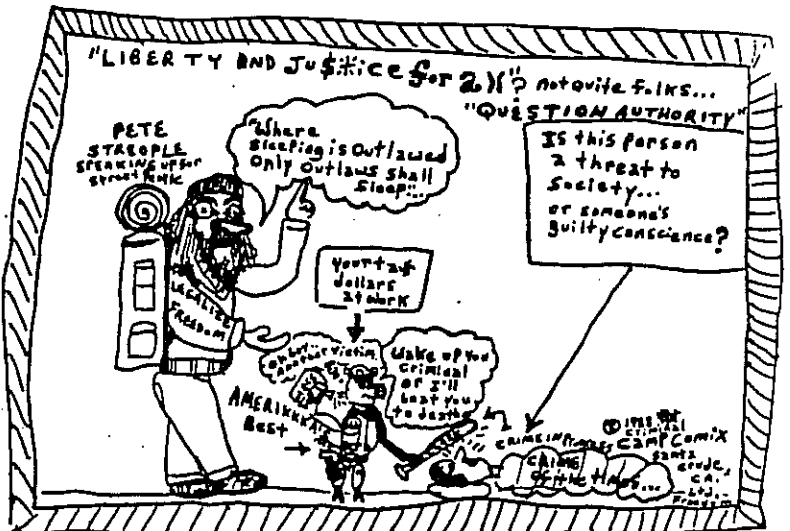
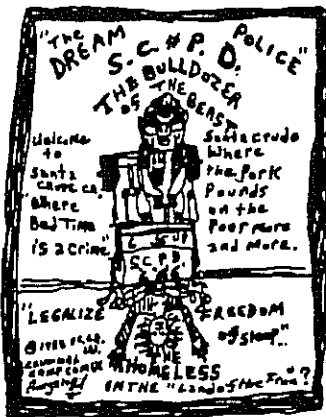
Frank Child Santa Cruz

It's only fair

I cannot believe what I read. The campers should be cleaned up by the person who created it. After all, they have the legal right to be in the property. Instead of cleaning up, they should have cleaned up their mess. I believe it is better to clean up their mess. They should be at it. It should be their responsibility to clean up. What a law is for Santa Cruz.

Frank Child Santa Cruz

BUNGALOW BILL REPLIES:



STREET SHEET

#24 August 24, 1988

Wednesday Morning

"Public intolerance or animosity cannot constitutionally justify the deprivation of a person's constitutional liberties."

--O'Connor v. Donaldson (1975)



RIVER ST. SHELTER'S "MENTAL HEALTH" MACHINE TIES UNDER ATTACK PSYCH SYSTEM SURVIVORS TARGET PROPOSED FORCED SEIZURE POWERS

Still planned for Thursday between 4 and 6 p.m.--an informational picket and demonstration at corner of highways 1 and 9 (on River St.)-- is a ~~part~~ what John Telfair terms "truth in advertising" for the River St. Shelter. The irrepressible Mental Health Captives Liberation Front agitator claims the shelter syphons unsuspecting homeless into the "Mental Health" monolith and notes Bob Campbell is now seeking to restore "kidnap and hold" powers he voluntarily gave up when the Shelter opened. Bob, reached Monday afternoon, confirmed that he sought to reestablish his power to "involuntarily transport" a shelter resident to the Dominican psych ward for potential 72-hour hold there. He said that the hospital made the commitment order, not him, and his recommendation was not always granted. He also noted he'd "attempted to commit" only 2 people since he took over his position as psychiatric head of the Shelter nearly 2 years ago.

Campbell also confirmed that many Dominican victims are sent "out of county," to board and care facilities that were "of better quality" elsewhere. Telfair retorted, "bullshit to that!" and noted Santa Clara and San Mateo County facilities were substantially worse, particularly as regards staffing. As reported in Street Sheet #22, John and his sanatic contingent are fighting forced treatment and forced commitment. He is currently working to free a psychiatric prisoner held 9 years, a victim of parental abuse and incarcerated at age 26; a prisoner of Harbor Hills, but still rational in spite of it all. Show up at the demo Thursday and quiz John for further details.

MONDAY SLEEP-WALK GATHERS DEMONSTRATORS, ATTRACTS POLICE, SENDS MAYOR INTO HIDING, PROVOKES PRESS SMEAR

Unperturbed by the low turnout at the Homeless Music turnout (at which Enragé Eddie was winner by default), candle-bearing sleepwalkers began their bedtime walkabout around 8:45 and picked up some more companions on the mall. Banjo Bob whipped out a few choruses to spur the folks on, falling by the wayside with a broken string after 3 blocks. The group of 20 moved merrily East on Laurel St. till they hit Mission, carrying signs urging an end to Sleep-crime, numerous teddybears, and wearing the odd bathrobe or two. They paused outside the Saturn Cafe to regroup and fill up on Calamity Jane's lean 'n lanky sandwiches and drip-a-drop coffee.

There they were confronted by roving squad cars, the first officer announcing some complaints had been received about a "disturbance" of "trespassers." Refusing to say who filed the complaint, the officer confirmed it didn't come from the Saturn Cafe, whose owner, Don Lane, is a current candidate for membership in the downtown Gang of 7 (City Council) and who has reportedly been toying with a sane platform plank supporting an end to the sleeping ban. Don was out, so the group left him a flyer and greetings and pressed on to visit Gangster Laird in his King St. lair. John had apparently stepped out without turning off his tv set or lights, since repeated knocking and melodic siren songs netted only silence and the occasional half-concealed face at the window. Demonstrators had decided to afford the mayor the privilege of being the first lawn to host a full-fledged sleep-in in the city, when "tenant" Tim arrived and reassured the demonstrators that Laird had stepped out to Sacramento and regretfully would be unable to appreciate the honor.

Police cars occasionally cruised past Lairdland, but neither slowed nor spotlighted the resting sleepseekers, maintaining a mercifully low profile even as the clock struck the fatal hour of 11 (after which sleeping becomes transformed into a crime punishable by \$50 minimum fine and 6 months in jail/\$1000 if done a second time within 48 hours). Weary, hungry, and understrength, the plodders dispersed in small groups in search of private lonely (illegal) beds under the sky.

A small group sought sustenance at the Saturn Cafe between 11 and 12 and were rewarded with a copious supply of rice and tamara sauce which they gratefully wolfed down. Thanks again to Saturn Cafe owner, Don Lane and to his employees for showing a little well-needed generosity.

One of the officers who'd responded to the "complaint" made earlier in the evening was in a squad car that pulled over Calamity Jane, perhaps in search of uneaten sandwiches. Jane confided that they were too shy to ask her at the cafe, but had to pull a formal police stop to ask her if the demonstration was over. Ever gracious (though mightily sleepy), she told them it was and asked to be allowed to proceed home.

Tuesday morning it was learned that some idiot may have been responsible for torching the back of the Saturn Cafe and causing lots of damage there. Journalist Kathy Salaman of the Register-Pajaronian abandoned her traditional position of friendly neutrality to write a lengthy front-page story linking the Sleepwalkers with the (possible) Saturn Cafe arson, in a story rich in innuendo and loaded with demonstrators names and denials. In a cheap sensationalistic bid for readership, Salaman smeared a number of homeless advocates with her brush of unsubstantiated suspicion and then seemed surprised when confronted with anger from the victims of her venomous pen when she showed up at the table Wednesday afternoon. A suggestion to march participants and friends of the homeless: consider Kathy's story (printed below) before you provide her with more information for future hatchetjobs.

The S.C. local paper (known to some as the Senile, to others as the Sentinel) printed a brief unimpressive p. 4 story that showed much more responsible journalism. They ignored the Sleepwalk, but at least did not burn up our reputations.

Arson suspected in fire that hits SC restaurant

KATHY SALAMAN

It was told by fire officials that if the fire had been reported five minutes later, the whole building would have gone," Lane said.

Key Tergeesen was one of the employees inside the building at the time the fire broke out.

Tergeesen said she first became wary when she two heard sounds of breaking glass in the back as if someone was trying to break in. Then smoke started coming through the building, and they called the fire department.

"When we came out of the building, the fire was very big," she said. "It happened very fast."

The cafe was the scene of another disturbance earlier in the evening.

A group of about 20 homeless people, conducting a candlelight vigil in opposition to the city's camping-ban ordinance, arrived at the cafe at about 10 p.m.

Robert Morse, one of the organizers of the vigil, said the group went to the Saturn Cafe in order to talk to Lane about his position on the camping ban.

Lane wasn't at the restaurant at the time, and Morse said the group left a flir for him.

But while the homeless people were waiting around at the cafe, someone called the police with a complaint about them. It is not known whether the caller was someone from within the

The police told the group to leave the restaurant because they were disturbing the peace, although civil rights attorney Ray Gruenewich, who was with the homeless people, said the action of the police was a violation of their civil rights.

The homeless people then went to the nearby home of Mayor John Laird and staged a protest outside his home for about one hour. A tenant at Laird's home, who arrived after the vigil had been going on for some time, told the group Laird was not home.

Jane Imler, another organizer of the homeless vigil and also a candidate for the City Council, said the group then went back to the Saturn Cafe.

This time, Imler said, the group asked for some food and the restaurant provided the homeless with leftover rice.

Imler said she and the remaining homeless at the Saturn Cafe left between 1:30 and 3 a.m.

Morse said he doesn't think the group's activities at the cafe are at all related to the early morning fire.

"It was a pretty non-violent group," Morse said. "I would assume it's not related. The Saturn Cafe gave us food, and I don't think there's any resentment toward the restaurant."

Lane, when contacted this morning, was unaware that the police had been called in earlier in the evening. He said he also didn't know if the fire was related to his candidacy for the City Council.

The Fire Department had several other dumpster fires in the downtown area earlier in the morning, but fire officials say no others were in the area of the Saturn Cafe and they don't know if the incidents are related.

Meanwhile, Lane said he will try to get the building cleaned up as quickly as possible in order to reopen the restaurant.

The cafe will probably lose all of its perishable goods, he said, since there is no power to the building.

"We will take what won't keep to the soup kitchen," he said. "We'll try to save the ice cream, since that's one of our most expensive items, by bringing in dry ice."

Sentinel story 'Suspicious' blaze damages candidate's Saturn Cafe

SANTA CRUZ — The Saturn Cafe on Mission Street was closed after a fire of suspicious origin damaged the building and damaged the interior early Tuesday morning.

The restaurant is owned by Don Lane, a liberal/progressive candidate for the City Council in November election.

Lane, outside his restaurant morning, said the fire certainly looked like it was an act of arson.

"During the middle of the night, it seems as if someone threw something over a fence and here," he said, pointing an area now of charred bricks, "and that started it."

The flames apparently spread the way in the rear of the building and then to the roof.

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REV. JOHN'S REFLECTIONS (Part 2)

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are so few. We as a society as a whole must work together to respect each other's situations. Whether it's Joe in the Van, or Bob in the Winnebago, or Frank in the bush, or Gene in the house, We all live here together.

Remember--we are fortunate to not be enslaved and have our freedoms taken away. For those who try to accomplish this rip-off-freedom-game from those who are simply surviving, you will only find rebellion. That's life, Folks. From those whom you disrespect, you will receive disrespect. From those you treat with love, you will receive love. I would like to also emphasize to those who trash and disrespect others--you will only bring negativity to the important matters and issues so many are working hard to bring to light for us.

If you need trash bags (or a bag), see John at the Coffee Roasting Co. Haul it out, please. For those who have houses, why dump your trash on the hiway or down your hill in the back? You work hard to pay for a hauling service--why not use it? I'm not referring to all people just those who abuse or forget their survival practices. Please consider these simple matters." (to be cont.)

(Rev. John can be seen lurking in front of the aforementioned Coffee Roasting Co. conferring with flock and friends most any time. He doesn't bray about the Bible, but seems concerned with people. Check him out.)

COPS CONTINUE TO DRAGNET CHURCHES

TOP COP THREATENS TO INVADE CHURCH BUILDINGS TO CATCH HOMELESS

Responding to mediation efforts by church official John Simpson and Calvary Episcopal Church, 2nd-in-command SCPD lawman Belcher (we kid you not) replied Tuesday that not only would his force continue trespassing on church property to arrest, harass, and disperse homeless sleepers if it chose to, but that they would enter the premises, regardless of the wishes of pastor and parishioners in true Central American style and roust men, women, and children seeking a bed for the night (using the infamous Sleeping Ban and zoning ordinances as their legal pretexts). But, continued the police boss, since Calvary's homeless shelter program is due to end September 3, they will "permit" the Church to use its own buildings (though not the grounds, it seems) to provide a resting place until that time.

This Throwback-to-the-Roman-Empire policy jeopardizes the entire satellite church program that had been planned to provide winter shelter for the homeless. Aside from violating common decency, traditional notions of church sanctuary, and basic constitutional rights, this "Smash 'Em If They Sleep" edict is a boot in the groin of homeless families and singles, who have carefully sought permission from the River St. Shelter and the Calvary Church and been sleeping legally there all summer (or perhaps illegally but rightfully if we are to believe Commander Belcher of the SCPD).

Shocked and sobered by this outrageous policy, new activists have been appearing from more respectable quarters, eager to inform other churches in Santa Cruz City and County of the new police policies to drive the poor from the land; to Evelyn Shoenfeld, John Simpson, and Fred Perrine--caring, but not homeless, we thank you for starting this circle of resistance against what can only be termed homegrown fascism.

UPDATES

...Part of the growing groundswell of protest against the Sleeping Ban, the Gang of 7's silence, the continuing police busts, and the new "salami" policy of chopping of church sanctuaries--activist Anders announces a mass meeting in the park 2 p.m. Saturday to discuss solutions to the current Homeless Crisis. Food, games, liquor not provided. Bring clear heads and active tongues. San Lorenzo Park. Saturday, August 27. Bring your tickets.

...And bring your tickets and xeroxes of them to the Homeless table too. Our disorganized experts are compiling a roster of tickets and advising you to plead "not guilty," seek a trial before a judge (or a jury if you're charged with a misdemeanor), and then ask for community service if you're found guilty. At last phone call, the attorney who promised to provide "Fight Your Ticket" guidelines was told to have them ready by next issue or face a sleep-in in his office. We will relay ongoing developments...

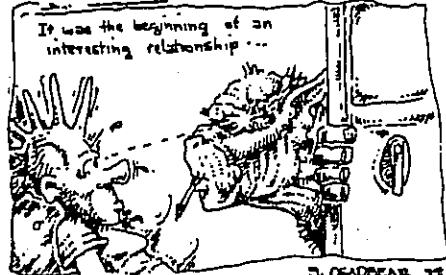
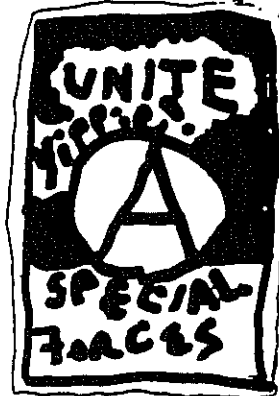
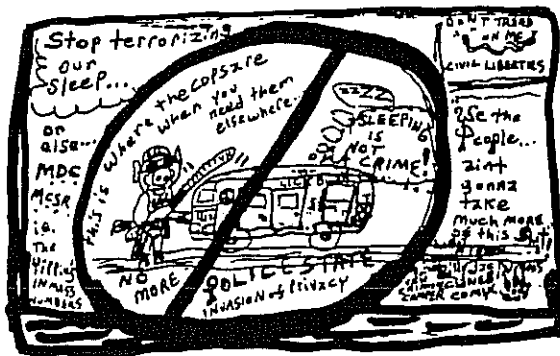
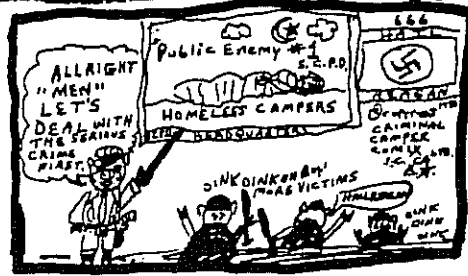
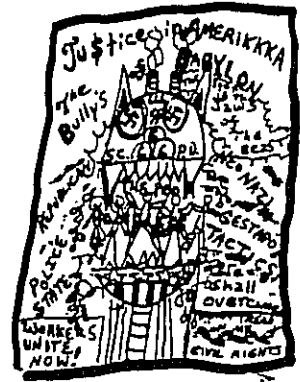
...Fun-loving homeless table petitioners kept a later-than-usual table open Tuesday night (til 9:30p.m.), enduring and responding to repeated police requests that they lower their radio volume to pin-drop range, and trying to present their best features to police photographers in an unmarked car passing by.

...Thanks again to the cafezinho/bookstore santa cruz for holding the line against bathroom capitalism by keeping the overworked but vital restrooms open. And a tip of the hat to Richard Q. and James--hard-working sanitation workers who clean up what careless users leave behind.

...Dumpster-go-round: Still missing though promised by city and county alike--the dumpster(s) to be used in the continuing Camper Reclamation Cleanup up Pasatiempo Way. General Patton promised action at the close of Tuesday's Board of Stupes meeting, but his aide Denise had presented the cleanup crews with not so much as a garbage bag by press-time Wednesday. Meanwhile Sleepervisor Forbis actually broke ranks and communicated with a homeless advocate during Oral Communications Tuesday and promised a dumpster from his office if we asked. If Patton doesn't respond by Thursday, we'll present our pleas to Dan.

...Clean-Up Continues: Under the wild and crazy leadership of Erik the Vanmaster, camper Jeff, neophyte Alexis, and several unidentified samaritans led another load of garbage to its doom in a money-saving trash-cleaning expedition, unmentioned by the local press. When Lorenzo the Destroyer (another man who lent his van the day before) took a load to the city dump, he was informed that not only wouldn't the city pay for the dump fees, but they wouldn't allow him to dump there. Undeterred, he and activist Anders took the trashload to the Ben Lomand dump where a sympathetic worker let them in for \$1. Erik's load of trash has yet to run the gauntlet. Perhaps if it can't be dumped at the city dump, it should be left at the city hall for resorting.

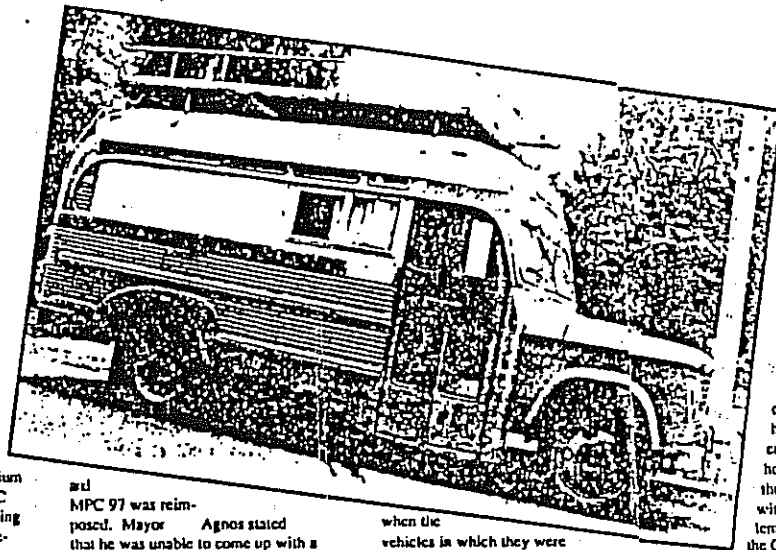
...Homeless Table may take to the streets! In an effort to communicate more closely with friends and neighbors of the Gang of 7 (and City Council candidates) and to let the downtown merchants know that they don't get the benefit of all the homeless all the time, we are considering sending out a "roving table" to Lairdland, Weedworld, Rothinplace, and other points of political interest to present the Petition for Homeless Rights to folks on the hometown of these one-time progressives and see if the much-feared "backlash" that Laird and his bunch are so afraid of isn't more myth than menace.



Delayed yet again: the conclusion to the S.C. County Sleeping Law (the nearby section)... Fight Your Ticket... possibly to be delayed indefinitely in the honest-as-the-day-is-long Petition toilers don't stop slipping into the Street Street Cuddling Jug.

The bus gone by the pro

Photos by
Carrie Bleiweiss



The issue of whether people should be allowed to sleep in buses and cars has split the Haight Street neighborhood.

Mayor Art Agnos recently rescinded an earlier moratorium that temporarily suspended law MPC 97, which forbids people from sleeping and eating in vehicles. The reinstatement of that law has forced several hundred people living in cars, buses and trucks to leave the Haight Street area.

Lt. Richard Holder, platoon commander at the Park station, says that few vehicle residents remain in the area. "On July twenty-second, we issued warnings to one hundred and twenty one people identified as living in their vehicles. These were parked all over the place. We gave them two pages of referrals and only issued one citation. On the twenty-fifth, I noticed that they had almost all gone. I expect the number of incidents associated with the vehicle residents now to go down."

Hundreds of local residents and merchants directed a flood of letters and phone calls into City Hall complaining that the suspension of MPC 97 attracted people from all over California. The increase in transient activity, garbage, panhandling, drug dealing and violence were all linked to the people living in their vehicles.

Local pressure had the desired effect



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and MPC 97 was reimposed. Mayor Agnos stated that he was unable to come up with a solution to the problem of vehicular residents because of insurance costs relating to setting aside a site for them on city property.

The issue has led to charges by supporters of the vehicle people of police harassment, and that the issue has more to do with real estate values than in trying to find a solution to the homeless problem in the Haight.

