

"Lady, when your lovely head/ Droops to sink among the Dead,  
And the quiet places keep/You that so divinely sleep;  
Then the dead shall blessed be/With a new solemnity,  
For such Beauty, so descending, /Pledges them that Death is ending.  
Sleep your fill--but when you wake/ Dawn shall over Lethe break."  
--"On a Sleeping Friend" by Hilaire Belloc [1870-1953]<sup>1</sup>

## **Know Your Rights Training Slated For 7th Week of Bookshop Boycott Vice-Mayor Coonerty A No Show at 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sleeping Ban Protest**

For the fifth successive Sunday, Vice-Mayor Ryan "Crackdown" Coonerty<sup>2</sup> refused to respond to repeated requests that he open up the city's records and reveal last year's secret briefing by City Attorney John "Bankbuster" Barisone<sup>3</sup> regarding the City's anti-homeless Sleeping Ban.<sup>4</sup> 'Merryweather' Mike<sup>5</sup> and Visionsong Valerie<sup>6</sup> strummed out slumbersongs old and new ("Mama Don't Allow No Sleepin' Around Here" and their own version of "Downtown").

For two sunny hours in the early afternoon, 'Bathrobespierre' Robert<sup>7</sup> bellowed out denunciations of the Vice-Mayor and Bookshop Santa Cruz ("Boycott Bigotry Downtown!"). 'Bashful' Bernard<sup>8</sup> slipped the odd flier to passersby. While his colleague with the **Human Rights Organization**. 'Bombproof' Bob<sup>9</sup> scanned the sidewalk in search of volunteers and homeless survivors of the Sleeping Ban to sign on as plaintiffs in the forthcoming Sleeping Ban lawsuit.<sup>10</sup>

The quixotic crusaders announced they'd return next Sunday (August 5) at 2 PM to resume picketing the pesky politician. Can Coonerty be coaxed into explaining why Santa Cruz criminalizes nighttime homeless sleep while Los Angeles and San Diego do not? Give the learned lawyer a call at 420-5027 to hear his response.

On August 12<sup>th</sup> again in front of Coonerty's bookish lair, HUFFsters<sup>11</sup> have invited guerrilla civil libertarians 'Rough Water' Rico and 'Juggernaut' Jason to host a hands-on "Know Your Rights" sidewalk seminar at 2 PM. The two affable anarchists will feature fast-paced simulations of SCPD constitution-crunching and how to handle badass bluebadges. Later Sunday evening, filmguerrilla funlovers plan a showing of **Sir, No Sir!**, a recent documentary on successful soldier resistance to the Vietnam War. This will be followed by the

1 The **Street Shit Sheet** traditionally begins with a quotation or poem, often celebrating the joys of sleep--a pastime denied to 1500-2000 homeless & poor people in Santa Cruz after 11 PM each night by the Reilly-Coonerty City Council. 40 of these find emergency shelter in City programs.

2 "Crackdown" supports the Sleeping Ban and backs the public space-stealing Parking Garage Paranoia Law, which makes walking into a city parking garage illegal unless you've a car or bike parked there; if you do own a vehicle, you got 15 minutes before you get a \$100+ citation.. **Phone: 423-8939**

3 So named for his financial and moral misadventures in defending the SCPD at a cost of \$1.5 million in the Blue Lagoon harassment case, rup-ing the taxpayer bill in the on-going "Heil Krohn!" mock-Nazi salute arrest at City Council, preparing to give away the Tidelands to **Charlie Canfield's Seaside Company**, and moving to gut the Measure K "lowest priority for marijuana busts" Oversight Committee.

4 MC 6.36.0101 [<http://www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us/>] reads "**No person shall...sleep** at any time between the hours of 11PM and 8:30 AM. 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; (3) In, on or under any parked vehicle, including an automobile, bus, truck, camper, trailer or recreational vehicle." This is the harshest sleeping ban in the state, perhaps in the nation--it covers churches, theaters, businesses, and, in fact, any sleeping spot outside a house or hotel. The fine: \$97 after court costs are assessed. Add "Failure to Appear" and a "Failure to Pay" and the charges escalate over \$500. Even doing "voluntary" community service costs a bundle.

5 **Merryweather Mike:** Also known as **Musical Mike** for his brave attempts to spread song and sustenance on the street. All nicknames here were foisted upon the victims, mostly by **Street Shit Sheet** editor Bathrobespierre Robert Norse.

