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Don M. Clark Principal

Sacramento Housing Alliance (SHA) 2125-19th Street, Suite #101 Sacramento, CA. 95818 Attn: Stacie Clary, Executive Director

Dear Ms. Chary:

Recently, I and Art, as members of the SHOC met with Chris Hartmire, Director, of the Friendship Park, there at Loaves & Fishes. The meeting was held in the spirit of solidarity as we all came together trying to carve out an action agenda for 98.

As your already aware of, the Human Rights Symposiums as organized by SHOC and the local Amnesty International have been scheduled for the dates of 14th and 15th of this coming year. Organizationally, the SHOC also wants to institute a permanent concern for civil rights abuses of homeless people in Sacramento. Interestingly, this type of community involvement by advocates has now become manifest at a nat'l level. The National Coalition for the Homeless has publicly announced their intentions of funding somewhere between 7-11 offices around the country. Here in California, Los Angeles and San Francisco have been chosen so far.

These developments have warmed by heart in regards of something at last, coming into existence, to educate, agitate, and litigate in the interest of homeless people who are abused to the point of terror here in the Sacramento Community. What about the exploits of "Bronco Bill"? I'm also disturbed that the capitol city is again being overlooked in respect of socio-political advances for the homeless. Besides myself and Art, Jimmy Bacca, and Ed Harris, the President of SHOC have all voiced in unison that some local action needs to be taken. In response, to that groundswell, again I met with

a ranking Loaves & Fishes official to help with our effort

by providing the following: 1) Office Space; 2) Telephone; and 3) Computer Terminal.

Finally, that meeting was held as I reported earlier and Director Hartmire is fully apprised about the larger scale effort of civil rights organizing for the protection of the human rights of the homeless. He plans to articulate his support to Leroy Chatman the overall Executive Director and bring it in front of the Board of Directors if necessary.

Lastly, it was mentioned that Friendship Park c/o Chris Hart needs to receive something official from the Sacramento Housing Alliance as the sponsor of SHOC expressing support for a Sacramento Civil Right Homeless Organizing Project (SCRHOP). You can call Christ Hartmire @ 443-7378 or put something in writing.

PS If I'm needed for further clarification, please call me at 641-7933. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Donald M. Clark Consultant

cc: Chris Hartmire

WE WANT YOU!

SACRAMENTO HOMELESS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Meets
Mondays, 10:00 AM
Friendship Park, Loaves & Fishes

√Learn how you can contribute to Homeward, the homeless community's bimonthly newspaper

√Educate those in power about your issues

√Give your ideas and suggestions to our democratically-run committee

Everyone welcome---your ideas are important!

Sacramento Housing Alliance Homeless Organizing Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday November 20, 1996

Time: 8:30

Location: Loaves and Fishes

Minutes from meeting on October 16, 1996

Members present: Eddie Harris, Stacie Clary, Bobbie Ramey, Kathryn Kaney, Tim Brown, Chris Stock.

- 1. Eddie updated the committee on The Policy Committee on Homelessness:
- a. In April the San Carlos project with the Volunteers of America is expected to open.

b. Shelter Plus Care has stopped distributing affidavits because there are now 231 active leases.

c. Mather AFB is not accepting any more applications for families. They now have 18 families and the singles units have been delayed but hope to open in January.

d.NPO update: the neighborhood program is doing well and there are going to be more patrols of the camps on the weekends because that seems to be when more of the illegal activity happens. The patrols have been noticing more kids on the streets.

e. Loaves and Fishes will stop on feeding on Sundays and

Francis house is going to replace them.

f. Overflow shelter is opening on November 23. There are 178 beds for men and 60 beds for women and children.

2. On the news there was a piece about students at a local college having a choice to pick a cause and protest to earn extra credit. Bobbie is going to follow up on this story and get back to the SHA with any relevant information.

3. Newsletter.

a. Our next SHOC meeting will be mostly devoted to discussing the newsletter and to set a December deadline for the first publication.

b. Kathryn and Chris will create a flyer publicizing the meeting and send it out prior to November 20 to encourage homeless people and other interested people to attend.

c. Kathryn will make posters and get envelopes to hang up at

local shelters to encourage contributions to the newsletter.

d. Eddie, Kathryn, and Tim will talk with Shelter providers about putting up the posters at their shelters.

e. Kathryn and Stacie will contact Herberger Press to find out

cost of getting the Newsletter printed there.

f. Stacie, Kathryn, and Chris will look into finding a graphic artist volunteer and learning how to set up the layout for the newsletter.

g. Important things we need to discuss about the Newsletter:

- I. how to obtain ongoing funding
- 2. distribution of the newsletter
- 3. getting homeless people involved with the newsletter
- 4. establish core group that will oversee this project

Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee Minutes for November 18, 1996

Next Meeting: Monday November 25, 1996 at 8:30 am in the Loaves and Fishes AA\NA meeting room.