Local neighborhood groups, notably the Cole Valley Improvement Association (CVIA) and the Haight Ashbury Improvement Association (HAIA), were the main forces behind a slick and well organized campaign against the January suspension of MPC 97.

Supporters of the right to live in vehicles, who are organized as the Vehicular Residents Association (VRA), say that the neighborhood has lost a vital part of its character.

Members of the CVIA, say that they are fed up with people urinating in their doorways, and fighting off drunks harassing them and their children.

At a recent meeting of the CVIA, about 60 local residents heard supervisors Willie Kennedy and Jim Gonzalez pledge their support to their cause after hearing several horror stories from local residents. These stories linked cases of drunkenness, drug dealing, harassment by drunks, defecation and urinating in public with people living in vehicles. The support of these supervisors was key in persuading Mayor Agnos to reimpose MPC 97.

The VRA has filed a lawsuit aimed at preventing the application of MPC 97. This law has been on the books since 1971. MPC 97 prohibits people from living in vehicles in residential areas under the penalty of up to six months in jail, and a \$1000 fine. The law was created in response to incidents in the late 60s in which two families died

when the vehicles in which they were living caught fire.

The VRA recently lost its bid for a restraining order that would have kept MPC 97 in suspension, but has another hearing on August 5 to obtain a preliminary injunction. Sarge Holtzman, a local lawyer, is representing the VRA lawsuit. "The fact the lawsuit exists is a mark of failure that no one has come up with any other solution to the problem. We believe that the law is unconstitutional and we will go through the appeals process if it is turned down. My personal opinion is that there should be tolerance for other people's life-styles. The community is diminished if we do not allow people to have a choice in the way they want to live."

Jim Rhoads, a local activist and a supporter of the right for people to live in vehicles, believes that the protest against the vehicle people have more to do with real estate values than human values. "The real issue here is real estate, and no one wants to tackle this subject. This area, neighboring Golden Gate Park is prime real estate. Many of the people in the Cole Valley Improvement Association are associated with real estate companies or are more concerned with boosting the value of their property than helping the homeless."

At a recent CVIA meeting, several people expressed concern about the homeless situation, saying that they wanted the law enforced but that they also have deep sympathy for the homeless and want some solution to that overall problem. Rhoads says that his presentations to the CVIA, in which he asked their support for showers, toilet facilities, and a safe and secure area for people living in vehicles were turned down.

Alan Merbaum, president of the CVIA, says that most of the association's members are tenants. "It is not

true that we are more concerned with property values. One of our members works for a real estate company but that has nothing to do with her concerns for the neighborhood. I'm not pleased that the City could not come up with a solution to the problem. I don't understand why the City could not find a piece of land and set up a safe and

low-cost RV park for these people."

"We are not yuppies," Merbaum says. "If you live in this neighborhood you have a certain social conscience. And we have great concern over what is going on in the Haight. And I believe that the VRA is right in testing this issue in the courts."

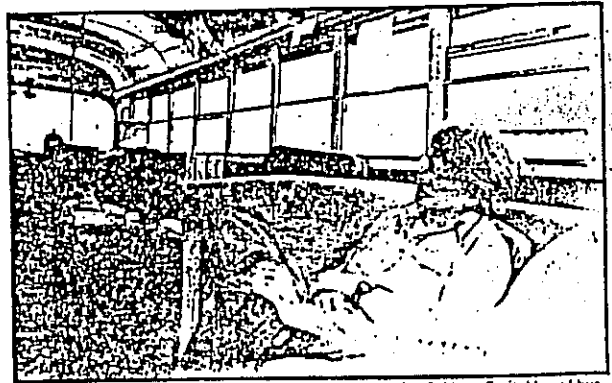
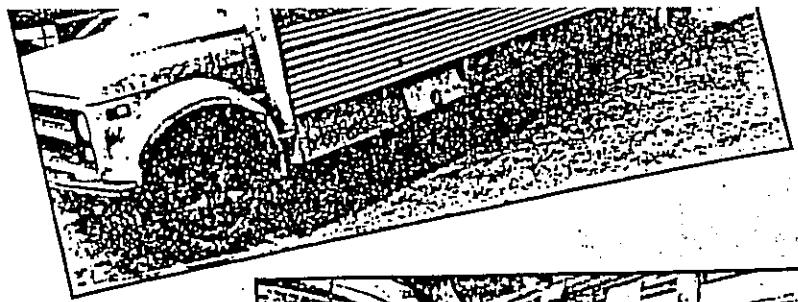
Unfortunately, no one could find a solution to accommodating the vehicle people. The VRA proposed that special permits limited to 45 vehicles should be issued. This would keep the vehicular community small, and a quarterly permit fee of \$75 could generate income for the city of \$13,500 a year. The permit would only be issued to vehicles that have sanitary facilities and to vehicle owners that can show proof that they have access to private facilities nearby.

The VRA also supported the idea for a low-maintenance vehicle lot for additional vehicles. They requested that this lot should be in a non-residential area and must be in a safe area.

The CVIA strongly opposed the issuing of a limited number of permits. In a letter to Mayor Agnos dated 9th July, the CVIA called it "a back door attempt to repeal a law which was specifically designed to protect the health and



The buses are gone but are the problems?



Bus resident Don French in the Haight Ashbury Switchboard bus.

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Some sites for a low-cost vehicle
park with sanitary facilities were unac-
ceptable to the VRA. The sites were lo-
cated south of Market in areas considered
unsafe for families with children.

The failure to find an alternative so-
lution has led to the issue being fought
in the courts.

The CVIA had threatened a lawsuit
against the City before MPC 97 was re-
imposed. Merbaum says that the asso-

the ones I've met are nice people. Most
of their buses have bathrooms and they
work to clean up the Panhandle, they re-
port crimes, and hassle anyone dealing
drugs."

Foster says that people living in bus-
es have been part of the neighborhood
for over 20 years. "In January you get
the Grateful Dead fans coming in. In
October, when the first rains and snow
hit the foothills; you have many people
coming in for the winter. I've seen
some families here regularly for years."
Foster says that the vehicle people have
been unfairly blamed for many of the
problems associated with transients in
the neighborhood.

Foster adds that many of the police at
the Park station are sympathetic to the
plight of the vehicular residents. "The
police know many of them personally,
but the police are left with doing the dir-
ty work; they are low on the totem
pole."

Several vehicle people say that until
this year, police had not been strictly
enforcing the law against living in vehi-
cles. They say that police would tell
them to move to another neighborhood
for a few weeks and then come back.

Lt. Holder says, "That is untrue. I've
been out many times where we have cit-
ed people living in vehicles."

Don French, director of the Haight
Ashbury Switchboard, which was forced
to move into a bus after losing its offi-
ces, lives in a bus himself. He says that
the police have helped to blow up the
problem. "On the first full day of Mayor
Art Agnos' administration, the police
came round and started hassling people
in buses. They advised us to mount a
demonstration and even gave us the
number of Warren Hinckle, telling us to
contact the media. At the time, I went
along with it, because I felt the media
could help us. But the police have been
fabricating information."

French says that Lt. Holder told a
meeting of local merchants that since
the Mayor's reorganizing order in January,
twice as many vehicles had come into
the neighborhood. Holder claimed that
there were 76 vehicles in April, up from
33 in January. French, who is a co-
founder of the VRA, says that he and
others went out and counted only 40 ve-
hicles used as homes. And only one of

those had arrived since January.

French also says that he has been vic-
timized by police who he accuses of
stander. "The police made a report to
City Hall that they visited me and found
several gallon bottles filled with urine.
They said that I told them I was going
to spread them around the neighborhood
unless toilet facilities were installed.
That is absolutely untrue. It's a total
and deliberate fabrication."

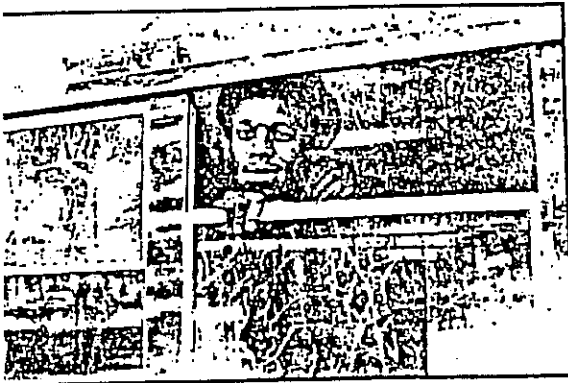
French eventually met with Mayor
Agnos and apologized for first going to
the media. "If I had first gone straight
to him, it wouldn't have got the public-
ity it did."

Rhoads, also recently met with the
Mayor after a demonstration by two-
hundred people at City Hall featuring
singing by Country Joe MacDonald.
The Mayor told Rhoads, "Start your en-
gines."

Although only one person in the
Park district has received a citation under
law MPC 97, most of the people living
in their vehicles have gone into hiding.
Some have taken to sleeping in the
park, others have moved to other areas
in the City or have left altogether.

June Foster says that if the police are
enforcing law MPC 97, then they
should enforce all laws. She points out
that many of the people that have com-
plained about the parking problems
caused by the vehicle residents have
commercial license plates on their cars.
The Haight Street area zoning prohibits
the parking overnight of any vehicles
with commercial plates. The enforce-
ment of that law would help the neigh-
borhood parking problems. There is
also a law against displaying merchan-
dise on the sidewalk, yet several mer-
chants, notably Cole Hardware store, and
Haight-Ashbury Produce, display mer-
chandise on the sidewalk.

By Tom Foremski



Bus resident Alvin S.

Alvin S. is still talking with lawyers and
may try to prevent the VRA suit from
winning a suspension of MPC 97.

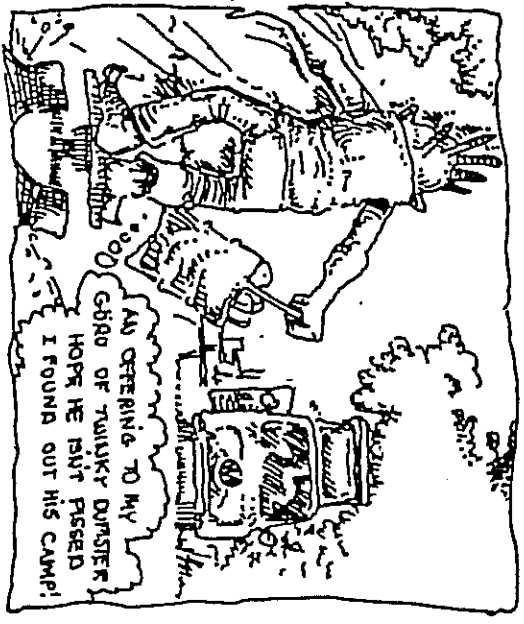
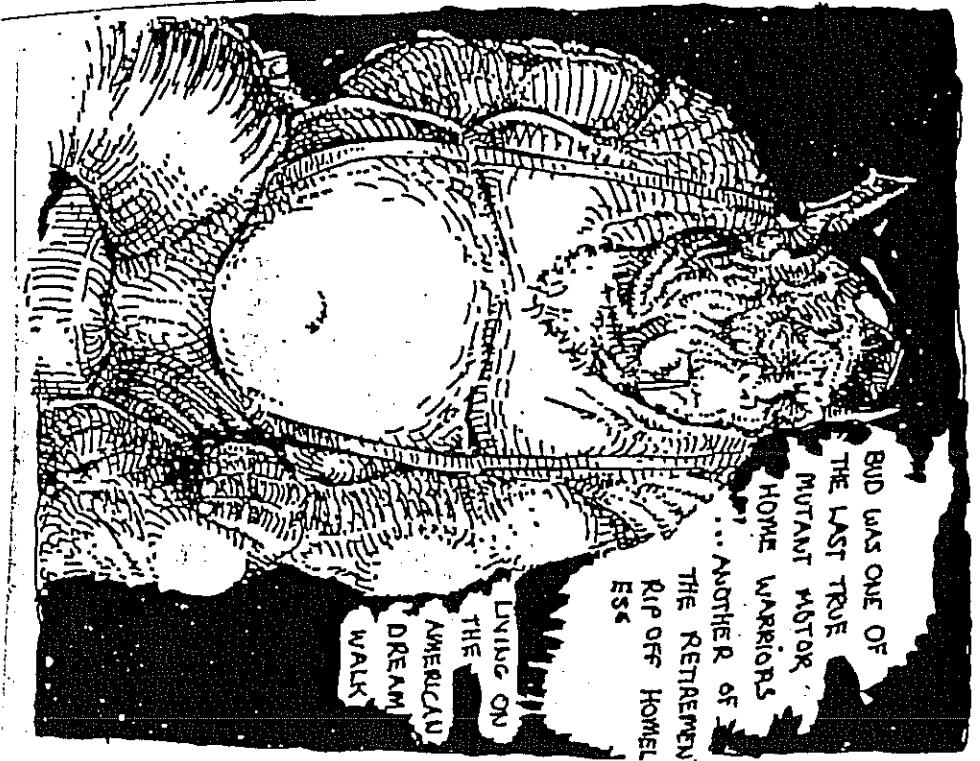
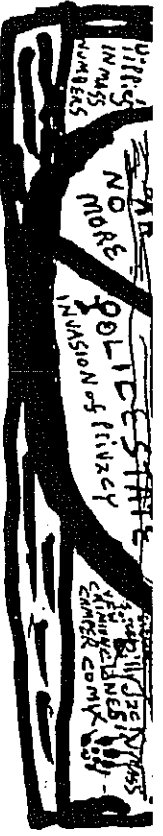
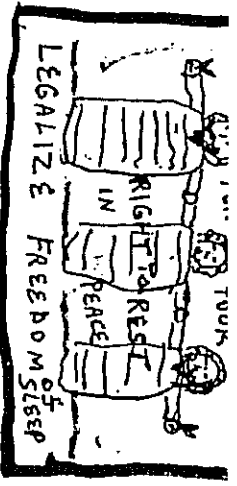
Both the CVIA and the HAIA have
programs aimed at helping homeless
people in the neighborhood, and each
have taken part in discussions with City
Hall on ways of helping the homeless.

June Foster, a fourth generation San
Franciscan, is Police Community Rela-
tions Officer for the Park district. The
job involves her as liaison between lo-
cal residents and the police at the Park
station. "There has been a great real
estate turnover here in the last two
years. And if I've heard it once, I've
heard it two hundred times, people com-
plaining that they can't upgrade their
property because of all the burns on the
street. The vehicle people have been
swept together with all the drunks and
deadbeats. I wouldn't say that the vehi-
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City attorney's office to attorney Ray Grueneich (8/25):

"We get hundreds of camping citations."

Ray G. to receptionist there: "Hundreds? Hundreds each year or hundreds each month?"

Receptionist: "Hundreds each month. That, and drinking."

STREET SHEET



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Friday Evening

August 26, 1988

FIRST OF CITY HALL SLEEP-IN TRIALS OCT 28

JUDGE RELUCTANTLY GRANTS DELAY FOR DEFENSE TO GATHER INFO

Presiding Judge Mark McGee granted Robespierre Robert a delay on his trial date to allow Grinning Ray Grueneich, pony-tailed activist and attorney on the case, time to prepare his case. Grueneich plans to argue that the city allowed another group, the Russian-American Peace Walk a camping permit, but denied the same privilege to Robert and others demonstrating against the Sleeping Ban at the end of the July 26 Gang of 7 Gathering (aka the City Council meeting). Witnesses and supporters ready in court, Ray still pressed for a continuance to subpoena other relevant witnesses, investigate the city's permit system, and give the prosecution time to brief the city attorney.

Ray was the shyster-in-the-three-piece who successfully argued the D.A.'s office to a standstill in 1978 in the Scotts Creek Bluff "van dweller" trial (the longest misdemeanor trial in the County) successfully exposing and confounding the lie of a sheriff's deputy then, who arrested ¹⁹⁸⁵ ~~1984~~ ¹⁹⁸⁵ ~~1984~~ men, women, and children, impounded their homes (their vehicles) and jailed them. A jury of ordinary citizens (short-hairs, working people, conservatives) acquitted the defendants--which forced the D.A.'s office to agree to a deal wherein the Deputy's office agreed to end harassment of campers for 6 months if the vandwellers would not insist upon a second trial (after their vehicles were stolen by sheriffs, they sat in at the County Buildin and were arrested there as well).

Ray also defended Maurice Egan, accused of four counts of felonious sleeping, in 1985 and beat down the Sleepmolester Machine to a \$1/count fine. He is eager to skewer the unconstitutional Sleeping Ban and suggests he'll be happy to appeal the case right to the top if the arrogant airheaded psuedo-progressives downtown don't rediscover some elemental sense of human decency and the right, even of the poorest sleeper, to have rights.

INTRANSIGENT POLICE ATTITUDE STIRS MIDDLE-CLASS OUTRAGE

MEETINGS IN DAYS AHEAD MAY TAKE CUE FROM SANTA BARBARA EXPERIENCE

Church and community leaders, afraid of unprovoked gestapo-style raids on church property in search of homeless sleepers, are moving to alert congregations and friends of the need for swift resolute action to counter the sudden police decision to invade the grounds of Calvary Episcopal Church last week and to declare other churches, grounds and buildings, fair game. Planned for 2 p.m. at San Lorenzo Park--a mass meeting to discuss creative solutions to the tensions roused by the new police extremism. At the same time, 2-3:30 p.m. the Democratic Party will be throwing a fancy \$5/head shindig out at De La Vega Park out Branciforte Rd. past the Mystery Spot-- We invite folks with cars to offer to transport homeless folks interested in educating the local Democratic bigwigs (and little wigs). Leave a message at 429-9801.

Meanwhile activists Paul Lee and Page Smith, in the forefront of the struggle for a shelter back in 1985-6 have reentered the lists and will be meeting next week with other moderates to consider alternative means of influencing the police and their bosses, the Gang of 7.

Petition for Homeless Rights workers are considering circulating a Pledge of Resistance which would commit the signer to sleeping in downtown each time a new Sleeping Ban citation is issued--to culminate in a mass sleep-in on the mall to demonstrate to police and politicians that not merely the poor and homeless are concerned with flagrant and disgraceful violations of church sanctuary. Potential sleepers are invited to present their names and numbers to the Homeless table and their bodies to the brisk night air in the times ahead.

UPDATES...UPDATES...UPDATES

...Up Pasatiempo way: camper, outlaw, and garbage supervisor Jeff advised us yesterday that private hauling efforts by his group, volunteers, and dragooned innocents has made major inroads on the much ballyhoo-ed trash dumps up his way. Meanwhile, just reached at the County building Sleepervisor Patton's aide Andy S. noted he'd finally gotten Cal Trans to agree to loose a monster truck or two to pick up any garbage that the campers can haul to the road. Still missing: the garbage bags necessary to allow the final linkup. Good samaritans, take note: time to donate dozens and dozens of really hefty bags.

...Clark's Bust of the Week: Observed handcuffing and hauling away another vicious criminal, the ever-active Officer Clark, still prowling the mall in spite of numerous complaints regarding recent threatening and abusive behavior (see Street Sheet #23). The criminal's alleged offense: sitting on the ledge of the P,G,& E building without sufficient deference to Clark. The man tried to rise when asked to by Clark, but the gun-toting lawman wouldn't be fooled, wisely jailing the man before he could sit somewhere else. Clark has also been accused of a malicious arrest Saturday morning of a diabetic whose insulin was destroyed in a police roust the evening before. The victim claims Clark threatened to rebreak his already broken collarbone, broke his sunglasses instead, searched him without his consent or a charge, threatened to run him out of town, then arrested him on another individual's warrants even though the victim presented Clark with current ID. (The last happened Saturday morning, by his account, the previous incidents Friday night.) The man has sought legal counsel, and we suggest the city do some fast officer shuffling before they find themselves hard hit with damage claims.

...Recently barred from the cafe^{the bathroom} by manager/owner Ron--the angry Sparrow, who asked us to urge the reinstatement of an "open door" policy there. We also wish to remind the management of the Unruh Civil Rights Act and In Re Cox which bars arbitrary discrimination of individuals from public accommodations and businesses. We likewise urge folks who use the overworked bathroom facilities to avoid trashing the area and even consider donations to help pay the grand per month cleaning bill that mounts up once tourists and locals have stampeded through.

...Angry at the Soup Kitchen's policy of discriminating against tie-dye shirt wearers and those with "bad reputations," Madonna Maria had harsh words for worker Rae, urging her to lighten up on the hungry seeking lunchtime tickets

...Deputy Dagnet continues: last Saturday Linda the Lark and her mate were eventually driven off private property in the Soquel area--though given permission to stay there by the owner of the property and an adjacent business. Showing the written ok to the visiting deputy only produced a torrent of abuse against "you people agitating for the homeless downtown," according to Linda. Sounds like the deputies are interested in enforcing their prejudices

...Deputy Dragnet continues: Last Sunday nite, Linda the Lark and her mate got a taste of the Noren regime's sheriffing. After two prior visits from deputies alleging unspecified "complaints" against their parking their camper there in the Sobuel area, a third brownshirt appeared early Sunday morning pounding on their door and demanding they leave upon threat of jail. When they showed him the written permission of the property owner, he called them "lazy," said they "didn't want to work," and said "if I catch you again, I'll put you in jail." (Both are regular employed.) Rather than deal with more threats and breakfast hour break-ins, Linda and Co. have flown to another spot--equally legal, but equally vulnerable to illegal harassment from sleepbusting sheriffs.