6 **Visionsong Valerie** Christy [VC for short] One of the original songsters from **SAFE (Society for Artistic Freedom and Expression/ Street performers Against Foolish Enforcement)**, which hit the streets to protest the Downtown Ordinances, take back public space, and sing up a storm of solidarity with streetfolks. VC joined **Grimmaster Greg, Vagabondista Valerie Promise, & Carol-lovin' Coral** way back in 2003. See footnote 12.

7 **Bathrobespierre Robert** This aging activist occasionally dons a bathrobe covered with political buttons accompanied by his teddy bear Edweena to add a bizarre element of merriment to protests against the Sleeping Ban.

8 **Bashful Bernard** Long-time homeless activist whose indignation fights with his modesty as he tells off City Council.

9 **Bombproof Bob** Elder vet and **Human Rights Organization** mainstay, known for his steady demeanor in the face of turmoil and insult. Previously known as 'Rubberneck' Robert for his determination to keep his eyes on all sides of the picture. Bob ,along with Bashful Bernard, heads the **Human Rights Organization**, which meets every Saturday 2 PM at the Firefly Cafe (131 Front St.) to jam for justice. **425-4467** [www.humanrightsorg.org](http://www.humanrightsorg.org)

10 Currently 28 or more homeless people complaining of harassment under the Sleeping Ban, have signed up to join in a **lawsuit to stop police from criminalizing sleep**. Santa Cruz has no shelter for 95% of the homeless community. The **Jones decision** of April 2006 stopped LAPD 'sleepcrime' arrests in Skid row and rapidly persuaded San Diego and Richmond to stop sleepbusts. Local attorneys 'Catnip' Kate Wells and Berkeley barrister 'Bedrock' David Beauvais will be dragging SCPD Chief "Sleepsnatcher" Howard Skerry into federal court to answer for his crimes against the poor.

11 **HUFF Homeless United for Friendship and Freedom** – a long-standing minigang of housed and homeless troublemakers famous for direct action publicity protests against bigoted merchants, bad laws, and progressive pretenders. For some of their herstory and history go to [www.huffsantacruz.org](http://www.huffsantacruz.org). Or join up at **831-423-4833!** HUFF meets **Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 AM** at **701 Ocean St.** in the breezeway between county building and courthouse.

main event--a SleepOut to Sue the Sleeping Ban, sponsored by HUFF, HRO, and the little known ***Homies for the Homeless***. At the felonious filmathon and sleepout: mouthwatering munchables from 'Jumbogumbo' Joe Schultz<sup>12</sup> Urban heavies from L.A.'s Skid Row may panhandle their way north to brief participants on the latest law-leaping antics of the LAPD as it circumvents the Jones decision<sup>13</sup>. Freedomfighters from Fresno<sup>14</sup> may slip away from their own struggle for a Safe Sleeping Zone. They may report on the murder of **Pam Kincaid**, lead plaintiff in the historic federal *Kincaid* decision protecting homeless property from police destruction.

All part of **HUFF's Vigil Against Two Wars**.<sup>15</sup> The foreign wars create homeless and crippled people on the Santa Cruz streets, steal funds from housing and jobs, & ramp up repression against the poor. **HUFF** has also spoken out against the bogus War on "Terror" and the War on Drugs. Time for a War on Injustice.

## Cracks and Sunbeams on the Sidewalk

>>>>'Crossfire' Craig Canada Trial Featured In Next *Street Spirit*...the monthly homeless paper, sold by vendors and distributed at the **HUFF** table hits the streets next week. 'Lighthouse' Linda Lemaster<sup>16</sup> writes a lengthy much-revised front-page article detailing the homeless hempsmoker's victory in Ms. Denine Guy's Courtroom 1 a month ago.

Though Guy denied a motion to have an attorney appointed to help Craig use the difficult Necessity defense; she ended up walking the computer savvy southerner through the four Sleeping Ban tickets and dismissing four Sleeping citations because of Lighthouse Linda's expert testimony that no service providers allowed medical marijuana users in their programs, including the minuscule emergency drop-in Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program run by the Homeless Services Center. Now it's back to court for Crossfire with two more Sleeping tickets (8-14 8:30 AM; 8-17 3 PM) —two more strikes against the SCPD when the Federal lawsuit is filed! Join the lawsuit by calling 423-4833 or e-mailing us at rnorse3@hotmail.com.