Members Present: Wizard, Ray Hillestad, Helen, Art Clay, Tom, Nicole, Jim, David M., Matt Peters, Christina Stock, Howard Johnson, Harties Harris Jr., Troy C. Rolsales, Eddie Harris, Dana Grimes, Stacie Clary, Kathryn Kaney, Tim Brown.

1. The committee discussed starting a newsletter. Helen, Ray, and Art discussed local homeless artists who are interested in printing their work. A collaboration between the two groups was discussed. There were many ideas about what the newsletter should look like. The Homeless Artists wanted to contribute cartoons to show the talent of homeless people and show that they are hopeful and not hopeless. It was suggested that we should do an article about the Midtown Garden Project. Kathryn will call the Midtown Business Association and Lisa Culp to get information for this article. Jim also suggested that we have a "Work Wanted" section where homeless people can advertise their services. The committee also agreed that we need a section that advertises available services for homeless people.

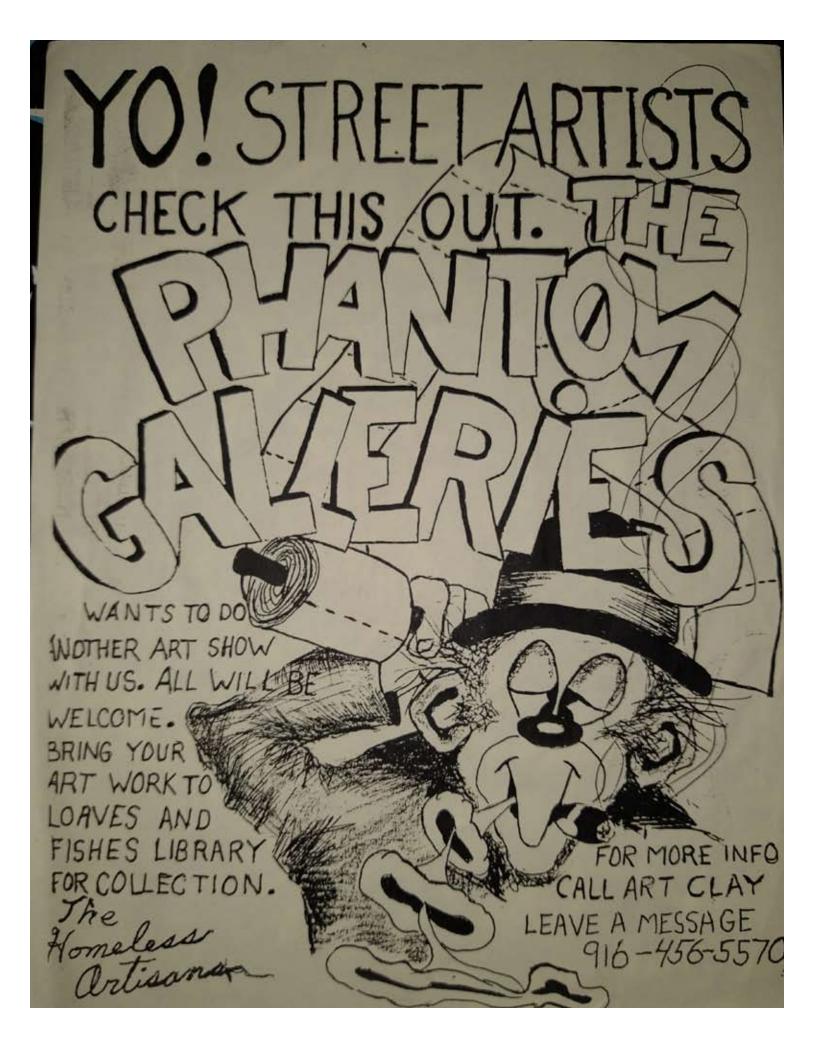
Helen volunteered to do some distribution when the newsletter is finished. Nicole said that she was good on the computer.