...Billy Q. encourages Homeless apply for position on Homeless Committee--he's been circulating a petition to have at least one position on the city's advisory board on the homeless filled by someone who actually fills the bill. Anybody willing to bat the bullshit back and forth with these folks, leave your name at the Homeless table and we'll pass it on to Billy.

...Offering his own 1-ton truck to join in the camping cleanup as well as his computer to encourage a more professional StreetshitSheet, magnanimous Mark L. doing his bit to add conscience to the law and the day-to-day doings of Santa Cruz.

...Inside report from Dominican: Mettlesome Mark, interviewed last night in front of the Bookstore Santa Cruz, noted he was seized for his too vigorous protest of a nearby police presence several days before, held involuntarily at the psych ward, and confronted with a burly goon, with a pill in one hand and a syringe in the other. "Spread your lips or spread your cheeks" was the harrowing choice offered Mark. They apparently failed to give him cogent for the side-effects for the next morning he was in convulsions, by his report. This kind of forced "treatment" strikes us as both unhealthy and unnecessary, however obnoxious Mark's behavior may have been. If you wish to report instances of forced drugging, contact John T. at 426-3201 with your account.

...The dreamed-of softball game between the Trolls and the Brownshirts will not come off this Saturday as planned by Dogear Dick. Seems the Brownshirts are occupied at some semi-official police clam-bake. Maybe next week?

TIDBITS

...Finally available: the ^{DELAYED AGAIN} segment of the liberalizes Santa Cruz County Camping law, first published in Street Sheet #17, republished for the hard-of-seeing in #22, completed here for the education of sleepers everywhere (see below).

...Will they print it? Your fearless editor shows you the text of his latest broadside to the Register-Pajaronian, the Watsonville daily newspaper that firebombed the reputation of the homeless and their advocates. (See below)

...Another view: the San Jose Mercury-News's Bob Levy took a somewhat different view of Salamon's homeless-bashing (see below). We thank him for setting the record straight.

...Who did set the Saturn Cafe fire? No inside info on that yet, but ask yourselves what agencies and individuals have been most active in daily violations of sleepers' rights? What political faction would benefit most by smearing folks who fight the camping ban as a bunch of irresponsible arsonists? We have no evidence, and it would be as unfair to our opponents as it was to us to claim any linkage between trollbusters (uniformed and free-lance) and the fire, but keep your eyes open for reports from the insurance investigators and the internal

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August 26, 1988

Editor, Register-Pajaronian
Watsonville, CA

Dear Editor,

Writer Kathy Salamon fell far from her usually creditable level of journalism with your August 23 story "Arson suspected in fire that hits SC restaurant." Usually on-the-scene and detailed in her coverage of folks struggling against the cruel and unworkable Santa Cruz City Sleeping Ban, her last story descends to sensational innuendo and unsubstantiated slander in linking a candlelight vigil to the Mayor's house with a fire that began three hours later.

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 just before Kim's arrest 8/30

STREET SHEET

#26

Friday Morning

September 2, 1988

TOWN CLOCK MAY HOST FRIDAY NIGHT SLEEP-IN

Stirred by continuing tales of gratuitous police harassment of folks sleeping inside city limits (one man was released from a five-day jail stay Wednesday on a 4-year old "camping" ticket), homeless advocates and ordinary citizens angry at the continuing injustice-as-usual announced plan to gather at the town clock across from the post office between 10 and 11 p.m. tonight and possibly succumb to the nearly-universal need to sleep during the Forbidden Period off 11 to 8:30 a.m.

Folks ready to be cited by the roving Sleepbusters and even arrested (2nd offense within 48 hours is a misdemeanor which qualifies you for handcuffs, booking, and probable release "OR" within a few hours since the jail is packed) are invited to bring pillows, blankets, and their cocoa cups. (Coffee and maybe cocoa will be provided) Well-wishers who care to observe the proceedings are also welcome and may bring cameras to capture those golden moments when lawmen (and the occasional lawwoman) swing into action to bring the criminal sleepers to justice.

Non-violence training may be available earlier in the evening for those who wish it (one of the possible sleepers is a civil disobedience trainer). As we did in the preliminary to the City Hall Sleep-In of last July, we invite any police officers ^{interested} to join us in learning and practicing non-violent modes of resisting unjust ill-applied authority. Musicians, bards, and enterprising ecadysiasts are invited to join in tonight's Festival of Slumber. Childcare may be available (volunteers welcome).

TOWN ELDERS AND BIZ WHIZES GATHER TO DISPOSE OF "STRETT PEOPLE PROBLEM" TARGETS OF "CLEAN-UP" NOT INVITED TO BEHIND-SCENES GANG MEET

Wednesday's Downtown Commission morning meeting presented a love feast between the still-vacationing Gang of 7 (our revered City Council) (some of them) and downtown business owners beginning their election year feed on the ever-popular street people of the Pacific Garden Mall. Hoping to emulate 41st St. or perhaps Knotts Berry Farm, some merchants sent up a trial balloon proposing the mall be completely privatized, cutting down on tiresome and nagging problems of constitutional rights that keep arising when brownshirts or SCPD launch one of their hourly "harass the homeless" sweeps (see story following). One Gang of 7 officeseeker proposed an elaborate snitch system with each merchant being given a beeper; whether this was to call down the law on shoplifters, panhandlers, or improperly-dressed benchesitters was still in dispute at presstime.

Gangmember Wormhauadt revealed an afternoon session, previously unannounced, to which citizen's advocate Carl Foytik made his way where he was able to observe but discouraged from participating. "The Mayor's Meeting as Carl called it, would not make its agenda available to either the press or the public and discussed a "Day Shelter" diversion program to provide social undesirables and unsightly schizophrenics with a closet in which to huddle. Rather than directly consult poor folks on the mall about their housing, job, and medical needs, Gangmaster Laird convened a conclave of

bureaucrats and business apologists in yet another move to the right to preempt the Yuppie vote. Declining to return phone calls from community activists, Laird is apparently so afraid of the fabled "conservative backlash" that he declines communication let alone consultation with the folks whose lives he intends to rewrite. Interested citizens wishing to confirm the accuracy of this description may attempt to contact the Mayor and his cronies at 429-3550.

"Restroom" Rotkin (no one has sighted the 24-hour restrooms that Mike assured us were plentiful in a City Council meeting last July) now a sofa socialist, reportedly proposed that businesses have their easements extended out to the sidewalk ("privatization"). Rick Kuhn announced business on the mall was up (not down as goes the constant moan of the homeless haters). Nearly half a million bucks as proposed for "security and maintenance" on the mall with nearly half of that going to pay for police salaries. Plastic-lovers proposed removing trees and bushes. How about some cooperative efforts with street people and homeless to really revitalize the mall--both physically and spiritually? Instead of behind-the-scenes maneuverings and rigid stonewalling, a little open-minded and open-hearted communication might go a long way. Come on, downtown business folks, out of your castles and into the streets!!

Meanwhile at the River St. Shelter, long-time activists Page Smith, Paul Lee, and others met to consider dissension within the homeless community and their supporters and propose new responses to continuing police pressure. Smith announced a reconvening of the Citizen's Commission on the Homeless to hold regular meetings. Activists Lemaster, Norse, and Imler expressed frustration with shelter boss Fred Gray, whose absence precluded a full airing of differences, and suggested better communications and a more explicit grievance procedure regarding Shelter problems and conflict between activists. Lee and others agreed to press for a broad-based class action against the City's Sleeping Ban at the earliest possible moment and registered support for the upcoming Sleep-In. Shelter worker Debby clarified that funds received from Flea Market sales went for homeless services at the shelter.

STREET MOM MANHANDLED IN BOOKSTORE,

ARRESTED LATER FOR PROTESTING POLICE SWEEP

Violently ejected from the usually hospitable bookstore essanta cruz for trying to use the courtyard restroom, Kim the Sparrow denounced flower shop owner and courtyard boss Ron L. for what she and other witnesses termed his violent use of force early Saturday afternoon. Ron is currently involved in numerous civil and criminal actions (as complainant in the latter) regarding his attempts to exclude locals from the only easily accessible set of toilets within blocks. Here's another case where the "progressive" City Council could act decisively to remove a tension spot by opening a public restroom, possibly at Scribner (Scope) park or at the town clock. Call Gangmember Rotkin and propose to the great socialist that perhaps folks need a little equal access.

Tuesday Kim chose to comment loudly on one of the perennial "harass the hippies" police actions at the monument across from the bookstore. Diverted from his target, officer Vogel reportedly approached the dismantive Kim in a threatening manner, demanded she "shut up," and produced from the frightened woman a stream of protest. Withdrawing to confer with officer Bunch, and a statute book in search of a legal pretext to silence the offensive Kim, Vogel returned with Bunch and announced it was illegal to sit on the steps of the monument. When Kim protested that

others were doing so, that she had not been informed of the law, Vogel and Bunch allegedly exacted "curbside justice" by twisting the woman's arms sharply behind her back, handcuffing her extremely snugly, and whisking her off to jail. 7 witnesses signed a petition protesting the police action. Another witness from a nearby business felt that all parties to the incident had shown disrespect for each other.

We thought it was the business of professionally-trained police to avoid igniting such inflammatory situations in the first place (maybe one had complained--why the police presence?) and once in, to act with restraint even in the face of hostility and offensive language (not easy, but a prerequisite for the job). We know that police are propelled into these situations by archaic drug laws and paranoid pressures from merchants and higher-ups and recognize we are all set in the arena against each other instead of turning united to face the crazy economic conditions that have us at each other's throats. Still, when it's unarmed harmless folks confronting gunmen supported by a whole system of courts and jails, we must plead the cause of the oppressed.

UPDATES...UPDATES...UPDATES

....Rumors that Homeless table petitioners were seeking money for guns to arm oppressed mothers were firmly denied by folks there. Said one, "M-1s and howitzers are completely inadequate to defend the strategic Pacific Garden Mall; it is only with a comprehensive Star Wars system that we can assure the safety of our women and children."

....Last of Pasatiempo garbage may be moved today: With still no help from the City or County, campers and homeless activists have cleaned up 5 years of trash on the north side of the Pasatiempo property with the help of private contributions of money, vehicles, and bags. The last load currently awaits pickup on the shoulder of highway 17 ever hopeful that dumpsters, trucks, Cal-Tran help, etc. promised by Supe. G. Patton will somehow appear from Nevernever land.

....Meanwhile campers Jeff and Scott have offered to clean up the rest of the Pasatiempo property once the property owners step forward to apologize for sending in private goonsquads to destroy their campsites and property and assure them of personal safety during the cleanup. Has anybody seen those highly responsible owners, the darlings of the local daily, the S.C. Urinal, so deeply concerned over the last 5 years with keeping their property up and so grateful that unpaid, harassed, and media-slandered campers have saved them \$10,000 by cleaning up their property for them? We thought not.

....Sleeping ticket court battle begins: folks are appearing at the homeless table with xeroxes of "camping" and other harassment tickets to be forwarded to Fearless Foytik. If you get ticketed, do the same. Foytik can be reached at 427-0326. Get a court date. Appear and plead not guilty. Call him and tell him when the date is and perhaps you won't be alone when you face the esteemed Kangaroo Courts of Santa Cruz. When you get your ticket, note down relevant details immediately like time, place, witnesses, officer's name and badge number, any abuse (or courtesy) that came down, etc. If found guilty, ask for community service. Foytik (not a lawyer, and this is not legal advice) may be able to give you some tips on defending yourself since our long-overdue Fight Your Ticket guidelines are still not available.

....Police abuse watch congeals: local folks interested in pressing for more professional conduct on the part of overworked officers (who may need vacation time or other assignments than the Mall beat) will be receiving and forwarding your complaints to Chief Bassett, Gangmaster Laird, and local attorneys for a possible lawsuit if you write them up. So do it and leave copies at the Homeless Table.

....Calvary Episcopal's homeless friend John Simpson reports attendance at Saturday suppers has dropped more than 50% after the police swept church grounds on four successive nights without a complaint, to round up sleepers referred to the church program by the River St. shelter, and invited by the church. No apologies have been forthcoming from the police and the sanctuary program ends tomorrow. Thanks, Calvary, for a summer's worth of concern and shelter. Now who will brave the Sleepbuster patrols and offer sleeping room?

....Correction: Named in Street Sheet #25 as a rights-offender (by some reports), Officer Clark clarified the arrest of the PG & E ledge sitter was because of "oustanding warrants" not ledgesitting or insufficient respect to Clark. We haven't spoken with the arrested man yet, but wish to register Clark's response. Clark also exchanged views with another accuser last week; the man still claims Clark threatened to break his sunglasses, searched him without consent, and threatened to rebreak his broken collarbone. Clark said his fellow officers would support him in confirming that the man consented to a search. The man did admit that Clark was not the officer who arrested him the following morning in what appeared to be an intentional attempt to jail him on someone else's warrants in spite of the man's presenting ID. We apologize to officer Clark for misreporting that aspect of the story. And we're still waiting to hear his side of what happened when he reportedly faced down a sassy skateboarder with a drawn gun and the words "down on your knees and say your prayers."

For the record, let it be noted we've heard no criticisms of Clark in the last week and thank him for taking the time to contribute his side of the story.

....Legwork gets results: Moontide tells us that her man was released from jail two days late on Wednesday after the D.A.'s office declined to file charges for grass sales on Monday. Running back and forth, Moontide finally got the jail to cough up her mate and noted that Officer Clark had initially said he'd try to have the charges dismissed (though he arrested the man anyway). Mixed reviews for the controversial cop. ...

....Madonna Maria fights back: Homeless activist M.M. reports angrily fending off unsolicited police attention from Officer Vogel last Tuesday shortly after she'd viewed what she termed the violent and abusive arrest of Kim the Sparrow across the street. In her own colorful language, she reportedly told the officer to conduct business or move on. Vogel, perhaps content with his earlier successful assault on free speech, did so.

....Council candidate Ed Porter (the man who reportedly proposed a city-subsidized snitch system) has suggested his continuing interest in a "campground for the homeless." He feels downtown businesses would be forthcoming with donations and that the whole project might be successfully implemented very quickly using portapotties and a series of prefabricated structures. Porter has also offered to discuss his proposal and can be reached at 425-1420. Caution: Porter feels streetfolk would have to offer in return a quid pro quo by vacating the mall to "relieve the business slump." At least, he's talking while others are silent. Look in on him at 1344 Pacific.

....Vets may volunteer for struggle against Sleeping Ban: City Council Candidate Calamity Jane Imler is taking the current Sleeping Ban crisis to the local vet's post next week to secure their support for united action against the Sleepbuster Stonewallers downtown. Stay tuned for their decision.

....Lorenzo Park meet last Saturday, complements of organizer Anders, revealed support for the upcoming Sleep-In and for a proposed Mall Clean-Up. Leave your name at the Homeless Table if you're interested in either. If tonight's Sleep-In gathers much support, there may be one the following night.

LOCAL NEWS

2 Neighborhood Factions

A Fight for the Soul of the Haight

By Sam Whiting
Chronicle Staff Writer

When 20 people were arrested for distributing free food at Haight and Sianyan streets on Monday, it was because members of a rival Cole Valley group were across the street, watching with glee from the patio of a McDonald's restaurant.

What began eight months ago as a loose Cole Street homeowners' effort to rid the neighborhood of pommade Grateful Deadheads and their bumper-tickered buses has evolved into an organized battle for the soul of the Haight.

On one side is Haight-Asbury Neighborhood Coalition, set to preserve the free-form tradition of the Panhandle. On the other side is the Cole Valley Improvement Association, whose members do not particularly like the Haight and Asbury when combined to consume free love, free food, free money and free rent.

The warring factions have fought it out through the mayor's office and the courts, and they fought it out Monday at the Haight Street entrance to Golden Gate Park over a weekly food distribution program called Food Not Bombs.

Immense Political Odds

Not since merchants persuaded police to sweep the streets of hippies in the late 1960s have two groups been at such enormous political odds over the future of the hillside neighborhood adjoining the park Panhandle.

The Haight-Asbury coalition claims to be the voice of Haight-Asbury history and wants to maintain the neighborhood's reputation as a haven for the counterculture even if that means putting out a welcome mat for society's indigents, such as the people who live in buses along the Panhandle.

The Cole Valley group complains that the Haight-Asbury coalition's history has 25 years, not 20 years — in a tour when the Haight was best known for its hippies. Worse than that, the Haight was a quiet neighborhood of middle-class homes and safe park playgrounds for the children.

"The name Cole Valley signals that there is a different group who would like to call this neighborhood home," said spokeswoman Therese Gaus, who incidentally lives on the same block of Asbury as the original home of the Grateful Dead, the rock band with an extensive cult-like following. "There's a large group of new people in the neighborhood who are not willing to put up with what some of the older residents put up with."

Gaus, an attorney, lives with her husband, William, six an attorney, and their four children in a house protected by wrought-iron steel gates. It is just around the corner from the scratched up, redwood-floored door of Jim Rhoads, a representative of the Haight-Asbury group.

'High-Wing Element'

There is a right-wing element



Police officers stood ready to make arrests Monday in Golden Gate Park at Haight and Sianyan streets as Food Not Bombs supporters chanted and distributed free meals.

in this neighborhood whose mission is that everybody who is homeless is a criminal," said Rhoads, a 19-year resident and accounting consultant. "It's outrageous that the neighborhood is persecuting an utterly poor class of people."

Caught in the middle of this philosophical war are the neighborhood's longtime bus residents who at this point do not care much for the Deadheads, either.

Hellas Creed does not consider himself homeless and does not follow the Grateful Dead around the country. He simply chooses to live in his 1961 school bus on the Panhandle as he has for the past two years.

"I resent the image that all of the people who live in the buses are 20 years old," said Creed, 31, who dresses in various shades and textures of black. "I'm a housewife. My bus is as nice as an apartment. I don't think you would find many Deadheads living like this."

Creed and his mobile home neighbors are in flux now because of Mayor Art Agnos' decision last month to remove vehicle residents from the Panhandle. Most have moved their buses to friends' driveways, beneath bridges or down to the Mission District. After daybreak, they return to Oak or Fall streets, park and drift a few blocks up and into the Haight-Asbury underculture.

Like the Haight-Asbury and Cole Valley groups, the bus residents have organized themselves. They even have a name — Vehicle Residents Association — and a monthly newsletter. They are circulating a petition at Haight and Sianyan streets to allow their return and are also suing to have declared unconditional Section 07 of the police code, which bans sleeping or eating in vehicles between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

"The vehicle residents just want to be left alone — they aren't doing it to make a statement," said their attorney, Serge Holtzman, who operates from a disreputable storefront on Haight Street. His other client, Food Not Bombs, operates largely on a grant from the Haight-Asbury Neighborhood Coalition and is definitely trying to make a statement, he says. "They have a high moral purpose and are willing to get arrested for it."

Two weeks ago, the group defied a police order and set up a food giveaway at the Haight Street entrance to Golden Gate Park. Nice people were arrested for breaking various health codes. Score that 1 for the Haight-Asbury group.

Last week, Food Not Bombs was allowed to distribute food to the needy. That tied the score. Monday's 20 arrests were a solid victory for the Cole Valley supporters, giving them the best-of-three series.

'Incredibly Distressing'

"To come in on some political basis and prevent these people from getting their one meal is incredibly distressing," Holtzman said. "If the Cole Valley people win, then it's a harbinger that we will no longer help the less fortunate. If that sentiment prevails, then we will end up isolated from each other."

Carole Isaac, a supporter of the Cole Valley group, counters that Food Not Bombs is actually financed by the Haight-Asbury coalition as a front to create a confrontation. "That's why they want it at Haight and Sianyan," she said. "It's one of the main entrances to the children's playground. It's turf. Why don't they send them down to Ocean Beach. If there's free food out there, I'm sure people will show up."

But Holtzman said the bumpy

probably will not go away, even if Food Not Bombs pulls up stakes.

"Their contention is that Food Not Bombs brings a bad element to the community," he said. "The people are already here. That's a fact of the neighborhood. What's going on out here is a class struggle, directed against people from a different social class."

Representatives of the Haight-Asbury group describe the Cole Valley people as a bunch of real estate speculators interested more in property values than maintaining the Haight as a refuge for the less fortunate. There is an overtones that Cole Valley supporters resemble people who move close to the airport as a complaint about the noise.

"We have 10 Haight-Asbury residents who don't want to be Haight-Asbury residents," said Joel Vreones, president of the Haight-Asbury Neighborhood Coalition. "They want to create a new neighborhood not congruent with the past."

Aging Hipsters?

Cole Valley representatives describe their opponents as a group of aging hippies trying to hang onto a dream that's long ago overtaken by junkies, winos, beggars and thieves.

Shella Bowen, who has lived in the neighborhood since 1953, said: "There were always a lot more takers out here than givers, which ruined the whole thing. People come with their backpacks and say, 'Hey, man, where's the happening?' It's over. It's gone."

Geographically, Cole Valley is up the hill and to the west of the Haight-Asbury intersection, but the group was founded to encompass the "greater Haight-Asbury community," according to its letterhead. The Cole Valley Improvement Association's first or painted victory



The Morning Line

I THINK YOU may exhale now: On Sunday night, Mel Swig proposed to Charlotte Maillhard down in Woodside — and she accepted! They'll be married early in November. Meanwhile, she is wearing a dazzling smile and an emerald ring bigger than the Fairmont... Is this the answer to "What next?" On the Bay Bridge, a guy managing to drive his Porsche, talk on his cellular phone and consult a Rolodex — mounted on the dash — all at the same time... Not a pretty photo to be flashed around the world from the tolerant, great-hearted City of St. Francis: police in full riot gear — 60 of 'em, in fact — breaking up a group trying to give away food at the entrance to Golden Gate Park. This would never have happened if Art Agnos had been elected mayor... Pete Madison, bd. chm. of ColorGraphics, caught the sightem at the Chevron station in the 3400 block of Third St. and was not amused: four U.S. Mail trucks having their tanks filled at the full service pumps, while their drivers relaxed behind the steering wheel. That's 30 cents more a gallon than self-service, y'know... Steve Baker agrees that Quayle should be dropped from the Republican ticket. He'd prefer something with a more San Francisco flavor — say, Bush and Sansome.