>>>>'Make or Break' Mike Ferela reports on a raw deal from a 911 driver who berated him for calling their ambulance on a Saturday and denounced him for "wasting \$1500 on a ride." Mike not only got verbal abuse but bad service. Dominican Hospital, however, kept him for 5 days finding the rare Stevens Johnson syndrome, a rare skin disease, sometimes fatal in children. Mike, homeless, but not phoneless, wants an attorney and your reports of similar bad trips with the ambulance crew. Call him at 423-HUFF.

>>>>"Wired for sound and we're going to fuck you up" was the Beach Street greeting of Officer Hernandez (Badge #137) according to "Mad As Hell" Mike Glassel "Get the fuck off the sidewalk" is barked the potty-mouthed patrolman according to the enraged local.

The incident comes on the heels of a more serious beating Glassel reports getting at the hands of Seaside Company personnel, and sheriff's deputies in jail. "I can barely bend my knees after hitting the concrete with six cops pounding on me. My ribs were broken; my knees fucked up; both my hands are swollen with oozing wounds. I'm 50 years old. They'll threaten me but refused to ticket me. No more of this," Glassel told activists Bashful Bernard and Bombproof Bob, as he signed on to the Sleeping Ban lawsuit.

*Coming Up Next Issue:* Pain for An Elderly Panhandler on Pacific Ave; Double the Sleep Tickets from Last Year—the SCPD Goes Hog Wild; No Place to Puff: the SCPD's War on Marijuana; The Trial of Mr. T.V., and more....

12 **Jumbogumbo** Our happy handle for soupmeister Joe Schultz, caterer of exotic cuisine locally, who's served up many a sidewalk soup for **SAFE (Society for Artistic Freedom and Expression/Streetperformers Against Foolish Enforcement)** a merry melange of musicmakers who gather (sometimes under different names on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights in front of Santa Cruz's New Leaf Market at Soquel and Pacific Avenues. Check 'em out! SAFE colludes with HUFF to fight repression against street performers. **Mr. TV, the Balmy Swami, Dawdin' Donny, Grandiose George, Nattering Neecho & Bass-drum Brent** have all gotten citations recently for offending the SCPD/merchant gentrification ethic that now rules Pacific Ave. Ticketed for sleeping, sitting, standing, or breathing? Bring it a **HUFF/HRO** meeting or to a **SAFE** evening for advice. Or call 423-4833

13 **Edward Jones**, Patricia Vinson, George Vinson, Thomas Case, Stanley Barger, & Robert Lee Purrie sued the City of L.A., Police Chief **William Bratton**, & Captain **Charles Beck** to suspend enforcement of the City's sitting, lying, and sleeping ban ordinance. In April 2006 the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals held the L.A. law to be cruel & unusual punishment. San Diego ended its nighttime sleepban. Richmond changed its law. Santa Cruz doubled its ticketing.

14 "Make it Right" **Mike Rhodes**, a Fresno indymedia journalist & advocate laid the groundwork for the successful federal *Kincaid* case, ending police trashing homeless property [<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2006/11/23/18332519.php>]-a lesson for S.C. Chief Ranger "Jughead" **John Wallace**.

15 **HUFF**'s 4-year long campaign to end the War in Iraq and the War Against the Poor in Santa Cruz, marked by sidewalk petitions, sharp speeches at City Council, confrontations with Rep. **Soft-on-Militarism Sam Farr**, & (still in the oven) a Peace Conference invitation to the **Political Office for the Iraqi Resistance**. [7 Sunni insurgent groups: **Iraqi Hamas, the 1920 Revolution Brigades, Ansar al-Sunna, Jaish (army) al-Islami, Jaish al-Mujahideen Jama' & Jaish al-Rashideen**] f [see <http://www.guardian.co.uk/guardianweekly/story/0,,2135238,00.html>] to end this criminal U.S. invasion.

16 **Crossfire** got his name from the flak he's gotten from the Homeless Services Center (kicked out last summer); MHCAn (banned for medical marijuana use last spring); Santa Cruz Sentinel forum bigots; SCPD harassment downtown (for medicating legally on Pacific Avenue); and court security personnel (for trying to take a backpack through the metal detector). Lighthouse has been fighting for the rights of the poor for thirty years as a welfare mother, homeless activist, city council candidate, chair of the former **Homeless Issues Task Force**, and co-founder of **Housing Now! In Santa Cruz**,