Howard shared his concern that the Newsletter not offend the "establishment" or "structure". Many others in the committee said that they did not want to tailor the newsletter to appease local officials or business owners.

Wizard suggested that we put up a sign advertising a "Name the Newsletter Contest" and have individuals contribute their suggestions before the next meeting. Kathryn will make this flyer and hang it up at Loaves and Fishes.

Stacie volunteered to discuss with a local printing shop the cost for printing out our newsletter.

2. Matt suggested we meet again soon if we wanted to meet a December deadline. Everyone agreed on next Monday, November 25, at 8:30am in the same room. Kathryn will call Chris Hartmire to confirm that we can use the room again. Everyone agreed to bring what they are going to contribute to the newsletter next week to the meeting.





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January 21, 1997

Palo Alto City Council (fax) 415-328-3631

Dear Palo Alto City Council Members:

As a coalition of individuals, organizations and businesses in Sacramento who work toward ensuring safe and decent shelter for all who need it and for the rights of low-income and homeless people, the Sacramento Housing Alliance (SHA) and our Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee are concerned about the trend toward criminalizing the homeless.

We urge you not to pass an ordinance that would make it a crime to sit on the sidewalk of University Avenue unless they are buying food or drink. This would be discriminatory to the poor and homeless. Criminalizing homelessness will not make it go away. The problem has deep roots that must be properly addressed.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely.

Stacie Clary Director, SHA Eddie Harris Chair, SHOC

Minutes from April 7 SHOC meeting

Members present: John, Wizard, Bob, Pete, Rod, Stacie, Brett, Mary, Lisa, Mary, Chris, Kathryn.

- 1. Updates of articles in progress Kathryn having trouble getting information on Belgium. Pete having problems finding the man from the night watch program. John is working on the Vet article and he has some leads. Bob is on schedule.
- 2. New ideas for articles Ricoshe will write on camping at the river. Responsibility checklist for homeless. Camping tips. A quiz.
- 3. Stacie and Kathryn will bring bus and light rail information to next meeting. We will carpool from Loaves and Fishes to the conference. Details will be worked out closer to the conference. Stacie will send in checks for Mary, Michelle, and Bob.
- 4. Kathryn will make the Calendar and bring it to the next meeting for people to write important dates on.
- 5. It was an unanimous vote to use Wizards HOMEWARD logo.
- 6. Stacie will research how we should accept donations if people offer them.
- 7. It was decided only members of the committee could distribute the newspaper.
- √8. Stacie will compile a list for Chris and John on possible sponsors for the paper. Also we need to see what the tax rules are for advertising and sponsorships before we solicit advertisers.

Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee S → H → O → C

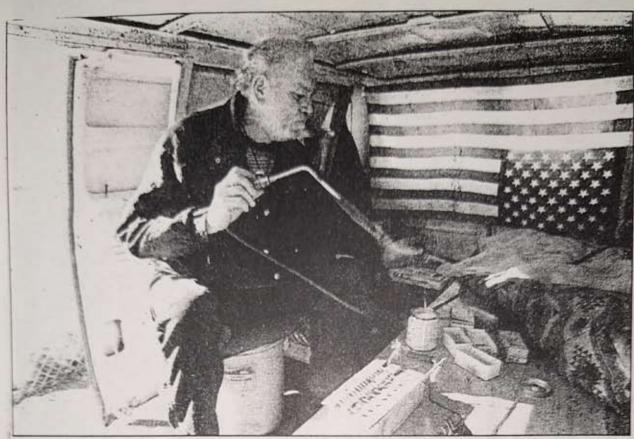
We would like to thank you for sponsoring AB 34, a bill which we are confident will help homeless people who are in need of services for the mentally ill.

SHOC is hosting a statewide rally on Thursday, November 11, 1999, on the west steps of the Capitol. We would be honored if you would speak about your bill (AB 34) and have penciled you in for a 2:00 appearance. Please let us know if you will be able to make this time or if we could schedule a better time. The rally will be taking place from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.

This is a statewide rally to petition Governor Davis for protection against the City sanctioned brutality against the homeless populations. The new homeless, of which middle class people are a part, are being treated like criminals: their cars are being towed away and they are being ticketed or thrown in jail for the crime of sleeping. Many of these people become "mentally ill" from the emotional shock hitting the streets, your bill will surely help.