Turning from von-people to street people and foodgivers, the neo-fascists institute their own "clean-up" program.

Food Giveaway Organizers Won't Be Charged

By Bill Gordon
Chronicle Staff Writer

Prosecutors balked at pressing charges yesterday against organizers of the group that was arrested for serving free food to homeless residents of Golden Gate Park.

The San Francisco district attorney's office released 17 members of the group yesterday morning, calling it premature to file charges in the controversial case.

"There are a lot of leaves involved here. We have to look into our ability to prove our case," said Richard Flechter, director of the office's department that handles misdemeanor cases.

The district attorney's office still can file charges against those who were released yesterday. A dozen other members of the Food Not Bombs group who were released earlier still face arraignments on October 4, but Flechter said those cases also are being reviewed.

The refusal to file charges yesterday marks another twist in the emotional controversy surrounding the arrest of volunteers feeding the hungry.

Flechter declined to comment on the likelihood of pressing charges, but Jim Rhoads, spokesman for

the Haight-Asbury Neighborhood Coalition, which supports the program, called the decision to discharge the cases a "definite victory."

"It means the district attorney is not going to go along with the police. The proof is in their action," Rhoads said yesterday. The Food Not Bombs group said it will resume handing out free meals on Monday.

Therese Gaus, spokeswoman

for the Cole Valley Improvement Association, which opposes the food giveaway, declined to comment on the prosecution's action.

The Food Not Bombs group began serving lunch to the homeless residents of the park several weeks ago and quickly drew criticism from some neighborhood residents who contend that the program attracts criminals and drug users. Organizers of the food program

have refused to move to alternative locations prepared by the city. They say they rely on heavy foot traffic and visibility to distribute their political message along with the food.

The arrests on Monday ended a one-week reprieve ordered by Mayor Art Agnos to attempt to negotiate a compromise. Agnos signaled a hard-line policy against the group last week in a guest column printed in the Progress newspaper.

Make the campers clean up

The county authorities have allowed illegal campers to aggregate and trash local, private property for years.

Now the massive collection of litter and garbage has come to public attention and one wonders who the prudent environmentalists, who chair the Santa Cruz City Council and the Board of Supervisors, have been and what they are going to do about the cleanup. Apparently, officials thought it, "Let the innocent landowner clean up the mess." In fact, they propose giving these people 15 days to correct the situation that represents years of public neglect of law and decency.

The authorities have their hands on a collection of human excrement who have consistently broken the law, trespassed on private property and left a monument of filth.

Community service is often part of the sentence administered by our courts of law. Why not force these people to clean up their own mess?

If our courts can compel violators to work in hospitals, drug clinics or recreational facilities, surely a few hundred hours of environmental cleanup is a small price to pay for months or years of illegal camping and trashing of our open space.

Joe
Santa Cruz

And here, the S.C. Sentinel (aka S.C. Urinal) continues to harvest its cultivated crop of hate with its "trash the campers" headlines (8/29/88)

Campers must clean up

I recently read the second article about the garbage dump left behind by the illegal campers.

The answer to cleaning up this filth should be an obvious one. As a welfare worker subjected to the demands of many of these campers, I feel the situation is getting out of hand. These people have trespassed on private property, ruined the land and left their filth behind. Their actions show their total lack of respect for other people's property. Their immaturity and irresponsibility should be treated accordingly. They behave like undisciplined, irresponsible children and should be treated as such.

Names were taken. Those cited should be assembled and returned to the campsites. The county could supply them with shovels and 250 bags and put them to work cleaning up their own filth.

This talk about bringing in a helicopter and paying someone \$10,000 to clean the mess up is ridiculous. The officers issued citations and \$50 fines. These people do not have \$50. Since they were trespassing, they have broken the law. They could work off their fine and clean up their own garbage at the same time. They never should have let go to begin with.

Because chances are, many have already applied for other counties by now since "the heat is on." Perhaps, there are a few campers out there who don't leave their garbage behind. These eight offenders have helped those down the protesters' demands for land to live on and do what they want please. Brent Morgan was correct about the police ticket means nothing to these people. They have as much disregard for the law and ticks as they do for other people's property. Let's not spend unnecessary money when there is an obvious way to deal with this situation.

Steve Stiles
Santa Cruz

Homeless-bashing is too easy

Amazing how easy it is to bash homeless. Amazing how easy it is to classify them all a "compainin." There are growing numbers of families and singles, who have been impacted by layoffs, medical bills, accidents, burn-outs, condemnations and rent increases. There are many with medical problems, mental disability or who are victims of crime. They cannot all "go low wages when rentals are "sky high. Property owners are acquiring the last buck (low-end rental, toxic districts that some full marginal incomes will be shut out. Compel

housing in a county that restricts building geared for those with financial resources, leads to people getting pushed out of housing because of crime. Unlucky in the problem an need to be involved in a righteous solution. Too easy answers, but harassing the homeless is an easy answer. It is irresponsible. Of course, there are con artists, burn, and unmet needs people who are homeless. Does that because people have homes, they are a from these categories? Crime and (irresponsible) wrong, not homelessness. Let's quit lumping body together and work at helping those who help.

Steve Stiles
Santa Cruz

In the days ahead...

21 July 88 John

Dear Members of The Council,

In a conversation with a friend this evening, I was reminded with the fact that one of the "speakers" at the meeting of the 12th had identified me as the person who was responsible for the food being served in the City Hall Courtyard.

I had absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with that mess, in any fashion.

I had absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with the food that was served.

I repudiate the intentions and motivations of the crowd that staged the attack on the Council.

I'm convinced in my own mind that virtually the sole agenda item on Jane Imler and Robert Morris's agenda is Ms. Imler's forthcoming campaign for Council.

This also explains the rotten and baseless rumor campaign being fostered by Imler with respect to our Shelter.

I hope that at least some of you were able to watch the 17 July Santa Cruz Report on KAUZ. The statements I made on that show represent my position on this whole matter.

The "Left in rhetoric and Fascist in practice" approach has never been my cup of tea. It certainly isn't today. I do think that fairly describes the leadership working the crowd at that meeting, though.

Another point... it was not my intention nor the intention of the Task Force to attack the P.D. or the Chief. Indeed, I've been actively supportive to the Chief, although he may not see or know it. I have been active with the P.D. in breaking the crack and coke crowd. I've gone to the Chief with recommendations for Officers who deserved praise for their skill in handling difficult situations. In fact, the observation in our Task Force Report to Council that some Officers had been helpful to people on the street was my observation.

It has taken some two years to build a consensus of reason on service to the homeless in our City. For people who want to try to organize the homeless on the basis of anger and emotion, this consensus represents a problem. The fact that our Shelter has been so successful represents a problem to them also. It is difficult to organize people's anger when active progress is being made. Hence, the leadership of the crowd seeks to deny any progress, and sought to kill the modest modification our Task Force suggested to you.

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Our Task Force was used, the Council was used, I was used, and so were the homeless people who only seek to better their existence. They were victims of the reaction which was in evidence at that meeting also. Indeed, I can think of nothing lower in my scale of political integrity than to use the poor and the dispossessed as rungs on a ladder of a well-serving and negative campaign for Council, which is, I believe, what Ms. Imler is doing.

We need, those of us seeking a middle ground and a politics of consensus on homelessness, to make certain that our suspicions and doubts don't cause us to break the consensus which has been so long in coming and hard in making.

A measure of the ferocity of the Imler & Morse crowd is the amount of personal attack which occurred after I sent a letter to the San Sentinel, which was printed, explaining that the Shelter purchase had no part in the City's deficit, and giving praise to individual Council Members and City Staff who came up with the financing plan for the Shelter purchase. You'd have thought that I'd committed treason from the response.

If being honest about the current reality and the current consensus represents some sort of betrayal to spiteful and vindictive people then so be it.

As for me I absolutely avoided any involvement with the group, and I'm very angry that they've sought to do the damage they've done, and am doing everything I can to de-fuse the situation.

The trashing that happened last weekend in the Downtown is directly related to the atmospheres created by those leading the assault on City Hall last week, at least in my view.

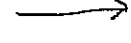
There are only two items on my personal agenda:

- 1) To do the very best job possible at River Street in serving the needs of homeless persons;
- 2) To hold the middle ground and work to expand the consensus which has existed for the past 14 years.

I am no fool, and would certainly not be attacking at a time when things are moving ahead so well and so rapidly. Some fools have chosen to attack... at the expense of the very people they are presuming to represent.

cc: Council Members Fred Morris Chief Bassett

Gray to Laird: et al



End Petition for Homeless Rights

Whereas sleep is a necessity for every person, not merely those who have money, own or rent property, and/or own a vehicle

Whereas deprivation of sleep is both cruel, unjust, and unhealthy,

Whereas UN Declaration of Human Rights UN Constitution California Constitution the ethos of Santa Cruz Community

People should not be made criminals through lacking a place to sleep:

1. Sleeping in Santa Cruz City and County shall not be counted a crime in and of itself. This shall in no way prejudice prosecution of individuals for loitering, violations of health and safety codes, blocking access to buildings or thoroughfares, violating trespass laws, or other actions that would be just cause for complaint.
2. The County and City shall jointly undertake a study of all currently unoccupied potentially habitable structures in its jurisdiction and report back within 2 months of the extent of such housing.
3. The City and County shall immediately begin hearings on the necessity and desirability of different means of meeting the Housing Crisis in this area.
4. The City of Santa Cruz shall promulgate and enforce a series of guidelines for the instruction of private "security" forces in the city that clearly explicate their legal rights and powers, and shall swiftly prosecute and punish any violations of those guidelines.
5. The City and County shall immediately establish and fund a Campground... walk-in and drive-in campground (possibly in Sycamore Grove) to accommodate not less than 200 people. It shall investigate staffing and maintenance of the campground through volunteer organizations. Connected to the campground will be a laundromat, a locker service, an area for child care, a set of 20 showers, an area for working on and repairing autos, a series of booths and spaces for sale of crafts (perhaps operated on the latter system used in SF or Berkeley).
6. The City of Santa Cruz shall fund adequate restroom facilities throughout the City. Coupled to the restroom will be shower and dressing rooms.
7. The City of Santa Cruz shall allow and possibly fund a S.C. Switchboard modeled after the current S.F. Switchboard to provide services and facilities for transients run by a volunteer staff, to provide a peck-checking service, possibly a small lending-library, a jobs board, a housing board, (bulletin boards)...
8. The City shall establish a Civilian Police Review Board to deal with all complaints about private security and police "beat" problems and make nonbinding recommendations to the various departments concerned.

Please add your suggestions. R. Morse

31 August 20, 1988

ROUGH DRAFT

City Council of the City of Santa Cruz 429-9801

Re: Correspondence of Fred Gray date July 21, 1988 (received July 23, 1988)

Dear Councilmembers:

I have just become aware of a letter sent to the City Council by Fred Gray, in which he denied that he had any association whatsoever with the provision of food served on July 22, 1988 at a demonstration or with any other aspect of that demonstration, and in which he also launched into a bitter attack on me and other persons associated with certain branches of the movement in advocacy for the rights of the homeless. In the best of my information, both now and then, Mr. Gray is absolutely correct in his assertion that he had nothing to do with the July 22 demonstration, including in respect to its provision of food. I can give both you and Mr. Gray assurance that I have never suggested that he was so associated or had any advance knowledge that anyone else would impute to him the credit that is deserved by others.

It would be inappropriate for me to respond to the various attacks which Mr. Gray includes in that letter upon me, my candidacy, and my campaign. After all, there are some among your number who are also candidates for reelection. It is not entirely surprising that there may be some who might think they could carry favor by addressing a letter to the City Council that is obviously designed to enhance the image of incumbents and distract from the candidacy of challengers. I am not suggesting that I believe any of the candidates, or any other member of the Council, solicited the letter, for had that been the case I would have expected it to be more temperate and less self-centered.

To the extent that the City Council and employees of the City of Santa Cruz take action and implement programs that are helpful to the homeless, acknowledgment is due and forthcoming. To the extent that the City Council and employees of the City of Santa Cruz fail to provide services to the homeless that are truly within the scope of municipal resources, we will be forthcoming from at least some advocates of this cause, including myself. But to the extent the City Council and the Police Department of the City of Santa Cruz continue their unconscionable policy and practice of harassing with an unconstitutional and immoral ordinance those who sleep in their vehicles and outside because there is no yet adequate facilities available, you can expect to witness continued opposition from both myself and others.

As for Mr. Gray, I would hope that he would take pride in the good that he has done, put his energies into doing more good, and reflect a little more on what a letter such as he delivered to you really accomplishes.

Thank you for your attention to this reply.

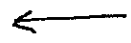
Sincerely,

Jane Imler

cc: Fred Gray Chief Bassett

P.S. Although he is not required to do so as a matter of law, I hope that in the future elementary courtesy would prompt Mr. Gray to provide me and other named persons, such as Mr. Morse, with a copy of any letter that is put in the public record that is intended to reflect on our public reputations.

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Vets Announce:

WAGG WAGG PEAC CAFE

Presents:

SUNDAY BREAKFAST IN THE BUNKER 8:00 am-1:00 pm.

JAM SESSION 2:00 pm-11:00 pm.

DILL MOTTO VETERAN * MEMORIAL Bldg. 446 Front St.

for the benefit of the veterans relief fund



LATE FLASH:

MID-WEEK SLEEP-IN PLANNED FOR TOMORROW NIGHT (THURSDAY)

Still intoxicated with the success of last Friday night's town clock sleep-in, punch-drunk activists and puckerd-out homeless are hoping to make legal (or lightly hassled) sleeping a habit here in Santa Cruz. Accordingly, homeless activists are issuing a call for folks interested in legalizing sleeping to show up at the town clock (across from the post office) Thursday, September 8, around 10 p.m. to consider bedding down for the evening in that noisy but centralized location. Other spots under discussion: City Hall, San Lorenzo Park, Lairdland--suggestions welcomed. Well-wishers are invited; you need not stay to receive a ticket or (on the second ticket) risk arrest, but may simply witness the proceedings. Donations of blankets, catchy tunes, hot coffee, cocoa, and bathrobes are welcomed. Inform your friends and bring them along.

STREET SLEEP SHEET EXTRA

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Sept. 7, 1982

SLEEP-IN BULLETIN

IT IS ILLEGAL TO SLEEP IN SANTA CRUZ UNLESS YOU PAY RENT.

THE "CAMPING BAN" IS REALLY A "SLEEPING BAN" THAT PENALIZES THE POOR.

THE CITY COUNCIL REFUSES TO OFFER THE VOTERS AND THE CITY ANY REASONABLE CHANGE (SUCH AS A CAMPGROUND, ZONES WHERE IT'S LEGAL TO SLEEP IN YOUR CAR OR ELSEWHERE, ADEQUATE SHELTER, AN ABATEMENT TO POLICE WARRANT, ETC.).

THEY DENIED ADEQUATE DEBATE, REFUSED TO ALLOW A VOTE ON THE BALLOT, REFUSED OUR CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

EVERY YEAR \$1,000,000 IS SPENT BY THE COUNTY ON "SLEEPING" EACH YEAR.

SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT MEANS MINIBUSSES AND BIG BUSES ARE ALLOWED TO PARK NIGHTLY AND THEIR DRIVERS AND OCCUPANTS SLEEP (AS THEY SHOULD) WHILE POORER FOLKS IN CARS AND TRUCKS GET TICKETED.

POOR FOLKS ARE UNABLE (OR UNWILLING) TO PAY THE TICKETS. DO NOT APPEAR IN COURT, SO WARRANTS ARE ISSUED FOR THEIR ARREST. THEY ARE BROUGHT BACK TO THIS COUNTY, HELD IN JAIL HERE, TRIED, AND JAILED SOME MORE AT COMMUNITY EXPENSE-- ALL FOR TRYING TO SLEEP UNHASSLED WHERE NO ONE HAS COMPLAINED.

CALL THE CITY COUNCIL AT 429-3550 AND DEMAND THE LAW BE CHANGED.

ASK CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES IF THEY SUPPORT BUSTS FOR SLEEPING, AND IF THEY DON'T WHAT DO THEY INTEND TO DO NOW TO STOP THE NIGHTLY BUSTS.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS IS STUPID, UNFAIR, AND/OR UNWORTHY OF SANTA CRUZ, CONSIDER THIS:

TAKE YOUR CAR TO DOWNTOWN SANTA CRUZ IN THE EVENING.

SLEEP IN YOUR CAR DOWNTOWN.

IF TICKETED BY A POLICEMAN, TAKE IT TO COURT AND PLEAD NOT GUILTY. CONTACT THE BUREAU FOR HOMELESS RIGHTS AT 429-9801.

SLEEP IS A NEED NOT A CRIME.

IF EVERYONE GETS TICKETS

TICKETING WILL END!



END THE
SLEEPING BAN!

DON'T LET SANTA CRUZ ...
 BECOME SAN FRANCISCO!
 STOP THE SLEEPING BAN
 BEFORE IT BECOMES ...
 THE FEEDING BAN!

Tuesday, September 6, 1988

San Francisco Chronicle



BY STEVE BRONKHORST/THE CHRONICLE

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By Martin Halstak
 Chronicle Staff Writer

Police broke up a food giveaway in Golden Gate Park yesterday, and 51 people were arrested, some after brief scuffles with officers.

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On August 29, 29 people were arrested in a similar incident, and protesters said yesterday that they plan to return each Monday.

When police intervened yesterday, a few demonstrators rushed forward and were seized by police and arrested. In some cases, demonstrators resisted and had to be restrained by police. One officer was hit in the face with a paper plate of rice, and others were pelted with vegetables.

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This happened one month after vandwellers were forced out of the Haight - Ashbury. Stop this insanity now!

STREET SHEET

#27

Wednesday



Afternoon

Sept. 7, 1988

WEEKEND SLEEP-IN DRAWS SUPPORT:

30 SENTINELS, 14 SLEEPERS, 6 TICKETS, 3 ALL-NIGHTERS, 0 ARRESTS

Last Friday night's bed-down at the town clock to protest the Gang of 7 (City Council)'s baleful Sleeping Ban came off merrily in spite of the occasional appearance of armed blue suits. The polite but relentless Sleepbusters presented the City's bill to the cash-poor sleepers-- tickets for \$50 (and up, depending on the digestion or caprices of the robed courtrulers in the County Bldg.) for the crime of closed eyes on city property after 11 p.m.

Homeless advocates and folks bearing sleeping bags began to gather around 10 a.m.--John M. with his inevitable ghetto blaster, high-tech supporters Carrie and Mark with their portable VCR-camera, many-names Brian with table and signs, and undaunted Doug and Linda, continuing to flee from misinformed and misinforming deputy dawgs ever-eager to smash their sleep. Bad-ass Rita from Santa Barbara and other hard-to-discourage leafleters, passed out information to curious but shy motorists. Robespierre Robert sat at the Homeless table, relocated to the town clock for the evening, pecking away at his typewriter and occasionally denouncing rowdy demonstrators.