Sincerely;

Marvin Jensen Vice President



Bee photograph/Anne Chadwick Williams

Art Clay does some metal work in his van, which doubles as his home. Clay formed Sacramento Homeless Artisans, a group of about 20 artists who show their work at various businesses.

Art: Sketch a protest of violence

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laws that he believes infringe upon their rights. In addition to that struggle, Clay also seeks to support homeless artists, an often overlooked segment of the estimated 3,000 men, women and children who sleep on the streets of Sacramento County.

"There's not much to do on the streets," explained Clay.

Four years ago, Clay formed the Sacramento Homeless Artisans, an ad hoc group of about 20 artists who collectively show their work at various businesses around the city. The artists meet occasionally in the library at Loaves and Fishes, sharing their struggles and working side-by-side on art pieces.

Some of their work reveals the unique perspectives of people living outside mainstream culture. Other pieces are practice sketches of pictures from books, painstaking etchings to relieve boredom and hone artistic skills.

"I look at a book I see a picture I like - I draw it," said Ernie Mashoug, who carries his pencil etchings of apes, movie stars and masks in a worn Pringles potato

Lee Parks displayed a pastel drawing with very little light, save for some intermittent rays of sunshine bouncing off fat vines. It is a portrait of K Street Mall seen from the perspective of a person peering from behind a bush.

"You're back off the road, under the bush and you're seeing the street where everybody else is," said Parks, 48.

Doretta Kirk, known as "Pockets" by her friends, said she began sketching about two years ago, shortly after a homeless woman was raped and murdered.

"I felt she would have wanted me to use that situation in a positive way," said Kirk. Kirk drew a pastel of the slain woman and carried it in a rully to protest violence against women.

"A lot of women become homeless to escape violence, only to become victims of violence on the streets," Kirk said, adding that she became homeless after legying her husband the day after Christmas in 1992. Most of the Homeless Artisans pay for their own art tools, taking on the limited expenses with the hope of one day selling their work. Often they do. The group also receives donations of drawing paper and sketching tools from area universities.

Raymond Villanueva, a carver known on the streets as "Razor." doesn't need many art tools. He carves pieces of wood he finds in the streets, using an old knife he's had for years. He specializes in multilayered works, carvings of doves resting within peace signs or other symbols encased within other finely hewn shapes.

"Razor," like many other of his fellow artists, is somewhat nonchalant about his art.

"It keeps me from dying of boredom," he said.

Works by the Homeless Artisans will be on display through January at Espresso Metro, at 11th and K streets.

People or organizations wishing to sponsor an art show may call Art Clay at 492-1115.



Homeless artist Lee Parks sits in Espresso Metro at 11th and K streets with four of his paintings on the wall.

Bee photographs/Anne Chabela Warra Works by the Sacramento Homeless Artisans will be on display at the shop through the end of this month.

Street people find home in their art

Sculptures, paintings give sense of purpose or help pass the time

By Pamela Martineau Bee Staff Writer

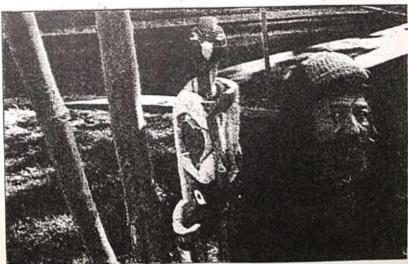
The 3-inch wrought iron fisherman, casting his metal fishing line in a wide arc, is crafted so delicately it balances on the end of a fingertip.

The sculptor of the tiny "junk art" piece labored meticulously to achieve the perfect balance in the teetering figurine he molded from a horseshoe nail.

That's because he knows a thing or two about balance, the artist said, having once been gravely out of equilibrium, suffering from bipolar mental illness.

"I asked God, 'Should I quit my trade, put a gun to my head or become an artist.' " said Art Clay, as he heated his welding tools in the van that is both his art studio and home.

Clay, 53, chose the artist route and found that crafting art pieces that feature complicated theories of symmetry



Raymond Villanueva, known on the streets as "Razor," carved this totem on a tree stump at Loaves & Fishes in Sacramento, where he teaches woodcutting.

brought a measure of balance into his own life.

"I'll never go back to my middle class life," said Clay.

Few would call Clay's current life mid-

dle class. He is homeless, living on the streets of Sacramento, attempting to or ganize his homeless brethren to fight

Please see ART, page B

Street Sacramento's Homeless

Gain A Voice By Publishing Their Own Newspaper

eporters and television camera crews have been a familiar sight at Leaves & Fishes' Friendship Park for the better part of this year, as the legal battle between the charity and the city has dominated local news.

Now a group of Sacramento's homeless has turned the tables and begun to print its own version of the -as seen from the street.

Homeward is the six-month-old offspring of the Sacramento Home less Organizing Committee (SHOC). a group of homeless writers, artists and organizers who want to challenge the stereotypes people have of this city's poorest citizens.

ordinarily wouldn't be heard," said Peter LaRue, a poet and Homeward contributor during a recent editorial meeting in Friendship Park. A typi-cal meeting is a jumble of brain-storming, politics and story-swap-ping about Sacramento street life.

"I'm staying at Shasta [Hotel] right now. There, I have no Fourth Amendment rights. That's the way the system is set up; the individual has been completely devalued," says LaRue, "You've got to give people more than a roof over their heads

You've got to give them a voice."

Or, as homeless artist and Home ward contributor Lee Parks puts it. the homeless community must take matters into its own hands.

"The main propaganda of the big paper says we're just a banch of winos down here. Well, we've got to generate our own propaganda," said Parks, adding that Homeward has begun to "act as a locus" around which SHOC can organize other projects.

Homeward has

put out two issues since February each with a circulation of about 2,000 copies. There is definitely a learning curve at work. Issue one looked more like a newsletter, but by issue two,

significant thing for homeless," says Savage, "Plus I get Savage's column. as his own brand of gonzo journalism, is my thin edge of a wedge to make about class and

While much of Homeward's writing is done by homeless men and women, the glue that holds it all together is the 28-year-old founder of Homeward, Christina Stock.

"I don't know a damn thing about ournalism," said Stock, laughing, as she explained how the paper got

Stock immigrated to California four years ago after graduating from Kent State University in Obio with un English degree. Like many new grads who settle in California, Stock knew she wanted to write, but was not sure where to put her energy. When she happened upon a copy of the Scattle street paper Real Change while visiting friends in that city, she knew what she wanted to do.

After getting some pointers from Real Change director Timothy Harris and doing some research here in the Sacramento Housing Alliance involved. The housing alliance made the paper the main project of the then-dormant homeless organizing committee and gave Stock a tiny office and an obsolete personal conputer. From such inauspicious begin nings, Stock says, the endeavor has grown to the point where it's all she can do to keep up with the work

"It has taken on a life of its own but it takes time because we make sure that everyone is with us," said Stock, explaining that the paper's mission is to have homeless people involved in every phase of produc tion, from story conception to distrib involved in the process. We are talk-ing about a fairly eccentric group of people. Almost all of them have

some real serious issues

Still, Stock says she looks forward to raising Homeward to the standards set by established street papers in other cities

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"We can get to that point, but we've got a lot of growing to do; she said. "We're still at the point where we're trying to make it a solid publication."

The street newspaper, says Stock, is a significant new tool for organiz ing around issues of poverty and hopelessness. Pointing to the recent explusion of street papers in cities all over the country, Stock notes, "I think even though we're relatively small, if you put all of those small parts together it's pretty powerful."

There are still several obstacles to

he overcome. For one, the paper does not have enough space, and meetings must be held at Louves & Fishes Friendship Park. Also, the paper does not have its own phone or computer equipment that can handle the laboriour layout process.

'If I had an office, with a comput er and a phone, I would get 75 per-cent more done," Stock said. "It is truly a homeless newspaper." Still, Stock said, there is enough

to work with for now

"There is a connection being made, and those connections are the things that really sustain us," she said.

Meanwhile, Seattle's Real Change director Timothy Harris is thrilled to hear of the new Sacramento undertaking. Harris moved to Seattle specifically to start Real Change, which he described as a

"People really look forward to every issue," Harris said.

Marvin Johnson (far left), John Legee, Pete LaRue, Christina Stock and Bob Savage trade ideas at a Homeward staff meeting.