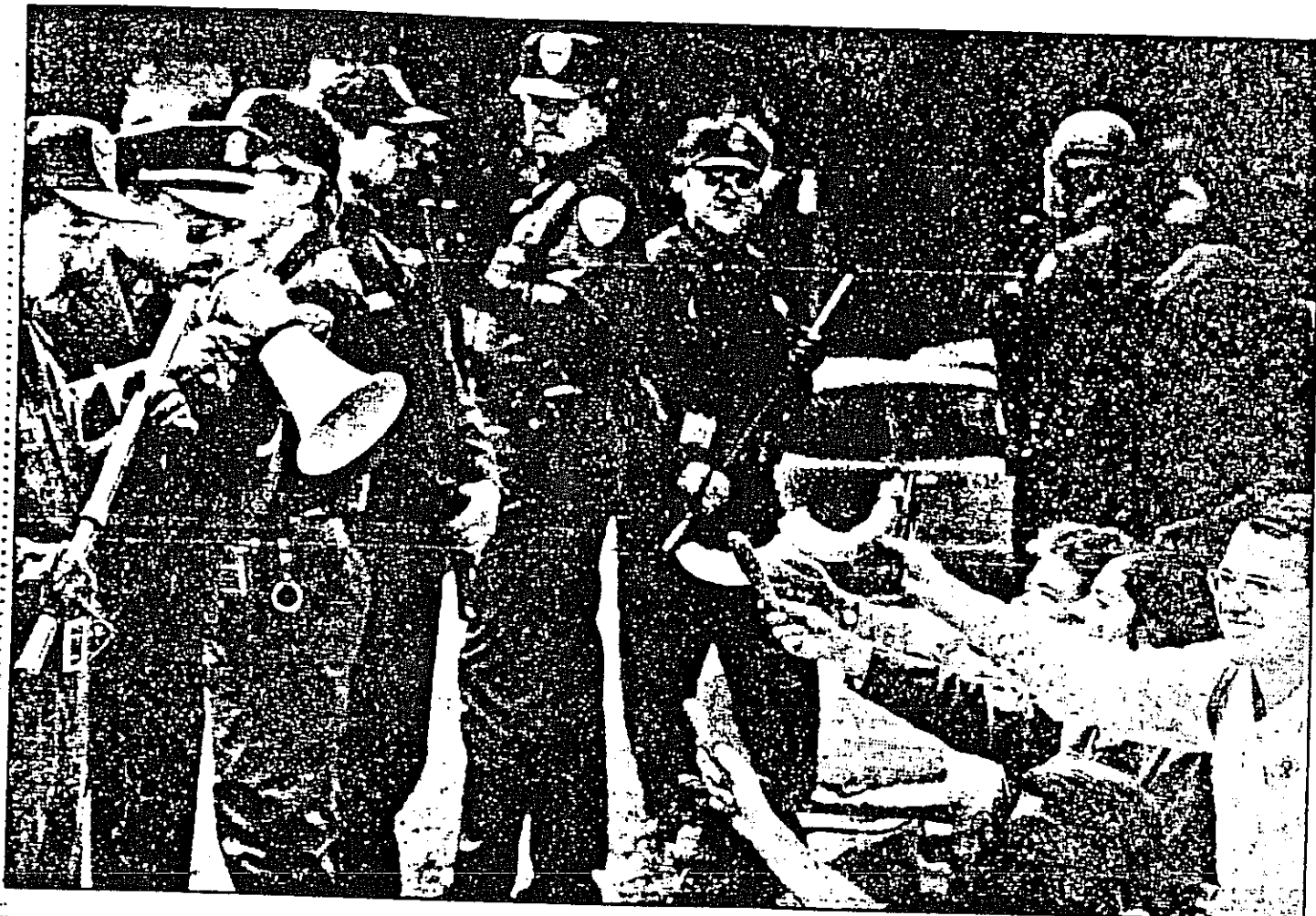
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Over on the fountain's north side, students Jennifer and Alice had brought along three activist friends to observe and perhaps contribute their snores to the evening, but weariness or amorous intent left the two alone when the police finally made their 4:30 a.m. appearance.

First to be roused and ticketed was long-time activist and first-time sleep-iner Charles Grey, his fitful slumber disturbed by the insistent voice of Sgt. Reedy, who, with other officers, attempted to persuade the sleepers to leave without being ticketed (8 did, leaving 6 to feel the full force of the law for their crime). Jennifer, Alice, and Linda said they were misinformed by police that all the other sleepers had left and that they would face fines and jail alone. Refusing to heed such "divide and conquer" tales, the women refused to rise and were ticketed along with Robert, Charles, and John M.

Most sleepers were loathe to lie down again--since that would subject them to a second ticket and a misdemeanor arrest, but three brave (or unbearably sleepy) souls did crash out--Brian, John M., and Kevin. They were pleasantly surprised when dawn came to find the police had thought better of it, and merely awakened them without hauling them off to the pokey. If only this procedure were a city-wide occurrence, there would be no need for the Street Sheet and the editor could spend his mornings in blissful slumber.

The sleep criminals intend to plead not guilty and subject the arresting officers to a withering cross-examination in the months ahead. We invite all interested readers to attend their trial. When the date is set, you'll read it here.



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COLLUSTER JOURNALISM PROVOKES HOUNDS OF BASSETVILLE

Apparently unsatisfied with the harvest of hate reaped from its last "trash the campers" campaign, the Santa Cruz Urinal, perhaps gearing up for its fall campaign against the bastard-progressive faction of the Gang of 7, has loosed another slanted and misleading attack on the Pasatiempo property campers. Smearred in the news columns, editorials, and cartoon section as Trashmonsters, campers Jeff, Scott, Brent, and others responded to SCPD, Sheriff's Dept., and security goon squad destruction of their tents and property by leading a massive clean-up campaign of the area. In the process they cleaned up years-old trash dumps, mostly the refuse from the property owners themselves and campers from years back. Homeless advocates, street people, and interested citizens did the dirty work with the campers leading and supervising the effort.

The Urinal gave brief mention to their work and counterattacked Sunday with a 1/3 page story denouncing folks who'd done the job that the city, county, and property owners declined to do. No background was given (to inform its readers, for instance, of the political nature of the sudden police busts up there, since police had visited the area numerous times in the past 18 months without issuing tickets.

Monday morning, officers Werner and Townsend appeared in camp, alleging they had a complaint from the property owner, but when Jeff and Scott approached the police department later, they were told no complaint had been filed. In conversation with City Council candidate and homeless activist Jane Imler, Tanner Heights Assn boss and property owner Mook did not mention a complaint, and it appeared to many that the Urinal's story had provoked another unjustified assault on a much-berated but legitimate and valuable segment of the community.

At press time neither Mook nor Longtongue Tom Long (Urinal "reporter") had returned our calls.

Illegal campers still staying at wooded Pasatiempo site

By TOM LONG
General staff writer

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The two were assessing the cleanup effort. According to Mook, the cleanup is far from over.

Bassett said his force cannot re-

spond to a problem on private property unless someone complains about the problem. Before the roust earlier this month, Bassett said he received complaints from Tanner Heights residents.

Rau is preparing a report on the situation that will tell the property owners how much cleanup they are going to be responsible for. Mook said he expects the decision early next week.

When the dumpsites were first discovered, Environmental Health said the dump sites would have to be cleaned up, and that potentially expensive cleanup was the responsibility of the property owners.

The owners were initially given 15 days to come up with a cleanup plan, but asked for an extension because the only access to the campgrounds was along winding, jagged trails.

A group of campers, advocates for the homeless and volunteers began a cleanup effort two weeks ago. City Council candidate Jane Imler was an organizer of that effort. Imler said the campers had only begun using the three main dump sites within the past year.

"According to the campers, a lot of the trash had been scattered about and they had just picked it up and dumped it into those ravines within the past six months," Imler said.

During the past few weeks, volunteers have packed numerous



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burial bags with trash and left them alongside the highway. Most of the bags have been picked up by volunteers with trucks, Imler said.

But even as trash is being taken out of the area, campers have

moved back in.

"It's a nuisance and a very unhealthy situation," said Mook.

The property owners have decided not to complain about the campers now living in the woods

until they see the report. But Mook said something is going to have to be done eventually.

"I think we need to put our heads together and get these people relocated," Mook said.

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spond to a problem on private property unless someone complains about the problem. Before the roust earlier this month, Bassett said he received complaints from Tanner Heights residents.

Rau is preparing a report on the situation that will tell the property owners how much cleanup they are going to be responsible for. Mook said he expects the decision early next week.

When the dumpsites were first discovered, Environmental Health said the dump sites would have to be cleaned up and that potentially expensive cleanup was the responsibility of the property owners.

The owners were initially given 15 days to come up with a cleanup plan, but asked for an extension because the only access to the campgrounds was along winding, jagged trails.

A group of campers, advocates for the homeless and volunteers began a cleanup effort two weeks ago. City Council candidate Jane Imler was an organizer of that effort. Imler said the campers had only begun using the three main dump sites within the past year.

"According to the campers, a lot of the trash had been scattered about and they had just picked it up and dumped it into those ravines within the past six months," Imler said.

During the past few weeks, volunteers have packed numerous



People are still living where police roused campers, and tons of garbage were found.

burial bags with trash and left them alongside the highway. Most of the bags have been picked up by volunteers with trucks, Imler said.

But even as trash is being taken out of the area, campers have moved back in.

"It's a nuisance and a very unhealthy situation," said Mook.

The property owners have decided not to complain about the campers now living in the woods until they see the report. But Mook said something is going to have to be done eventually.

"I think we need to put our heads together and get these people re-located," Mook said.

2 STEALS STREET SHEET
POLICE REFUSE TO FILE REPORT

Apparently eager to throw his weight around, SCPD Officer Raynor (Badge #188) lifted Street Sheet #26 from the Homeless table Monday afternoon before astonished witnesses and an outraged tabler. Refusing to pay for the newsflyer or to borrow it with the promise of returning it, the armed thief threatened to carry off tabler Robert or cite him for "selling items without a business license." "Make my day" was the livid tabler's attitude, but the city-financed gunman ignored him and strolled off with the stolen property in his pocket. Officers Levy and Vogel refused to take a police report on the matter under orders from Sgt. Sanderson, who apparently regards police theft on duty as an internal matter. When Robert and two witnesses reached the police station later, they found the Sheet had been xeroxed and distributed and were unable to apprehend the guilty party.

Sanderson blandly instructed the victims that thefts of this sort were police policy, supported by the city attorney. He declined to instruct his officer to return the pilfered publication, claiming that if the item were really on sale, he'd have to cite Robert for selling it. When told that the items were "for sale" in the sense that a mandatory donation to pay for the cost of printing was required of all buyers, Sanderson declared he didn't believe him and retreated behind a locked door.

A reward of a complete set of the Street Sheets is being offered for the apprehension and prosecution of this armed man, operating under the name of Raynor and apparently in the employ of the Santa Cruz police. Approach with caution, he is known to be armed and dangerous.

UPDATES...BRIEF BITS...ADDITIONS...CORRECTIONS

....Activist Anders, who led a Sleeping Ban roundtable-on-the-green Saturday before last at San Lorenzo Park, was seized by a Sleepbuster patrol up near the main entrance of UCSC on Sunday. He spent a night in the holding tank and faces misdemeanor trespass charges at his arraignment October 5. Hopefully the hasslemasters will drop this nonsense before then; if not, we hope to be with Anders when he requests a jury trial in yet another Sleepcrime-of-the-Century.

....Anders commends River St. Shelter manager Fred Grey for the use of his truck last week in the continuing Pasatiempo clean-up. As do we. The job's not finished yet, so leave word at the Homeless table if you're interested in volunteering a little garbagegathering time (only a few hours of work left at most).

....A tip of the hat to Pajaronian photographer Chip who's volunteered some of his homeless snapshots to folks trying to end the Sleeping Ban. Perhaps Chip will be on hand tomorrow night to catch the Sleep-In?

....Meanwhile at the River St. Shelter, the Shelter Project is hosting a Press Conference 4 p.m. tomorrow on the subject of Proposition 96, the Funds-for-the-Homeless proposition coming up for vote in November. ("Funds for the Homeless Bureaucracy" is how some regard it--but stay posted).

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....Vets tonight will be hearing pleas from homeless activists to support the campaign to end the Sleeping Ban, and join the sleep-in tomorrow night. They meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Vet's Hall. Also--will those who have received help from the vets in terms of sleepspace and food, show a little respect for the premises? We've heard tales that there was damage and theft there recently. Shape up, campers! And if someone else is acting like an idiot, don't just stand there gaping.

....Irrepressible Doc got hauled in a few days back by the normally even-tempered Officer Levy. His companion told us he got the bum's rush for spilling milk and colorful speech. Levy painted a lurid picture of a foul-mouthed intoxicant and a litterbug. Looks like the County's gonna waste our money and the time of both of these in court. Can't these things be settled without handcuffs? How about some volunteers for a StreetSquad to help mediate between well-intentioned but heavily armed policepeople and rowdy streetfolks? Present your applications at the table.

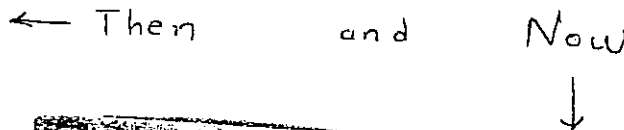
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Sentinel staff writer

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"Since the city designated the River St. Shelter as its answer to the Homeless Problem, perhaps the homeless should sleep on its spacious grounds until a better solution is found."

--overheard in a conversation between homeless advocates as to where demonstrators might sleep-in tonight

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SLEEP-IN FERVOR GROWS

Faced with increasing support and enthusiasm for this evening's vigil and sleep-in at the town clock, homeless advocates, supporters, and homeless participants will be chewing over exactly where to sleep if the numbers grow too large for the small clock and fountain area. Numerous students, contacted at the Cafe Pergolesi last night, declared their intention to show up, sleeping bags in hand, friends at their side. Others were less definite about whether they'd stay, but expressed curiosity and support, suggesting they'd look in and perhaps bring coffee and kudos for those of us seeking to change the Sleepslayer law.

Suggestions for a resting place range from the centralized but cramped and clammy town clock itself to the lawns of Gangmembers Laird, Rotkin, Weed, et. al. to the spacious expanse of San Lorenzo Park to the belly of the beast--the City Hall green to the distant but homeless-identified River St. Shelter. If and when folks decide to begin the sleep-in (sleep turns to crime at 11 p.m.), a suitable spot will be found.

Show up early (folks'll start to gather around 10) and make your opinions known. Bring food, fluids, blankets, garbage bags, non-amplified instruments, books of fairy tales (to read each other to sleep), and possibly some kind of ground cloth along with your sleeping bag in case you decide to lie down on moist grass. Bring friends, relatives, well-wishers, and stout hearts. Together we'll bring change.

Our thanks to Rita, Mac, John M., and Bubbah Brian for their organizer efforts in the last few days that have stirred the slumbering hearts of Santa Cruz and pointed the way.

Gang of 7 (City Council) office-seekers are also invited to attend the proposed sleep-in. Calamity Jane Imler may be on board and perhaps a few more. Reigning Gang of 7 Sleepbusters are also urged to abandon their evil ways and join the movement for elementary constitutional rights and a more well-rested tomorrow.

VETS ENDORSE END TO CITY SLEEPING BAN: SOME MAY JOIN SLEEP-IN

VFW Post #5888 (the Bill Motto Post), which has housed and fed homeless at different times in the past, voted to endorse the call for an immediate end to the sleeping ban last night in their bi-monthly meeting. Themselves the target of SCPD police actions against the homeless two years ago (when they denied entrance to police seeking to clear sleepers out of the building), they plan to communicate directly to the Gang of 7 and urge them to end their dawn raids on church property and inoffensive sleepers before the situation grows even more volatile.

The Vets are also urging the return of a WWII battle blouse, a serge wool Patton jacket buttoned down the front with a PFC single strip and several service patches on the arm which disappeared some days ago. They suggest there is some anger at the loss of this displayed item, and urge the regalia-lifter to return the stuff anonymously and all will be forgotten. We are also willing to receive the "borrowed" article at the Homeless table and forward it. Act now and avoid sorrow later.

4 pm Today: Meetings of the Shelter Project: Press Conference
on Prop. 96
Citizen's Committee on the Homeless
Both at River St. Shelter.

SAN FRANCISCO POLICES IN FULL-SWING

Street Sheet #27 reprinted the San Francisco Chronicle's report on cop's busting Haight St. food distribution last Monday by the Food Not Bombs group up there. Looks like the "harass 'em, bust 'em, drag 'em to jail, release 'em" cycle of curbside injustice is in flower up North. Let's hope our local more genteel Sleepbusters continue their rudimentary courtesies down here. We have few complaints about past police handling of the sleep-in demonstrations and encourage them to continue their professional policies in the Snooze-alongs to come.

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Legal Puzzle in Food Giveaway

By Bill Gordon
Chronicle Staff Writer

Prosecutors again declined to file charges yesterday against the latest group of people arrested for distributing free food in Golden Gate Park.

District Attorney Arlo Smith said he hopes to decide later this week whether to prosecute members of the group called Food Not Bombs for serving food without a permit to homeless residents of the park on Monday.

"We're reviewing all the cases and gathering additional information not included in the police reports," Smith said yesterday.

Prosecutors will study video tapes of the arrests and discuss the cases with health inspectors before deciding whether charges can be

proved against the individuals arrested during three incidents during the past month, Smith said.

Aside from the individual cases, a broader question of the city's ability and willingness to regulate the food giveaways must be answered.

"The police can't just go out and arrest people if we're not going to prosecute," said Richard Hechler, who is in charge of filing misdemeanor charges for the department.

Prosecutors released 27 of the volunteers arrested Monday for illegally distributing food in the park at Haight and Sanyan streets after those who were arrested refused to sign citations ordering them to appear in court at a later date. Warrants can be issued to charge them if prosecutors decide to pursue the cases.

Twenty-six others, who signed the citations, are scheduled to appear in court next month but their cases are being reviewed, Smith said.

The American Civil Liberties Union entered the debate yesterday by releasing the contents of a letter sent to Mayor Art Agnos criticizing the arrests as unconstitutional.

"When the police are asked to handle a complicated social problem, such as homelessness, that is not fundamentally criminal in nature, previous constitutional freedoms are usually among the first casualties," said the letter from ACLU Northern California director John Crew.

"This transparent attempt to arrest Food Not Bombs because of the alleged criminal conduct of others simply runs counter to the basic of our criminal justice system."

TELFAIR ON THE MENTAL-HEALTH SYSTEM MONSTER

"Though it may seem that I am beating a dead horse, I feel it imperative that some comments be made on the subject of the governmental "mental-health" system and the dangers it presents to the poor and homeless, who presently seem to be its primary victims.

It seems that the main purpose of the mental-health system is social control--making people conform to whatever the norms are of the society in which they happen to live. The system is inimical to freedom. Its "clients" become prisoners, victims, captives of an evil system of social control. Thus, all who feel and empathize with those who have lost or are losing their liberty to this "cult" of conformity and thought control should, in good conscience, do whatever needs to be done to combat this monstrous evil.

And it is a monstrous evil because it is allied with the state, with government, and therefore is used by government to impose its cold and conformist ways upon its victims. The prisoners of the mental-health system, thus become slaves of the state. They are deprived often permanently of their freedom and usually drugged into willing submission. They become like zombies or robots. They are destroyed as free and thinking individuals.

Housing and food are basic human necessities. These are rights of a most primary nature. Without mental-health system "strings" attached, decent shelter and decent meals should be afforded to all of God's children--and most especially those who have been victimized by government action (i.e. mental-health system abuses, etc.) and government inaction (the "trickle-down" theory of Reaganomics, etc.) and by this society's puritanical, capitalistic system, which apparently distorts the gospel message with the fallacious cliché, that a sign of God's favor is to be rich.

It seems that the mental-health system is being used as the chief instrument of governmental oppression against the poor and homeless of this country. Institutionalization may very well be the "final solution" for the "problem" of the poor and homeless in "Amerika"*

*as "final solutions" are Fascist or Nazi terms, I have used a spelling for this country with a "k" rather than with a "c" as in "KKK", so as to emphasize the Fascist nature of state-psychiatry.

....Last issue's quote comparing the S.C.Sentinel's anti-Chinese attitudes of the 1880s with its anti-homeless attitudes of the 1980s was from Sandy Lydon's Chinese Gold.

POLICE FRANKS

....Mab, fresh out of jail for DUI, reports highly overcrowded conditions (8-12 folks sleeping on the floor in his cell), but a polite staff that left him alone. He found mostly "kids" there in his 4 day stay, and commends the authorities for ORing him to the streets

....Investigation or rumor-mongering? Having found nothing to connect the homeless sleepwalk of some weeks back with the possible arson at the Saturn Cafe, the SCPD has apparently assigned Lt. Lawson to a new job: spreading rumors that homeless advocates are (we kid you not) using donations to buy weapons to arm the street people. Additionally the good Lt. has apparently suggested to at least two citizens that Robespierre Robert is a paid organizer from out of town sent in to be the Ollie North of Santa Cruz (Freedom Fighters on the Mall?). We thought this one was good for a laugh back in Street Sheet #26, but if the character assassination continues, our local legal eagle may be eying down the suspicious Lt. in court. The Lt. is cordially invited to discuss any of these matters with folks at the table, but, strangely enough, he's failed to even contact the object of his suspicious--the infamous Robert. Could it be that he's disseminating rather than accumulating (mis)information?

....K.B. got jerked into jail ^{from the Mall} for 6 days and barred for a year thereafter for "trespass"--possibly a highfallutin way of spelling "sleeping"...the local Sleepbusters warned K.B. not to participate in the last Sleepwalk or he'd "get into trouble"...We don't suggest this was malicious punishment, but we regard these sleeping fines and jail terms as a continuing blot on the record of our local peace officers.

THANKS

....to oldtimer Velma, a downtown dweller who gave \$5 to the homeless table and expressed outrage at the closing of Scribner Park when a curfew was imposed there some years back

....to Erik the Unquenchable who soothed the outrage of a homeless table activist whose sleep-in blankets had been stolen last Friday by quickly contributing his own blankets...and hugs...

....to Mayor of the Mall Gerald for buying and posting this indispensable newsflyer at the Soup Kitchen for all of the folks to read

....to Steve D. and John S. of Calvary Episcopal for their hard nightly work all summer giving the homeless food and shelter

TIDBITS

....Back on the mall among the people: City Council contender Abdullah Hassan, exchanging fancy threads for downhome dress and drums

....In the works: a weekly laser-printed edition of the Street Sheet, with the best of the week's rantings...still on the drawing board

....Some County experts are calling for a "sobering center" rather than jail for drunks, but City bosses, already mildly hysterical about street people and homeless on the Mall, are howling "not in our neighborhood." We favor Tippecanoe Tim's suggestion of a recovery center for those unfortunates addicted to illegal sleeping. Possibly with time, care, and the proper medication, those unfortunates who currently stuff the jails because of their sleeping problem could receive the help they need.

Next issue: Telfair on conservatorships, an analysis of the homeless props #85 and 96, tales from thought's sleeping. Don't wait for the next issue. Come to the town clock tonight and make some news.

The term "mental illness" has been used in various parts of the world in a most subjective manner for stamping out dissidents and non-conformists. Now in this affluent and power-hungry land, the poor, especially the homeless, are often categorized as "mentally ill," merely on account of their economic status.