"There is tremendous community support out there. The street news-paper is one of the most profound organizing tools of the last decade,"

Completely self-sufficient, Real Change enjoys a healthy circulation of 30,000 copies and has a flashy Web site with links to other publications and a manual of suggested guidelines for starting street papers. The paper has been successful enough to provide a salary for Harris and two part-time

"It is a genuine voice that is going to be here for the long run," he said. In fact, the past two years have her of street papers around the country. Harris said there are more than 100 such papers, not only in hig cities but also in mid-size cities such as

Next month, Real Change will be host the second annual conference of the North American Street Newspa-per Association. While Harris is pre-

per Association. While Harris is pre-pared to give plenty of advice to new papers, he does not think of himself as a street sheet guru. "I'm less interested in creating a publishing empire than I am in helping poor people organize,"

For information about Home-ward, call the Socramento Housing Alliance at 442-1198.

"The main propaganda of the big paper says we're just a bunch of winos down here. Well, we've got to generate our own propaganda." - Lee Parks,

While sitting in on these sessions was no lesson in parliamentary pro-cedure, it quickly became obvious that nobody knows their beat better than the folks gathered in this park

For LaRue and his cohorts, home lessness means more than lacking four walls. It also means being left out of the mainstream, being ignored

Nothing is worse than psychic airs, the pain of not being beard." says LaRue, whose poems tackle homelessness, mental iliness and simple human vulnerability and yet, chow come across as sound resolute in spite of it all, as in these lines from "The River".

We've chosen this road so there's no reason to ignore its message

Which is not to say that LaRue doesn't have a little anger stored up at the city's treatment of its home-less citizens.

By Cosmo Garvin

page tabloid on real newsprint. The content so far has been an eclectic mix of hard news, poetry, profiles and the occasional rambling communique on God, the state and class society Just inside the front cover. Homeward prints a full-page list of resources, including addresses of shelters, cafe-terias and medical services. meward operates on a shoestring budget-about \$4,000 so far most of which has come in the form

Homeward had graduated to an eight-

of private grants and donations. The paper is free, but in the near future, SHOC organizers hope to have homeless vendors sell the paper, as is done with street newspapers in Scatter, Chicago and San Francisco. For now, the little bit of money that is coming in has allowed the committee to give stipends of \$50 a month to but homeless vendors sell the paper, as is work and handle distribution.

Bob Savage, a staff member who receives a stipend, says the \$50 is not much, but the experience will look good on a résumé

HOMEWARD

Bravo said the store carries a lot of free papers and just started offer-ing Homeward to customers about a month area.

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Homeward contributors write editorials, poetry, stories, personal
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A recent editorial board meeting
of contributors and edotors was similar to that of any other newspaper,
with editors reminding countributors
to meet their deadlines and to these
of photo ideas for their stories. The
only difference was that the meeting was beld outdoors in Loaves &
Fishes' crowded Friendship Park
Contributors and editors sat on park
benches or on the ground, as a long
line to the soup kitchen formed
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early.

Wearing a purple sweatshirt,
anty hiking boots with press shoe-nees and faded black jeans, Billeen
ruest, also known as "Sunshine,"
arms to the meeting anxious to

Journalist.

Her eyes lit up when she talked about how she was quoted in a because the story that recently appeared in The Sacramento Bec about the winter machine the shelter that Sacramento Courty officials have decided not to recept at Cal Expo.

"I think I'm more aware of what's huppening than the average person down here," the said.

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"Notedly realizes that the women don't have any safe places to steep. Prices continued. "Women down here get beat up all the time. They get raped. I keep safe, but most of the women down here had use drugs — there's no safe place for them."

She said the challenge of bearwised and other personal issues have kept her from her writing dream.

Parks, who has been drawing stoce be was a kid, unid he's been albele to get his work published because of Homeward. "It's a good opportunity, "we always wanted to make a fiving being an artist. Now since I'm one making a living anyway, I might as well be an artist."

Parka doscribes himself as a former "bise-collar" worker who soffers from chronic back pain and a heart condition. His obtained can be be blass from including the latest issue he blass for income housing and discrimination against the working poor.

"We don't subtish news." Parks

working poor. "We don't publish news," Parks said, "We get a lot of opinions, pacity where people can express what is happening to them on the street. That would never ever get into the regular newspaper, I doubt my cartoon would get into it."

Parks said producing a newspaper with a homeless staff can be diffi-cult because of the challenges of being homeless.

"I'm surprised at the quality of the work," Parks said



Newspaper staff members gather at Looves & Homeward, 'a newspaper published by and & Fishes to discuss ideas for an upcoming edition of homeless people.