What follows then, is a description of the methodology used by state psychiatry to permanently deprive and dehumanize and ultimately destroy the poor and homeless, who are unfortunate enough to fall in the "mental-health trap." This then is capitalistic Amerika's "final solution" for the poor and homeless of this land.

Conservatorship--Modern Day Slavery

At the time of this writing, there is much talk about freedom in the land--about how America is the great bastion and bulwark of freedom, not only for its own people, but for all the peoples of the earth--a lamp illuminating humanity with its beneficent rays.

And yet, right here in this country, right here in our very midst, there exists an extremely grave deprivation of this noble concept of freedom, which Americans, supposedly, hold so dear. It is something so ugly and dehumanizing that the term 'slavery' is not being used lightly when describing this awful condition into which many of our brothers and sisters have fallen. This state of bondage, forced upon them by a cruel classist and oftentimes sexist and racist society, applying the immense power of an all-pervasive governmental agency, known as the Mental-Health System, is called in this state of California, "conservatorship," and in other states of this union sometimes by other names.

Under this designation, a conservatee, the term by which the hapless victim is called, loses just about all basic human rights which Americans take so much for granted, including the loss of authority over what can be done with one's own body; i.e. operations can be performed upon one against one's will; the conservatee can be moved from one facility to another, often far from familiar support systems, often to locked facilities, which many times closely resemble prisons or internment camps. "Treatment" in these facilities is then forced upon these poor souls, usually consisting of being compelled to take high dosages of brain-altering drugs, and sometimes having their brains seared with electro-shock "therapy" - and other human rights violations such as loss of voting rights, loss of contractual rights, which could mean being forbidden to marry...and ad infinitum. In short, these poor people, our brothers and sisters have been reduced to a state of bondage comparable to that of black slaves before emancipation." (to be cont.)

John Telfair is active in the Mental Health Captives Liberation Front (MHLF), holds a vigil in front of the town clock every Friday 4-6 p.m., and can be reached at 426-3201.)

UPDATES...UPDATES...UPDATES

....No word from Scott and Jeff up Pasatiempo Way as to any further police action to expell them from their camps. An edited video of the latest clean-up and its results may be ready sometime next week featuring homeless advocates Robert and Jane as well as the irrepressible Pandora. Watch these pages for incoming info and volunteer for the Last Great Clean-Up, possibly occuring Friday (if everyone's out of jail after the sleep-in tonight)

....Doc, arrested some days back on charges of being slovenly and incoherent (clarify that poetry, Doc) is reportedly back on the streets...we'll pass on his court date when we hear of it.

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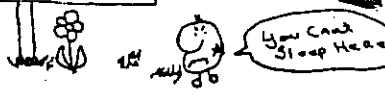
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"I'd like to sleep in, but I've got to rest up for my trip to Nicaragua."

--liberal well-wisher and letter-writer's apologetic response.

Welcome to Santa Cruz



3RD SLEEP-IN CATCHES MEDIA EYE 17 SLEEPERS, 5 CITATIONS, NO ARRESTS

The year's third mass sleep-in and the second to be held at the town clock hosted the largest group of sleepers yet; most of them homeless, a few activists, and a sprinkling of student support. Numbering 40 or 50 people between 10 and 11, the demonstration teemed with folks--Madcap Rocky with her portable tape recorder, deftly dodging hug requests, methodical Mac from Santa Barbara explaining to each new questioner what the demo was all about. New faces not seen at previous sleep-ins abounded: Slight smile, Jasper motorbiked to and from Kinkos, providing bored and nervous motorists with the latest Sleep-In broadside. Chuck from Redding, David from Palm Springs, Patrick from Canada, Warren from NYC, all arrived with sleeping bags, blankets, and bright enthusiasm.

Confronting this mass of Sleeseekers, the redoubtable Sgt. Grant of the SCPD informed folks of their impending illegality, suggested that his Sleepstealer patrol would strike without warning, and fielded questions and arguments from the crowd. Linda the Lark, tired of two weeks' worth of herding up and down the coast and county, demanded of the Officer where, if not at the Sleep-In, she could sleep. KZSC's Erica echoed the question; and a newcomer told the besieged policeman that he had a regular job, but no home.

Local media starlets Chip (Pajaronian photographer) and Robinson (S.C. Sentinel trollbaiter) made brief appearances. Sleepers began to bed down all over the triangular clock block. Musician Blue crawled into his "Home Sweet Home" cardboard shelter. Madcap Rocky yelled out to a few loud mouths on wheels, "Call people who care." Drunks and rowdies were quickly quelled or diverted from overwhelming the affair. Steve and Diane spoke of plans to lay in wait outside their vehicle to catch the cops who'd trashed their taillight the night before (the noxious Sleepbusters had become frustrated when the two refused to respond to their insistent dead-of-night pounding). Midnight passed.

Anxious but determined, Flower planted herself in a sleeping bag. J.T. and Leslie lay near Teri and Warren--all ready to face the blue shirts when and if they appeared. Activists Calamity Jane and Cantankerous Carl F. waited out the early hours. Camping queen Donah from S.F. returned to provide info on growing native fascism up north, reminding us that she'd been #1--had received the highest number of camping tickets ever--and proud of it. Ray from the Vets of the Bill Motto post surveyed the scene and expressed his support.

Around 1 a.m. Limber Larry scaled the clock tower and gained the summit. His substitution of an Earth First flag for the government issue red, white, and blue provoked heated controversy between the demonstrators, Rocky defended the climber's action as a historic act of liberation. Jon and Keith denounced the lowering of the flag as disruptive, disrespectful, and irrelevant to the purposes of the Sleep-In. Jim suggested that an act of constitutional protest was taking place: unless basic rights are assured to all, the flying of the flag was a mockery and a deception. Robert fulminated angrily that the noise was waking the sleepers, and bristled at lean-cheeked Linda's taunt that he resented losing center stage.

Controversy turned to embarrassment as it became clear the ambitious climber couldn't descend without help, and police called fire trucks, rudely rousing sleepers to deal with the unanticipated side-show that had developed. The climber descended and was arrested. Demonstrators had earlier folded the fallen flag in traditional military style and presented it to the SCPD, more meekly than confederers traditionally do. "Power to the people; help me down, please, Mr. Policeman"--scoffed Sleeper Warren, dismissing and denouncing the whole episode. "Right on. Took down the flag and put up the real one," rumbled Rocky. The night wore on. A police and fire dept costs for the incident: \$2000.

With police gone, sleepers returned to their roosts, belying fears of conservative demonstrators that the "flag nonsense" and police intervention would disperse the group. 19 sleepers were in place before the arrest; 17 remained afterwards (2 had to go to work). The few folks awake began exchanging tales. Patrick from Canada notes his parents got tickets in Santa Cruz two weeks before--and his protest was for them. (This may have been the first Winnebago citation we've heard of all summer.)

As Robespierre Robert left the demo around 4:00, he and others concluded that at bottom we were a good warm responsible group. All with virtually no organization, no internal monitoring, no regulations, and no publicity to speak of.

Police arrived around 4:30. The determination of most of the sleepers to continue sleeping and receive citations (and perhaps arrests) was undermined by an intoxicated local who roamed the area waking everyone up and urging them to leave or be arrested. Many may have mistaken him for a "knowledgeable authority" and were probably scared off. When the smoke cleared, citations had been given to Kabosh, Subbah Brian, soft-spoken Jon, methodical Mac, and Steve M. Numerous others were ignored then, and later, when folks returned to sleep.

Will this challenge to Institutionalized Sleepbusting continue? Weary but happy vigilers were talking about continuing the Sleep-In through the weekend as Friday passed and folks may be getting bolder about asserting their "right to sleep". Pastor John was rumored to be planning a "midnight-to-dawn" sleep service one night this weekend. Keep your sleeping bags handy.

POLICE TRASH PASATIEMPO CAMPSITE A NEW

MOOK'S MINIONS STRIKE AT CLEANUP CAMPERS

Friday morning, camper Jeff awoke to find himself facing armed gunmen in his tent, one of them threatening to shoot his dog. He, Brent, and the pregnant Pandora--active in cleaning the Pasatiempo property of "tons of trash" luridly described in the S.C. Sentinel: some weeks back--were given five minutes to pack up their gear and get out. They received trespassing citations (a misdemeanor punishable by 6 months in jail and/or \$1000 fine) for their public work and refusal to vacate an unused overgrown area used by campers for many years in the past.

Sgt. St. Inge and 3 other "peace" officers began chainsawing Jeff's campsite, wrecking havoc on the plywood floorboard, mattresses, nearby trees (apparently with the idea of bringing to earth a hanging shirt). Food was thrown on the ground and yet another trash dump created, for the titillation, no doubt, of Sentinel readers, who will be encouraged to blame the new mess on the campers. Camper Brent was ordered out of Santa Cruz in yet another display of extra-constitutional "trailside" justice.

Angered and distrust by the loss of his home, Jeff raged at homeless activists, claiming their protests had encouraged die-hards among the police to move against his campsite. In an earlier incident on Monday, SCP D had given him a camping ticket out there and threatened to return the following day, but when Jeff investigated to find out if the owner--one Mook by name--had complained, he was informed that nothing was on file. Mook had earlier been quoted by the Sentinel as seeking some solution other than brute force in dealing with the folks who'd done the work he ducked.

We hope to get the story directly from him, but the good property boss has thus far shown more interest in calls to the cops than to us or to those whose cleanup saved him and his chums \$10,000. His thank-you is with gun and chainsaw.

CONSERVATORSHIPS: CREMATORIA FOR THE SOUL by John Telfair

(Mad John T. continues his weekly vigils against the "Mental Illness Factory's" ongoing policies of forced hospitalization and forced drugging at the town clock each Thursday--not Friday as we announced last issue. Here is part 2 of his attack on conservatorships.)

"At least prisoners incarcerated in the institutions of the criminal justice system usually have some idea as to when they might be released with set sentencing; and before and during trials, there is usually bail; and there are such factors as plea-bargaining, etc. which may ease some of their situations. But above all those who are deprived of their freedom, through involvement with the criminal justice system, at least, when convicted, supposedly, are getting the punishment that society--through the state--thinks that they deserve.

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And once one is permanently conserved (a review is mandated once a year), the likelihood of a jury hearing is even more rare - not just because of inadequate legal defense, but--more often than not--because the poor hapless inmate is so drugged and so intimidated after a year of psychiatric imprisonment, that she or he is incapable of being able to even get to the courthouse which might be a long distance away, let alone act in their own defense. (to be cont.)

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Some group members tossed food over the heads of police to the crowd. One officer was hit in the face with a paper plate of rice, and others were pelted with vegetables.

It was the second clash in eight days between police and the group.

San Diego mayor sees homeless plight firsthand

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — Mayor Marvyn D'Amico visited more police patrols and a clinic on Wednesday as his drive after several days of being among homeless people who camped in a park.



Mayor Marvyn D'Amico sits on a bench in San Bablos Park while living as a vagrant worker.

The mayor last June Friday stayed in an outdoor sheltering a tent, and was accompanied by law reporters and photographers by the police station. All dressed in jeans.

"There's no reason that could justify this," says D'Amico. "I've seen people living out of their cars. I've seen people who don't have a place to live. I've seen people who don't have a job. I've seen people who don't have a family. I've seen people who don't have a future."

As a result of her experience on the streets, believed to be the first time a mayor's mayor has been arrested as a homeless person.

...and in Santa Cruz

WANTED FOR SHEDDING BUSTING GANG OF 7



JANE IMLER

We invite all candidates for Gang of 7 (City Council) to send us their stand on what to end the Sleeping Ban or institute immediate amnesty for all past sleeping ticket. Phone 429-9801. We take tips if the candidates are too shy or too guilty.

NEWS FROM THE STREET

....Meddlesome Mark reports some clown burned out a thrift shop dumpster up on Front. St. near the Credit Union. He speculates trollbusters eager to deny the rudiments of survival to their prey are the responsible parties. Danton David is keeping his eye open for firebugs. We suggest the street community take especial note of any locals or visitors careless with matches.

....Banjo Bob presents a somewhat different account of a police assault and battery in which he was smashed to the sidewalk facefirst and throttled later in the privacy of a police van--all in search of \$10 worth of marijuana. We suggest Officer Levy's story, that he was saving "poor Bob"'s life (by roughing him up to get him to "cough up" the bag of grass he was swallowing), resembles at best the old "destroy the village in order to save it" chestnut of Vietnam days. Bob tells us he's no slouch at fighting off cops when he's chosen to in the past, but this time he did not resist arrest. Also, to the possible discomforture of Levy, there are witnesses. Bob may be filling formal complaints with the SCPD, Motormouth Mike Rotkin, and a few civil-liberties organizations.

....Why is no one contacting Fearless Carl Foytik? This gruff-and-ready community activist stands ready to advise you on how to turn those camping coupons into the cash of freedom. Don't set yourself up for warrants and busts. Fight the Sleeptrashers in the courts. If you've got a ticket, make a few xeroxes of it--give one to the table for Homeless Rights, and save another for Carl at 427-0826.

....Where are Wormhault's magic Shelter cards, promised to us 2 months ago in place of rights and sleeping space? At that historic Gang of 7 gettogether when the Mayor and his crew voted down their own task force's proposal to ticket sleepers-in-cars only on complaint Mardi majestically proposed that folks driven from their sleeping places by gunmen at midnight be awarded the consolation prize of a little green card telling them they could go to the River St. Shelter the following night and fight over the 4 bed available to the non-psychiatrically disabled homeless. Perhaps Mardi'll get a little feed back on her proposal at the next Council meeting (Sept. 13).

....Told of Activist Anders' arrest for trespassing up at UCSC, Shelter manager Fred Grey suggested homeless demonstrations have hardened the positions of otherwise lenient police authorities out the way. Apparently the Sleepicide bosses of Santa Cruz, Scotts Vall UCSC, Capitola, etc. gather to count scalps and swap stories periodically suggested (from knowledge or speculation--we're not sure which--Fred doesn't reveal his sources) UCSC policy has tightened sharply because of all the homeless hubbub. Anders, contacted at his "Blocka Concord" booth, corrected Grey, noting he'd been arrested for walking openly past the Main gate instead of sneaking around through the side. Authorities there, he says, have not changed their policy of "benign neglect" to those who don't advertise their presence. Anders, on the other hand, is not a man to lurk in the shadows. (His trial, we remind readers, is October 5.)

....S.C. Sentinel reporter Tom Long has contacted Robespier Robert and Calamity Jane Imler for direct reports on the fight against the Sleeping Ban. He also urges folks with relevant information to contact him at the Sentinel (formerly and perhaps futrely referred to as the Urinal) about doings on the street. Tom wrote the Pasatiempo stories we considered to be hostile to campers and the street community. They included no background on the Pasatiempo situation, gave no indication of homeless needs, and ignored any reference to the political situation that prompted the harassment. Tom suggested we

"read between the lines." We feel it's up to Tom to write the lines. He has promised he will.

....Gangmaster Laird and other local bureaucrats were caught posing for pet reporters outside the River St. Shelter last Thursday along with a gang of politicians backing Proposition 95, "the Hunger and Homeless Initiative." We promised to brief you on this measure so you could choose what to do about it come November electiontime, but our editor's been so sleepy, he's been unable to focus on the issue. Only news we've heard is that the Committee that administers this thing will get paid \$100/day (for 15 persons). Are these folks homeless?

....News from Handsnet, the fancy computer system that ate most of the money coming out of Hands Across America a few years back (anyone remember?). Susan D. has promised to help us investigate what other cities are doing to harass their homeless; perhaps in one or two of them, folks have actually kicked down the Sleeping/Camping/Living Bans that are so popular with the "why don't you go somewhere else?" municipal governments that feed off our fair land.

....Vets urge us to continue our lookout for the missing WWII battle blouse still at large on some clown recently spotted on the Mall. The jacket should be returned to the Vets before the thief finds himself in even worse moral and physical condition than he is now. Leave it at the Homeless table if you don't want to face the Vets.

....Our apologies to rumorminter Lt. Larson whom we mistakenly termed "Lawson" last issue. We should have known. There seems little of law about this son: spreading rumors that the Homeless Table is "buying guns" is bad humor and bad business for the SCPD. Might be wisest to speak with us directly, Lt. Any citizen is welcome at the Homeless Table, provided he doesn't thieve merchandise or hassle workers. (We continue to await the return of the pilfered Street Sheet #26, blandly stolen in broad daylight by the unrepentant Officer Raynor.)

Anders
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Again →

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STREET SHEET



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Thursday Morning
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Won't stand for this human torture
Won't tolerate the coming pain
In your fucking war, nothing's gained.

PAJARONIAN PRINTS NORSE
REJOINDER

Your iron fist is clamping down
To make the poor work the ground
Till the soil with your bones
And fertilize it with our blood.

Calamity Jane meets the
streets: 3:30 P.m. today.
Bring brains and bodies.

Is the unknown child to be
the next unknown soldier?

--found on a wall near Cafe Chamelene

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GANG OF 7 STYFLES HOMELESS OUTCRY AGAINST SLEEPING BAN CITY SLEEPSLAYERS ARREST 9, HOLD 4, BRUTALIZE 1

It was a long night for locals fighting the "no sleeping after 11" law at City Hall yesterday starting with a free supper at 6^{PM} and ending with a "no breakfast" release from the overcrowded county jail around 4 a.m. Wednesday. Few middle-class supporters were in evidence as 50-60 hungry folks gathered to sample the vittles of Linda the Lark, Bashful Jon, and Lovely Lisa--a serviceable spread of beans, rice, lemonade, and varied goodies, donated by good-hearted (if absent) liberals. Hard-luck Sabrina urged the crowd to return purse, bedding, and Tarot cards, stolen or trashed in two successive incidents on two previous nights. Robespierre Robert urged the eaters to breathe some fire into the Gang of 7 (City Council). No media presence was in evidence; some long-time activists retired to their vans or bushes after dinner, weary at the thought of speaking yet again before a soul-deaf Gang of 7. One previously reliable worker slipped out and planted himself and his radio in the midst of folks threatening to deck anyone who turned down his ghettoblaster; he was later arrested (though not on the complaint of his long-suffering companions).

At 7:30 p.m., Gangmaster Laird cut the list of homeless speakers in half by limiting their time to 20 minutes, later allowing minor changes in laws affecting renters (10 days or 30 days notice to the renter when a house sold) to take up more than an hour. Kim the Sparrow asked the Gang why their Sleepslayer police had to torment her and others in need of rest, recounted the circumstances of her recent brutalization by the SCPD, and urged a saner freer policy. Dr. Susan Eissinger warned that forcing people to go without sleep was medically dangerous and morally unconscionable. Raucous Rocky recalled that Gangmaster Laird had been arrested by the people some time back and was unaccountably still at large directing a criminal conspiracy to deprive the poorest segment of the population of their much needed slumber. Actor and phantom guerrilla theatre troop director Mark H. tried to clarify the issues that Gangleader Laird regularly distorted at the end of each session: these opposed to the Sleeping Ban were not seeking the right to "sleep in the streets" or "all over the sidewalks," simply somewhere, without fear of jail, or fine. Robespierre Robert urged the Gang to wake up to common sense and the 2-3000 signatures gathered in the

Gang to wake up to common sense and at least acknowledge that thousands of signatures on the months-old Petition for Homeless Rights warranted open public hearings on the Sleeping Ban.

Though the printed agenda guaranteed three minutes per speaker during the 7:30 "Oral Communications" period, Laird unilaterally and summarily cut off nearly a dozen waiting people who'd been there an hour or more to proceed with his own brand of "progressive" democracy. Angered citizens recessed and withdrew from the rigged proceedings to discuss how to respond. Shutterbug Herman, stringer for local media, began taking photos of demonstrators outside the Gang's lair and occasional shots of bland-faced chairwarmers inside. Some critics were watching the clock and hoping to arrest Gangmember Weed for sleeping inside on her throne when the clock struck 11. Others remarked a change in Gangmatron Wormhaut's composure when her eye fell on a newly-raised sign in the chamber "Chiropractors for Homeless Rights."

By 10 p.m. prospective sleepers were assembling outside the unresponsive Gangmeet with bags, blankets, and hold spirits. Ancient songs of protest from the '60s and '70s found new lyrics ("All we are saying...is give sleep a chance!"), and unabashed lone troubadours raised their heads and crooned or howled out their hope and defiance. Robespierre Robert was seen cuddling with Glimmereyes Gloria when not demanding hugs from nearby sleepers and strollers. Calamity Jane maintained judicious and merry watch over the proceedings, occasionally rousing singers to more boisterous heights.

SCPD Sgt. Tom Vlassis had warned people earlier no after-11 shuteye on city property would be tolerated and that there would be no warnings and possibly no tickets written up, but rather immediate arrests. (Arrests are not normally done for infractions, so it appeared the Sleep-haters were preparing a show of unnecessary force, possibly to please the Gang of 7, possibly at the instigation of police boss Jack Bassett.) Undaunted, Linda the Lark continued chatting with companions in her long flannel nightgown.

Inside, 'as the Gang was preparing to resume its well-oiled "show democracy," Gang-hopeful-in-training Don Lane declined to support even a partial end to the Sleeping Ban, noted he was losing no sleep over the matter, but wished that somehow someday sleepers might rest without penalty. Candidate Yokayama, when asked if she'd be joining the sleep-in, replied she was too tired. (Yokayama, Lane, and Mo Reich have been termed the "progressive" faction's hand-picked successors, and they seem to harbor the same uncertainty towards the right to sleep that afflicts the incumbent Gang.)