Write from the heart

Newspaper gives voice to homeless

IY ROBYN S. EIFERTSEN

For nearly a year, homeless people at .caves & Fishes, Sacramento's premier eeding and shelter program, have been able o reach for a new kind of service — their

own newspaper.

Each month, an eight-page newspaper, itled Homeward, is written and read by someless people and circulated at area cofeehouses and social-service centers.

Homeward is published by the Sacramento

foneless Organizing Committee, a subcommittee of the Sacramento Housing Alliance, n affordable-housing advocacy group.

Editorial content of Homeward includes eneral information that homeless people an use to find out about services available

It also gives detailed tips on how to cope vith being homeless, such as how to keep rom catching a cold and how to cook over a

But the the main thrust of the newspaper, its publishers say, is to offer homeless people their own voice.

"Everybody has that desire to be heard," said Eddle Harris, president of the Sacra-mento Homeless Organizing Committee. "Everybody needs someone to hear them.

This is a way for those to do so."

Since it began publishing in February, Harris said circulation has increased from 2,000 to 5,000 copies. Distribution sites include Loaves & Fishes, the Salvation Army, Legal Services of Northern Califor-nia, coffechouses, bookstores and commu-

ma, coffeencies, bookstore and community centers. The paper is free.

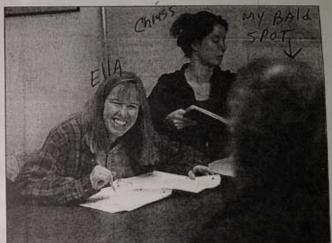
"Most people say they like it," Harris said of the public's response to the paper. "I've heard only good stories actually."

Matthew Bravo, a sales clerk at Open Book LTD, a bookstore at 910 21st St., said

his shop's customers seem to react positively to the paper.

'I think we had about 20 issues (at the

SEE HOMEWARD, PAGE 7



Ellen Ostergreen, left, a social worker with Christina Stock, editor of Homeward, join the Sacramento Housing Alliance, and an editorial meeting at Loaves & Fishes.

SPORTS 348-2745 . CALENDAR 348-2756

ADVERTISING 348-2700

CIRCULATION 321-1111

To the members of the Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee (SHOC) Sacramento Housing Alliance (SHA)

For the purpose of increasing exposure and readership of the HOMEWARD homeless newspaper, I propose the following,

- 1) That \$1 be charged per paper beginning this next issue
- 2) That we sell to the Sacramento downtown population through the method of street vendors
- 3) That we license these vendors through SHOC and sell the paper to them at 20 cents per issue
- 4) That we provide the vendors with
 - A. contract enumerating conditions of newspaper sales, to be signed by vendor
 - B. code of conduct in writing
 - C. license printed up by us to be worn by vendors (2"x3" paper in pin lapel)
- 5) That we print up and circulate a flyer advertising "Vendors Wanted"
- 6) That we announce the selling of HOMEWARD in the next issue of the paper, along with the conditions of sale of papers to vendors and code of conduct
- 7) That we provide 10 days of street sales before dumping free issues into regular distribution pattern
- 8) That we appoint a treasurer/bookkeeper to accomplish the record keeping

HOMEWARD

homeless newspaper vendors

CODE of CONDUCT

- 1. No panhandling, \$1 only per issue
- 2. No blocking sidewalks or obstructing pedestrian traffic
- 3. No selling papers inside buildings
- 4. No selling HOMEWARD at state capitol building or capitol park
- Respect other vendors, do not sell at street corners currently occupied by another vendor
- 6. Always display license in plain view while selling HOMEWARD
- 7. Polite at all times while selling HOMEWARD
- 8. No selling HOMEWARD at downtown Sacramento Mall

ANNOUNCING

S. H. O. C.

(Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee)

Plans to sell the next issue of Homeward newspapers on downtown streets of Sacramento at #1 per copy

on a TRIAL BASIS

VENDORS WANTED

- must have pitture 1.D (State D.L. or 1.D. card)
- must apply for sitt. O.C. Vendor License (no charge)
- copies sold to Vendors at \$2 per 10 issues (20 + apiece)
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- 8) That we appoint a treasurer/bookkeeper to accomplish the record keeping

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SHOC Bulletin

September 21, 1998

POLICE ACTION HAS BEEN heavier of late especially in the area of 12 th. ST- Bannon ST. Also it has been reported that there has been warrant checks at Alkali flats and Arden Del Paso light rail stations. Also patrols have noticeable increased in the area of the mission. So be advised and PLEASE folks and take care!