By 10:30 Bubbah Brian and Lloyd were already asleep, while other well-wishers were preparing to support those who police might decide to haul off. The Unknown Juggler slipped out of the shadows to suggest that folks sleep-in during the day and walk around at night. Unexpected Samaritan Chris offered shelter for the night to a few folks who were afraid of arrest yet wanted to be there to show their support. Madonna Maria's wild laugh echoed across the patio; old-timer Bud leaned on his cane and let out a few lyrics. Only Beebe's Bob with his store of "You Can't Sleep Here" songs was missing.

Shortly after the Council meeting ended, the Sleepslayers swung into action, dragging demonstrator Kabosh across the cement walkways to the waiting paddywagon after he'd gone limp. Their thirst for pain momentarily appeased, cops arrested 8 others (who were successfully intimidated from going limp if they'd had any inclination to) and drove them

off to the Water St. jail. Kabosh's hands had been so tightly cuffed that he rapidly lost sensation and movement in both hands. Others in the van awkwardly positioned themselves so they could massage and strike some feeling into them.

Once at the jail unsympathetic Badge #190 declined repeated requests from the demonstrators to loosen the injured man's cuffs. The nightshift cop also declined to call his superior to survey the situation. Glimmereyes, Gloria, Bubbeh Brian, Lloyd, bashful Jon, and Calamity Jane were released with citations (why the handcuffs and the paddywagon ride?). Robert, Kabosh, Flower, and Linda were forcefully invited into the jail where deputies told them they knew how to deal with sleepfelons. After wasting everyone's time and money on this wearisome and unproductive show of force, the jail released the groggy demonstrators into the arms of faithful supporters by 4:30 a.m. Keeping watch outside the jail through the chilly hours of the night: Raucous Rocky, activist Anders, Mighty Mac, and others whose faces were obscured by darkness. Thanks for being there. Thanks too to Madonna Maria and even John (Earbuster) M. for greeting the freed sleep-prisoners.

Civil charges may be forthcoming against the SCPD for its brutal treatment of Kabosh. We hope Bassett sends his hounds to better obedience school for the upcoming sleep-ins.

CONSERVATORSHIPS: DANGER TO THE HOMELESS by John Telfair

(Stand up with Mad John to fight forced drugging and forced hospitalization at the town clock each Thursday at 4 p.m. This is part 3 of his expose on conservatorships.)

"It might also be noted, that previous to the imposition of permanent conservatorship, the procedure is such that during one's 14-day commitment in the county "psych ward," the "patient" is temporarily conserved (for 30 days); and during that time can be moved wherever the conservator--usually the public guardian--decides to place him. And this might well mean out of the area of familiarity--away from friendly surroundings--thereby aggravating the "malaise"--a problem that might have been provoked by "mental health" system involvement to begin with--and thus make it harder for the patient to conduct a defense in court.

Let it also be noted that "warehousing" is not a thing of the past. "Mental-patients" (i.e. captives) are being imprisoned for years, often until they die. While suffering the indignity of being deprived of their freedom, they are being subjected to horrendous abuse, of both a physical and physiological nature, especially by forced drugging with "anti-psychotic" medications, which are not only brain-altering, but often cause grave disorders to other organs of the body. Very rarely do the staffs of the private "hospitals" where so many of these poor souls are imprisoned, release them. These private "internment camps" are profit-making businesses. The keepers of our brothers' and sisters' bodies have a vested interest in keeping them in bondage. They are making money out of them. They are the slave-holders of today, just as the southern plantation owners were the slave-holders of yesterday.

The miracle is that many of these "slaves" of the mental-health system still are not "vegetables." Many are still rational human beings. Let us remember them, for they, the victims of this evil system, are our brothers and sisters. They are precious. Let us let them know that we love them. Let us do all that we can to destroy a system that destroys our friends and neighbors and possibly, any of us !

In conclusion, it might be noted that there are two groups here in Santa Cruz, trying to raise public consciousness about psychiatric abuse, and we are doing what we can to help liberate prisoners of this vile system of government social control.

The local facility in this area, Harbor Hills, for long-term internment, has close to 100 poor people incarcerated. Some 80-90% are

dumped in there by their conservators (i.e. slave-holders) from other parts of central California, mostly from Santa Clara, Alameda, and San Mateo counties. Where the poor homeless inmates from Santa Cruz County, out liberal paradise, get thrown...into which locked facilities, I do not know. They are part of the ever-growing number of the "disappeared" like in Argentina, Chile, Guatemala, etc." (to be continued and concluded)

MEDIA REACTS TO SLEEP-IN, NEARY LAGOON HOMELESS ROUST

After months of homelessbusting or ignoring the issue, reporters at the Register-Pajaronian and Santa Cruz Sentinel seem to be waking from their moral coma and casting a sleepy eye at the latest antics of the SCPD and its City Council bosses. Sentinel writer Tom Long's latest expose of the foolish and costly sleep-in busts was on the front-page of today's paper; yesterday's Pajaronian featured Guy Lasnier's skeptical coverage of Bassett's bulldogs. (Stories reprinted below) Now how about a little investigative journalism, guys, on the financial costs of these legalized pagroms against "campers." Researcher Mike Satterlee's extensive documentation of the incredible costs involved in this scandle are still available for the inspection of interested reporters and citizens. (Mike died unexpectedly after going public with his last summer's research a month ago.)

TIDBITS

....Drug menace on the mall? Our sometimes-sociable officer Levy informed us last week that he has never busted anyone on the Mall for coke--psychedlics and grass are the continuing target and prize of this permanent pretext to harass. Only 50% of those busts are by actual complaint, so it looks like we have a self-perpetuating excuse here to create a climate of paranoia and fear. How about it, City Council candidates; why not show some political guts and move to decriminalize grass and psychedelics. It might take the drugs out of the gutter and put them back in the hands of healers and physicians

....Stupidviper Patton, told that the Sheriff's office has apparently returned to its traditional practice of misinforming the public on whether it's legal to camp in the unincorporated parts of the county (it is; they say it's not.), dismissed any responsibility to press for accuracy and fairness. He suggested that homeless advocates do his job instead and complain to Archaic Al themselves. Will General Gary do anything when confronted with actual instances of illegal harassment by Al's roaming deputy dawgs? Stay tuned, but we're not giving odds. Show up at his next Monday morning appearance 8 a.m. at the CafeZinho. We will be.

....Candidate Ed Porter may be one of the few candidates that proposes immediate action on setting up an interim campground to provide a refuge from the Sleeping Ban. He reportedly doesn't like all the hue and cry around the issue, but we're hoping he has his ears open.

....Upcoming trial dates: Kim the Sparrow--8:30 a.m. Sept. 29--for resisting arrest and obstructing an officer (by objecting to having been shaped into a pretzel); Omar the Unflappable--8:30 a.m., Oct. 3 --for trespass (in cafe zenho) and battery (resisting a kidnap attempt by a local property owner); next Street Sheet you may see your own listed. Keep those tickets and ticket xeroxes coming in.

....Boycott South Africa and Santa Cruz? Some activists are angry that local downtown businesses continue to be one major force that blocks any compromise or change on the Sleeping Ban (the Downtown Commission voted unanimously to oppose the Human Relations Task Force report). Perhaps good liberals who support human rights for farmworkers and South African blacks would also be interested in a boycott of the Pacific Garden Mall until the businessmen here stop eggng on the Sleepbusters. Many merchants have been supportive of homeless folks with regular food donations (Acapulco has had special mention these last few days). Perhaps it's time for merchants and the street community to come to a closer understanding?

Sheriff ready to 'go to war' with police

By TOM LONG
Sentinel staff writer

Thursday, Sept. 15, 1988

SANTA CRUZ — Sheriff Al Noren told a city task force Wednesday that his office is on the brink of "going to war" with the city's police department, charging that the city has been abusing the county's overcrowded jail.

"We're going to be going to war with your city police department and I think people ought to know that," Noren told members of the city's Downtown Social Problems Working Group, which included Mayor John Laird, Deputy Police Chief Steve Belcher, members of the Downtown Association and various county officials.

Noren was steamed after he discovered Wednesday morning that Santa Cruz Police had taken nine people to the jail who had been staging a sleep-in at City Hall to protest the city's camping ban. Violation of the ordinance is an infraction and offenders usually receive only a citation.

According to homeless advocate Jane Imler, one of those taken to jail, the police handcuffed all the protesters and took them to County Jail.

"They took us all off. Before, they've always given us an opportunity to sign the citation and then just released us," Imler said.

But Deputy Chief Belcher said his force had no choice but to arrest the protesters.

"These people told us that even if they got another ticket they were still going to stay," Belcher said. "We had no choice but to physically remove them. They said that what they wanted was to go to jail."

Noren's ire was further fueled by a recent request from Santa Cruz Police Chief Jack Bassett to hold more than 20 chronic drunks who frequent the downtown area in the jail. Because of the jail's severe overcrowding, drunks are not currently detained, but simply booked and then released when sober.

"I met with Chief Bassett and I said I empathize but there's no way I can house this extra burden," Noren said after the meeting. "We're releasing people eight days before their sentences are up as it is."

"This morning when I got to the jail, we had in our main jail 361 people. Our bed capacity is 230. The

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Makeshift campsite bulldozed

Nearby Lagoon cleanup displaces more homeless

By TOM LONG
Sentinel staff writer

SANTA CRUZ — Bulldozers and chainsaws ripped through the woods on the perimeter of Neary Lagoon Tuesday, destroying an elaborate makeshift campground that had housed more than a dozen people just a week ago.

"This was their home," said police officer David Townsend, who inspected the campground just before bulldozers moved in early Tuesday morning. "When we first came here they had a pet rat, a cat, a dog, they even had crawdads. I don't know where they got the crawdads from."

Set back behind deep brush, the campground consisted of a "living room" with sofas, a lounge chair, a hearth and even a hideaway bed. Residents had "bedrooms" scattered around the center of the campground with mattresses tucked beneath trees and

women's facility had 20; it's rated at 25. The jail farm has 184 people; it's rated at 160," Noren said. "Maybe they want to keep the drunks and let the burglars on the street," he added.

"I think we're talking about Al letting off some steam," Belcher said. "I fully understand his frustration. It's a long issue of jail overcrowding and I think the citizens of Santa Cruz County should be concerned."

Noren didn't limit his complaints to the city of Santa Cruz, though, claiming that other local cities are bringing lightweight offenses to the jail and wasting his time and space.

"In Capitola they'll arrest somebody for looking cross-eyed," Noren said.

Noren said that his deputies don't even arrest shoplifters any more but simply cite them because of the stuffed jail.

The camping ban is a particular irritation to Noren, since many of those who are cited never pay their fine, which eventually leads to a warrant being issued for their arrest. And that often leads to them spending time in the jail anyway.

Of the nine people cited for participating in Tuesday night's sleep-in, four were eventually booked into jail when they refused to sign their citations.

The group was the remnants of about 30 people who showed up at the council meeting to protest the city's ordinance banning camping. During the meeting, one of the protesters was arrested for pan-handling.

Five male and four female protesters gathered for a sleep-in in the courtyard outside the Council Chamber after speaking to the the council.

"They were given a warning," said police Sgt. Tom Vlassis. "The laws were explained to them at about 9 p.m. and then again at 11:20 p.m. Then, at 12:30 a.m., enforcement took place."

And Noren said that he believes enforcement is the direct result of pressure on the Police Department from downtown merchants who feel their businesses are being hurt by street people, transients and public inebriates who hang out on the Pacific Garden Mall.

"I hear the chief saying if you put these 23 drunks in jail then Sam Leask won't leave town," Noren said.

Leask, coincidentally, announced Wednesday that his chain of department stores has been sold.

behind bushes.

"It just shows you that people on the street have that same nesting instinct as the rest of us," homeless advocate Jane Imler said later Tuesday.

The Santa Cruz City Public Works Department spearheaded the cleanup Tuesday, after police officers had discovered the camp last week.

As Officer Townsend wandered about the campsite Tuesday, a pile of what seemed to be dirty clothes on a mattress suddenly stood up and staggered away, surprising him. Townsend called the man back and talked to him for a minute before letting him walk on.

According to Townsend, police officers first discovered the camp when one of its residents led them to the grounds to charge another resident with attacking him. Townsend said that more than a dozen people were gathered around the living room of the campground at that point. They were cited for camping illegally and given 48 hours to move their belongings.

Trash was scattered all around the campground Tuesday — wadded toilet paper, sanitary napkins, rotting boxes, shampoo bottles and every imaginable kind of alcoholic-beverage container. Much of it was in the swamp area at the edges of Neary Lagoon, a wildlife preserve.

According to Public Works director Larry Erwin, the two-day cleanup of the camp site will cost the city nearly \$1,000.

This was the second major effort by city police to destroy campsites in the past two months. Earlier efforts have been on the Pasatiempo property beneath Tanner Heights — off Highway 17 — where police finally took chainsaws to the campgrounds last week in an effort to drive campers off.

A major concern at both sites has been environmental pollution caused by campers who use the areas without any kind of sanitation or refuse control. Homeless advocates and volunteers cleaned tons of garbage off the Pasatiempo property during August,

Homeless in SC in new protest

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Police break-up morning 'sleep-in'

By GUY LASNIER
STAFF WRITER

Santa Cruz police rousted nearly a dozen people who set up camp outside the City Council chambers early this morning to protest the city's camping ban.

Nine persons were arrested. Five were given citations and released. Four were booked at County Jail when they either had no identification or refused to sign a citation. Sgt. Dave St. Onge said.

One of those cited, Jane Imler, a City Council candidate, said the "sleep-in" was a protest against the city's anti-camping law, which homeless advocates charge is unconstitutional.

Police waited until the City Council meeting was over, then moved in at 12:30 a.m.

Witnesses charged police manhandled the first person

arrested after the protester went limp. The man, Kaboch Jerimiah Saygo, 27, an unemployed carpenter, was booked at jail and later released on his own recognizance. Imler said Saygo suffered cuts and scrapes from being dragged from the area and across Church Street and tossed into a paddy wagon. Imler said other protesters were handled more gently.

Also booked were Robert Norse, 41, of 115-B Canfield Ave., where Imler also lives; Linda Lee Edwards, 41, no address; and Roberta D. Reichelshimer, 41, of 310 Cedar St., No. 3.

All are to appear in Municipal Court Oct. 4.

A trial is scheduled for later in October for defendants charged in an earlier sleep-in.

The arrests are the latest in an escalating battle between an increasingly organized group of homeless activists and the city

establishment in Santa Cruz.

Yesterday, police led put works crews who used a bulldozer and chainsaws to dest a campsite in the Neary Lag area. The campsite, like under the city's camping ban was extensive, with communal living areas and separate sleeping areas. Police discovered the camp, where a dozen people regularly lived, about a week ago.

Old sofas, mattresses sleeping pads were strewn about with a large amount of trash.

In another incident last week police started tearing down elaborate tree house behind apartment building on Frazer Street, until neighbors complained the structure "belonged" to neighborhood child. Police said two or three homeless people were regularly sleeping there.

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Parks, not campgrounds

The city should encourage people to use shelters and not live in city parks

THE closing of St. James Park in downtown San Jose has put some people even more out on the street than they already were.

Long a gathering place for transients, the park had become more than ever a haven for street people, thanks in part to various groups who were distributing free food and clothing there.

On Monday, a fence surrounded the park, marking the beginning of a year-long, million-dollar renovation. Where are the park's inhabitants to go?

Not, we hope, to nearby neighborhood parks, to dominate them they way they had come to dominate St. James Park.

The concentration that grew in St. James Park is less likely in neighborhood parks because the new place for handing out meals will be the parking lot of the temporary shelter for the homeless on Montgomery Street, not another park. But those who get meals will not be allowed to hang around the shelter between meals.

Our concern is that street people will

but the County Environmental Health Department has ordered the Pasatiempo Homeowners Association to finish the cleanup effort within the next three weeks.

Imler and another homeless advocate, Robert Norse, both argued that the discovery of another campground only shows how widespread the homeless problem in Santa Cruz is, while the destruction of the campground served no purpose.

"I think it's real obvious that the City Council hasn't solved the homeless problem with the River Street Shelter," said Imler, who is running for the council. "This points up the real critical need for some kind of campground."

"The question is, what is the solution?" Norse asked. "Is the solution, just simply destroying well-organized campsites of the homeless? They could have asked for a cleanup but instead they drive them off."

Both Imler and Norse have repeatedly asked the City Council to do away with the city's camping ban ordinance and build a campground with sanitation facilities where the homeless could congregate.

"This worries me as an environmentalist, and I'm also concerned about the fire aspect," Imler said.

Police say the Neary Lagoon area has been used as an illegal campsite for more than 80 years, dating back to Depression-era hobos who would camp along the railroad tracks that run past the area. According to Townsend, most of the campers who stay there have a long history of alcoholism and public inebriation arrests. Townsend also said that while most of the Neary's Lagoon campers are "docile," they are also suspected of doing a lot of shoplifting to support their alcohol habits.

move to nearby neighborhood parks such as Ryland, Backesto, William Street, or Roosevelt. They are different from St. James in their design and their users.

Ryland was recently renovated to offer play facilities for children. It used to be filled with derelicts; it need not be filled with them again. Backesto, on 13th Street, likewise offers play space for children and families.

This is not a call to drive scruffy people with shopping carts from the parks. They have the same rights as anyone to the sunshine or the shade, the benches and the grass. It is a call to enforce aggressively park rules on closing time — so that parks do not become campgrounds — and on drinking, rowdy behavior, even littering. Of course, drug laws should be aggressively enforced.

There are sanitary and safety reasons for encouraging people to use what shelters are available. When people refuse to live inside, the city is within its rights in refusing to let them live in parks — even though many are harmless. As for more menacing groups of hard-core alcoholic and drug-users, the city should be strict in keeping them out of the parks altogether.

San Jose has provided facilities for homeless people and is in the process of providing more. It's not elitist or callous to suggest that our public parks ought not become grassy skid rows.

Residents of the area have been concerned the campers, especially since the nearby L Plant went up in flames last year of unde causes.

"What concerns me is it's in the middle of not on the outskirts," said Tom Drzesny, a member of the Downtown Association, who lives in Neary Lagoon. "And it's happening in an area treasured for its environment."

"The bottom line is I'm afraid to go down I wouldn't want my girlfriend or anybody down there," Drzesny said. "It's a very scary area."

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Homeless group sets up sleep-in at SC City Hall

SANTA CRUZ — A small group of homeless people and their supporters were preparing to face arrest Tuesday night for camping on City Hall grounds to protest the city's camping ban.

Police warned the would-be campers that they would not be ticketed, but would be arrested and booked into County Jail, possibly after a strip search, if they insisted on setting up camp at City Hall.

The protesters said they were staging the sleep-in event to get attention after a City Council meeting, during which protesters took turns asking the council to end the city's ban on camping.

The council cut off public comment on the issue after 20 minutes. Camping-ban protesters have addressed the council about the issue at each of the past several council meetings.

By 11:45 p.m., with the city council meeting still under way, about 10 protesters had set up camp along the east wall of the council chambers.

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Haight Homeless

Editor — The Haight Ashbury is a troubled neighborhood. Many people are staying with their tentacles. We have compassion for the homeless and try to do what we can to help. Strangers tell us that about 50 percent of the homeless are males between the ages of 25 and 40, many of whom are substance abusers.

These men can be seen drinking out of bags while sitting around Alford Lake, wandering and panhandling up Haight Street, urinating in doorways and drying drugs. With the increase of homeless men gathering at Alford Lake some on welfare in drug dealing on Haight

Street and at the entrance to the park. The area of the park set between the S. F. Boys and Girls Club and the Children's Playground. A few months ago my 10-year-old son was attacked by a drunk on the way to the playground. The man was slugging along the sidewalk and bumped into the kid. He kicked at them, started to chase them, and threw his beer bottle, hitting my son in the shoulder.

The fact that Bomby's group distributed leaflets around the city inviting the homeless to lunch at Alford Lake on August 27 and condemned residents who oppose their choice of Alford Lake as a location for this activity, in your coverage of this event you quoted resident, Michael Anderson, who thought that neighbors' concern for the safety of their children was unimportant. As Anderson it has been my children.

CAROLE GLOSENGER
San Francisco

Editor — I am outraged by the recent arrival of members of the Food not Bombs organization. I feel that Food not Bombs is working to meet one of the most basic needs of human beings and that San Francisco should do everything in its power to assist such organizations rather than hinder and obstruct their work. The Police Department should drop all charges against members of the organization.

The mayor should also work with the organization to arrange alternative but feasible work sites while keeping in mind that landing people in a more important than maintaining property values in certain neighborhoods.

CHARLES A. STEAR
San Francisco

Editor — There are three things Michael Donnelly (Latter, September 27) should do. Two of them are to leave, and spend a day trying to sleep in Golden Gate Park.

I have done both. The experience was a proper overview of the land and good in humanity. Donnelly classifies leaves as weeds. Trees, lawns and shrubs are weeds. Some leaves do not drink themselves silly. Some have their neighbors. Some even raise cars.

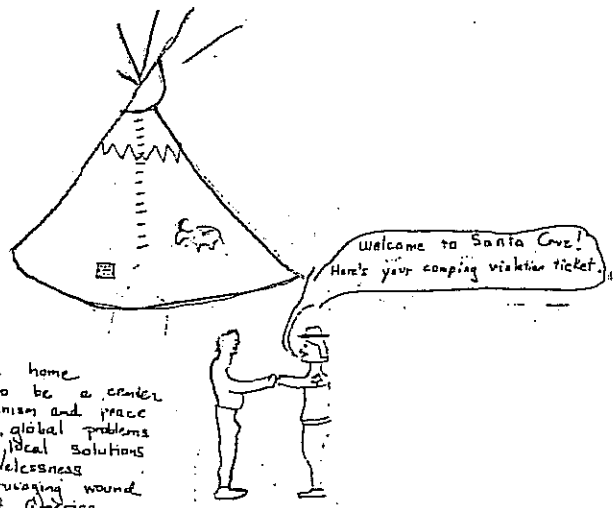
On a further note of mild hysteria, Donnelly suggests that the homeless will never be deprived of love

load in Golden Gate Park. Were he an abstract or he is western. Donnelly would recognize the Food not Bombs group as an activist group interested in one thing — justice. People generally concerned with it. Long the better of the past do not march down the middle of the street hanging on things.

As for the homeless, the word is on march is synonym as a condition, it describes a march. The history of same to conform to the structure of society. There are shelters enough for everyone. If you prefer to sleep in the park, you are free. Homeless can mean that you would and could not maintain a home if offered one. The term of fresh left in Golden Gate Park by the homeless used to the irresponsibility.

We sympathize with the destitute and would like to see more investment of all help be properly directed. Attention, groups like Food not Bombs lead only the guide.

And the third thing Donnelly should do is to refrain from public party used to be better informed.
DICK HUBBERT
San Francisco

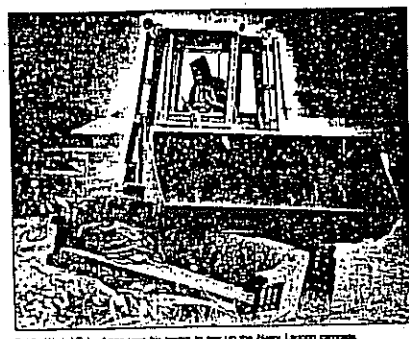


Because World Peace begins at home
Because Santa Cruz strives to be a center of humanitarianism and peace
Because the unravelling of global problems begins with ideal solutions
Because... poverty... and homelessness are gnawing like a ravenous wound across the body of America.
Because shelter is a basic physical and psychological need.
Because human beings, unable to fulfill this become physically and psychologically ill.
Because the entire social body suffers when any of its parts are diseased.
Because we believe in solutions beneficial to everyone.
We make the following proposal:

That the city of Santa Cruz lease or purchase empty parcels of land in the industrial section of town and:
Three construct public toilet and hot shower facilities
And there allow people to park or tow their vehicles
And there be allowed to live and eat and sleep in peace.
And further that abandoned vehicles which have been such a concern and expense to the city, be towed to these locations and matted up with homeless people so that the resources of the social body are properly recycled and not wasted.
And that these locations provide mailboxes and addresses that enable people to receive available social services.
And that these locations provide legal residence enabling people to vote.
And that these locations provide people with a basic psychological atmosphere of being finally within rather than constantly against the law.

We hereby submit this proposal trusting that the council, with its experience and expertise can use it to make manifest a more compassionate and safer society.

Nancy's Lagoon cont. ↓



Public Works Toby Aene uses the crane to tow up the Harry Lagoon concrete.



Chuck Nole and Toby Aene, of city Public Works Department, tackle the campus cleanup.

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Hungry for work

SANTA CRUZ — Karen Hattstead, above, said she was trying to rustle up some dinner for her unemployed husband and her 16-month-old baby last week as she waved this sign at passing motorists along West Cliff Drive. "This is no picnic. We live in a broken-down while van parked in Davenport and I'm out here trying to get some groceries together for my husband and baby," she said. "When my husband isn't looking for work, he's at home watching the baby while I'm out here trying to get housework, yardwork, any work... I'll even do it." Hattstead said her family has been in the area for a few years and that she is able to drum up odd jobs two or three days a week by holding out her sign alongside the road.

↑ Nancy to City Council ↓

Looking forward: City Council candidates on the Sleeping Ban...Appeal That Ticket !...Reports on the upcoming trials of known sleepers... the search for the lost Fight Your Ticket guidelines...cartoons, bumper stickers, reprints from Time magazine...and anything else you may want to add.

CALAMITY JANE CONCLAVE: Calamity Jane is rounding up folks for a 3:30 p.m. meeting today at the monument (between the post office and the bookstore santacruz) to talk and get talked at. That's today (Sept. 15). Be there if you're interested.

Sheriff ready to 'go to war' with police

Thursday, Sept. 15, 1988

By TOM LONG
Special Staff Writer

SANTA CRUZ — Sheriff Al Noren told a city task force Wednesday that his office is on the brink of "going to war" with the city's police department, charging that the city has been abusing the county's overcrowded jail.

"We're going to be going to war with your city police department and I think people ought to know that," Noren told members of the city's Downtown Social Problems Working Group, which included Mayor John Laird, Deputy Police Chief Steve Belcher, members of the Downtown Association, and various county officials.

Noren was steamed after he discovered Wednesday morning that Santa Cruz Police had taken nine people to the jail who had been sleeping at City Hall to protest the city's ordinance is an inaction and offenders usually receive only a citation.

According to homeless advocate Jane Imler, one of those taken to all the police handcuffed all the protesters and took them to County Jail.

"They took us all out. Before, they've always given us an opportunity to sign the citation and then just released us," Imler said. But Deputy Chief Belcher said his force had no choice but to arrest the protesters.

"These people told us that even if they got another ticket they were still going to stay," Belcher said. "We had no choice but to physically remove them. They said that what they wanted was to go to jail."

women's facility had 29; it's rated at 25. The jail farm has 194 people; it's rated at 160," Noren said.

"Maybe they want to keep the drunks and let the burglars on the street," he added.

"I think we're talking about Al letting off some steam," Belcher said. "I fully understand his frustrations. It's a long issue of jail overcrowding and I think the citizens of Santa Cruz County should be concerned."

Noren didn't limit his complaints to the city of Santa Cruz, though, claiming that other local cities are bringing lightweight offenses to the jail and wasting his time and space.

"In Capitola they'll arrest somebody for looking cross-eyed," Noren said. "I think that his deputies don't even arrest shoplifters any more but simply cite them because of the stuffed jail."

The camping ban is a particular irritation to Noren, since many of those who are cited never pay their fine, which eventually leads to a warrant being issued for their arrest. And that often leads to them spending time in the jail anyway.

Of the nine people cited for participating in Tuesday night's sleeping-in, four were eventually booked into jail when they refused to sign their citations.

The group was the remnants of about 30 people who showed up at the council meeting to protest the city's ordinance banning camping. During the meeting, one of the protesters was arrested for parading.

Five male and four female protesters gathered for a sleep-in in the courtyard outside the Council Chamber after speaking to the the council.

"They were given a warning," said police Sgt. Tom Vlassis. "The laws were explained to them at about 9 p.m. and then again at 11:20 p.m. Then, at 12:30 a.m., enforcement took place."

And Noren said that he believes enforcement is the direct result of pressure on the Police Department from downtown merchants who feel their businesses are being hurt by street people, transients and public nuisances who hang out on the Pacific Garden Mall.

Homeless in SC in new protest

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Police break-up morning 'sleep-in' establishment in Santa Cruz.

By GUY LASNIER
STAFF WRITER

Santa Cruz police rousted nearly a dozen people who set up camp outside the City Council chambers early this morning to protest the city's camping ban.

Nine persons were arrested. Five were given citations and released. Four were booked at County Jail when they either had no identification or refused to sign a citation. Sgt. Dave St. Onge said.

One of those cited, Jane Imler, a City Council candidate, said the "sleep-in" was a protest against the city's anti-camping law, which homeless advocates charge is unconstitutional.

Police waited until the City Council meeting was over, then moved in at 12:30 a.m.

Witnesses charged police manhandled the first person arrested after the protester

arrested after the protester went limp. The man, Kabooch Jeremiah Saygo, 27, an unemployed carpenter, was booked at jail and later released on his own recognizance. Imler said Saygo suffered cuts and scrapes from being dragged from the area and across Church Street and tossed into a paddy wagon.

Imler said other protesters were handled more gently. Also booked were Robert Norra, 41, of 115-B Canfield Ave., where Imler also lives; Linda Lee Edwards, 41, no address; and Roberta D. Reichelshamer, 41, of 310 Cedar St., No. 3.

All are to appear in Municipal Court Oct. 4.

A trial is scheduled for later in October for defendants charged in an earlier sleep-in.

The arrests are the latest in an escalating battle between an increasingly organized group of homeless activists and the city

establishment in Santa Cruz.

Yesterday, police led public works crews who used a bulldozer and chainsaws to destroy a campsite in the Neary Lagoon area. The campsite, illegal under the city's camping ban, was extensive, with common living areas and separate sleeping areas. Police discovered the camp, where a dozen people regularly lived, about a week ago.

Old sofas, mattresses and sleeping pads were strewn about with a large amount of trash.

In another incident last week, police started tearing down an elaborate tree house behind an apartment building on Franklin Street, until neighbors complained the structure belonged to neighborhood children. Police said two or three homeless people were regularly sleeping there.

Editorials

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Parks, not campgrounds

The city should encourage people to use shelters and not live in city parks

THE closing of St. James Park in downtown San Jose has put some people even more out on the street than they already were.

Long a gathering place for transients, the park had become more than ever a haven for street people, thanks in part to various groups who were distributing free food and clothing there.

On Monday, a fence surrounded the park, marking the beginning of a year-long, million-dollar renovation. When are

move to nearby neighborhood parks such as Ryland, Backesto, William Street, or Roosevelt. They are different from St. James in their design and their users.

Ryland was recently renovated to offer play facilities for children. It used to be filled with detritus; it need not be filled with them again. Backesto, on 13th Street, likewise offers play space for children and families.

This is not a call to drive scruffy people with shopping carts from the parks. They have the same rights as anyone to the sunshine or the shade, the benches and the grass. It is a call to enforce aggressively park rules on closing time — so that parks do not become campgrounds — and on drinking, rowdy behavior, even littering. Of course, drug laws should be aggressively enforced.

before their sentences are up as it is.

"This morning when I got to the jail, we had in our main jail 251 people. Our bed capacity is 230. The

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Makeshift campsites bulldozed

Nearby Lagoon cleanup displaces more homeless

BY TOM LONG
Sentinel staff writer

SANTA CRUZ — Bulldozers and chainsaws ripped through the woods on the perimeter of Neary Lagoon Tuesday, destroying an elaborate makeshift camp-ground that had housed more than a dozen people just a week ago.

"This was their home," said police officer David Townsend, who inspected the campground just before bulldozers moved in early Tuesday morning. "When we first came here they had a pet rat, a cat, a dog, they even had crawdads. I don't know where they got the crawdads from."

Set back behind deep brush, the campground consisted of a "living room" with sofas, a lounge chair, a hearth and even a hideaway bed. Residents had "bedrooms" scattered around the center of the campground with mattresses tucked beneath trees and

"Are you thinking about the multidisciplinary team?" one bureaucrat asked another.

Noren hung his head over and said, "I'm bogged."

"I hear the chief saying if you put these 23 drunks in jail then Sam Leask won't leave town," Noren said.

Wednesday, announced that his chain of department stores has been sold.

behind bushes.

"It just shows you that people on the street have that same nesting instinct as the rest of us," homeless advocate Jane Imler said later Tuesday.

The Santa Cruz City Public Works Department spearheaded the cleanup Tuesday, after police officers had discovered the camp last week.

As Officer Townsend wandered about the campsite Tuesday, a pile of what seemed to be dirty clothes on a mattress suddenly stood up and staggered away, surprising him. Townsend called the man back and talked to him for a minute before letting him walk on.

According to Townsend, police officers first discovered the camp when one of its residents led them to the grounds to charge another resident with attacking him. Townsend said that more than a dozen people were gathered around the living room of the campground at that point. They were cited for camping illegally and given 48 hours to move their belongings.

Trash was scattered all around the campground Tuesday — wadded toilet paper, sanitary napkins, rotting boxes, shampoo bottles and every imaginable kind of alcoholic-beverage container. Much of it was in the swamp area at the edges of Neary Lagoon, a wildlife preserve.

According to Public Works director Larry Erwin, the two-day cleanup of the camp site will cost the city nearly \$1,000.

This was the second major effort by city police to destroy campsites in the past two months. Earlier efforts have been: on the Pasatempo property beneath Tanner Heights — off Highway 17 — where police finally took chainsaws to the campgrounds last week in an effort to drive campers off.

A major concern at both sites has been environmental pollution caused by campers who use the areas without any kind of sanitation or refuse control. Homeless advocates and volunteers cleaned tons of garbage off the Pasatempo property during August,

part, marking the beginning of a year-long, million-dollar renovation. Where are the park's inhabitants to go?

Not, we hope, to nearby neighborhood parks, to dominate them they way they had come to dominate St. James Park.

The concentration that grew in St. James Park is less likely in neighborhood parks because the new place for handing out meals will be the parking lot of the temporary shelter for the homeless on Montgomery Street, not another park. But those who get meals will not be allowed to hang around the shelter between meals.

Our concern is that street people will

but the County Environmental Health Department has ordered the Pasatempo Homeowners Association to finish the cleanup effort within the next three weeks.

Imler and another homeless advocate, Robert Norse, both argued that the discovery of another campground only shows how widespread the homeless problem in Santa Cruz is, while the destruction of the campground served no purpose.

"I think it's real obvious that the City Council hasn't solved the homeless problem with the River Street Shelter," said Imler, who is running for the council. "This points up the real critical need for some kind of campground."

"The question is, what is the solution?" Norse asked. "Is the solution just simply destroying well-organized campsites of the homeless? They could have asked for a cleanup but instead they drive them off."

Both Imler and Norse have repeatedly asked the City Council to do away with the city's camping ban ordinance and build a campground with sanitation facilities where the homeless could congregate.

"This worries me as an environmentalist, and I'm also concerned about the fire aspect," Imler said. Police say the Neary Lagoon area has been used as an illegal campsite for more than 50 years, dating back to Depression-era hobos who would camp along the railroad tracks that run past the area. According to Townsend, most of the campers who stay there have a long history of alcoholism and public inebriation arrests. Townsend also said that while most of the Neary's Lagoon campers are "docile," they are also suspected of doing a lot of shoplifting to support their alcohol habits.

ing. Of course, drug laws should be aggressively enforced.

There are sanitary and safety reasons for encouraging people to use what shelters are available. When people refuse to live inside, the city is within its rights in refusing to let them live in parks — even though many are harmless. As for more menacing groups of hard-core alcoholics and drug-users, the city should be strict in keeping them out of the parks altogether.

San Jose has provided facilities for homeless people and is in the process of providing more. It's not elitist or callous to suggest that our public parks ought not become grassy skid rows.

Residents of the area have been concerned about the campers, especially since the nearby Union Ice plant went up in flames last year of undetermined cause.

"What concerns me is it's in the middle of the city, not on the outskirts," said Tom Brazzani, vice president of the Downtown Association, who lives near the lagoon. "And it's happening in an area that we treasure for its environment."

"The bottom line is I'm afraid to go down there and I wouldn't want my girlfriend or anybody else to go down there," Brazzani said. "It's a very dangerous area."

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Homeless group sets up sleep-in at SC City Hall

SANTA CRUZ — A small group of homeless people and their supporters were preparing to face arrest Tuesday night for camping on City Hall grounds to protest the city's camping ban.

Police warned the would-be campers that they would not be tolerated, but would be arrested and booked into County Jail, possibly after a strip search, if they insisted on setting up camp at City Hall.

The protesters said they were staging the sleep-in event to get attention after a City Council meeting, during which protesters took turns asking the council to end the city's ban on camping.

The council cut off public comment on the issue after 20 minutes. Camping-ban protesters have addressed the council about the issue each of the past several council meetings.

By 11:45 p.m., with the city council meeting still under way, about 10 protesters had set up camp along the east wall of the council chambers.

Haight Homeless

Editor — The Haight Ashbury is a troubled neighborhood. Many people are arguing with their consciences. We have compassion for the homeless and try to do what we can to help. Statistics tell us that about 50 percent of the homeless are males between the ages of 25 and 40, many of whom are substance abusers.

These men can be seen drinking out of bags while sitting around Alvard lake, wandering and panhandling up Haight Street, urinating in doorways and dealing drugs. With the increase of homeless men gathering at Alvard lake came an increase in drug dealing on Haight

Street and at the entrance to the park. This area of the park lies between the S. F. Boys and Girls Club and the Children's Playground. A few months ago my 10-year-old son was attacked by a drunk on the way to the playground. The man was staggering along the sidewalk and bumped into the kids. He kicked at them, started to chase them and threw his beer bottle, hitting my son in the shoulder.

The Food not Bombs group distributed leaflets around the city inviting the homeless for lunch at Alvard lake on August 29 and condemned residents who oppose their choice of Alvard lake as a location for this activity. In your coverage of this event you quoted a resident, Michael Anderson, who thought that neighbors' concern for the safety of their children was outrageous. Ask Anderson if he has any children.

CAROLE GLOSENGER
San Francisco

Editor — I am outraged by the recent arrest of members of the Food not Bombs organization. I feel that Food not Bombs is working to meet one of the most basic needs of human beings and that San Francisco should do everything in its power to assist such organizations rather than hinder and obstruct their work. The Police Department should drop all charges against members of the organization.

The mayor should also work with the organization to arrange alternate but feasible work sites while keeping in mind that feeding people is far more important than maintaining property values in certain neighborhoods.

CHARLES A. STEAK
San Francisco

Editor — There are three things Michael Donnelly (Letter, September 7) should do. Two of them are: visit lower, and spend a day trying to clean up Golden Gate Park.

I have done both. The experience was a proper overview of the bad and good in humanity. Donnelly classifies lower as sterile. True, lower is different. Some lower do not drink themselves silly. Some love their neighbors. Some even raise cars.

On a further note of mild hysteria, Donnelly suggests that the homeless will starve if deprived of free

food in Golden Gate Park. Were he as observant as he is vociferous, Donnelly would recognize the Food not Bombs group as an activist group interested in one thing — publicity. People genuinely concerned with filling the bellies of the poor do not march down the middle of the street banging on things.

As for the homeless, the word is as much a symptom as a condition. It describes a mindset, the inability of some to conform to the strictures of society. There are shelters enough for everyone. If you prefer to sleep in the park, you are free. Homeless can mean that you would and could not maintain a home if offered one. The tons of trash left in Golden Gate Park by the transients attest to this irresponsibility.

We sympathize with the destitute and would like to see more avenues of self help intelligently directed. Meantime, groups like Food not Bombs fool only the gullible.

And the third thing Donnelly should do? Refrain from public piety until he is better informed.

DICK MULBERT
San Francisco

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Homeless activists object

To the editor:

Writer Kathy Salamon fell far from her usually creditable level of journalism with your Aug. 23 story "Arson suspected in fire that hits SC restaurant." Usually on-the-scene and detailed in her coverage of folks struggling against the cruel and unworkable Santa Cruz City Sleeping Ban, her last story descends to sensational innuendo and unsubstantiated slander in linking a candlelight vigil to the mayor's house with a fire at the Saturn Cafe that began three hours later.

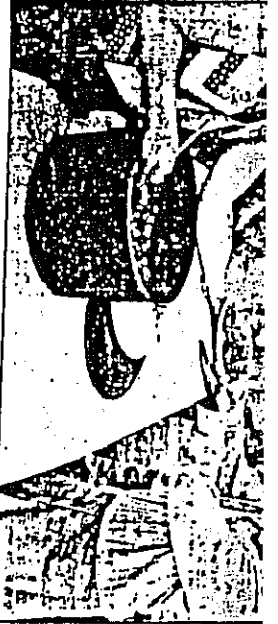
Journalism and a fundamental indifference to the nightly intimidation, harassment, and brutality that "criminal sleepers" face in Santa Cruz. Your two rival dailies were considerably more sensitive to the rights and reputations of the most powerless segment of the community. We hope future coverage of homeless struggles will return to the higher and more responsible level you've held to in the past.

ROBERT NORSE
P.O. Box 1735
Santa Cruz

The story in question, in the second paragraph, stated there was no evidence "to link the fire to the demonstrators." Norse, author of the letter above, was also quoted in the same story denying his group had anything to do with the fire — editor.

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Jacks Brass hands a meal to a woman at the Town Dock Saturday.

Citizens organize meal for homeless

SANTA CRUZ — The fumes of noon Saturday on the Town Dock became (top of driver) bell for more and his of Santa Cruz homeless.

A group of friends congregated with the pluck of the hungry served a doctored meal under the clock on all corners, hoping to fill empty stomachs.

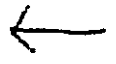
"We have had enough of feeding the homeless indefinitely. We are doing this to show that we do care, and that somebody loves them."

Jacks Brass, meal organizer

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Saturday's Feed ↑

take note!



L.A. to pay 41 homeless

LOS ANGELES — The city has agreed to a \$24,500 settlement to be divided among 41 homeless people whose possessions were destroyed during police sweeps of illegal shantytowns in June.

Homeless people and their advocates hailed the settlement but police said there would be no change in enforcement of laws against sleeping on sidewalks. City officials confirmed the agreement Thursday with no comment.

The agreement does not admit wrongdoing and doesn't guarantee that such sweeps won't be conducted again, but lawyers representing the homeless said it is an important victory that should discourage officials from similar seizures.

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