YES WE WILL HAVE OVER FLOW THIS WINTER!! It will be at Cal Expo, and as has been reported there will be 200 beds. Just how those beds will be divided between women and men has yet to be clarified. There is as well some other problems with the program as it is set forth which seem to forbode trouble for those of us who are to be (served) by this program! Problems such as a proposed two week stay limit.

Remember HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK!

There are plans taking shape for a rally So be watching for notices or inquire at one of the weekly S.H.O.C. meetings which are held every Thursday at Friendship Park. Just look for our big yellow sign!!

THE SALVATION ARMY will start taking applications for bell ringers Oct. 1. So if you might be interested stop by and inquire......

SHOC Retreat Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 1998 8:00 am-1:00 pm

2125 19th Street, Upstairs Conference Room

Attending: Tim Brown (facilitator), Lee Parks, Paula, Eddie Harris, Al, Marvin Jensen, Ellen Ostergren, Jimmy Baca, Art Clay, Stacie Clary, Chris Stock

Goal agreed upon at beginning of meeting: focus on how to make progress as a group

Ideas for smoother membership meetings:

- -bring easel & paper to meetings
- -post large poster of agreed upon meeting rules
- -only have outreach meetings outdoors with only 1 focus (keep this on Mondays)
- -steering committee & membership meetings in conference room (2x per month suggestion)
- -internal newsletter and/or calendar
- -set next meetings agenda at the end of the meeting

Misc. recruitment ideas:

- -free food at events
- -more social activities (ie; Kings tickets)
- -open Monday meetings
- -group staying open to new members
- -info on SHOC written to give to interested people

Projects: (* are projects we know we're continuing, so pulled from voting)

- -homebase/space (24) (7 voted)
- *-CHD Grant
- *-HOMEWARD
- -volunteer program
- -outreach to colleges
- -develop a political action committee (4) (2 voted)
- -self advocacy
- *-symposium
- -network with other group
- -homeless artists
- -fundraising (9) (3 voted)
- -increase sub. list HOMEWARD
- -project map / organizational chart
- -letterwriting
- -job creation
- -develop social activities

Homeless Summit in Santa Cruz

by Robert Norse

oming up next in Santa Cruz is a homeless summit to be held on May 3rd and 4th to bring together activists throughout the area as well as Tent City residents from other cities. They will meet, exchange strategies, and plan direct action to restore civil rights for the homeless community in Santa Cruz.

The idea for the homeless summit began as a gathering of activists interested in fighting the Sleeping Ban sections of the City's Camping Law (which bans sleeping outside or in vehicles at night).

A second goal is to support a broadening of the Camp Paradise idea to the larger homeless community, so that homeless people can camp cleanly and safely on selected pieces of public property, while folks in houses provided legal and material support. The necessity defense, successful in Santa Barbara, though not yet in Santa Cruz, would be the legal basis for fighting tickets or police harassment.

Third, the summit will draw activists from other cities to get the benefit of their experience (and solicit some direct or distant support for Santa Cruz direct action). We hope to learn particularly about how activists in other cities have dealt with criminalization of the homeless through sit-ins, occupations, protests, lock-downs, and other legal and extra-legal approaches.

Fourth, representatives from successful encampments such as Isla Vista's Camp Home Sweet Home, Portland's Dignity Village, Seattle's Tent City III, Toronto's Camp Good Will, and Santa Cruz's Camp Paradise will help others trying to set up tent communities.

We hope to have a good time doing all of this with a performance by the HUFF band and other musical entertainment. With a little luck, we'll end up with a real campaign of direct action to decriminalize homelessness in Santa Cruz beginning with the Sleeping Ban.

Those coming to the summit who need lodging for the night of May 3, please leave a message for Thomas at (408) 591-3342 or e-mail summit@god-mema.com. The summit will be held at Gunilla and Thomas's house at 1135 N. Branciforte Ave. in Santa Cruz. Let them know you're coming, if you can. Food will be provided.

For more information e-mail HUFF at rnorse@hotmail.com, call 831-423-4833 (voicemail) or see the new HUFF website at www.huffsantacruz.org.

JENT FUES. 9/15/99

To: National Coalition for the Homeless

ATTN: NHCROP Fax: 202-737-6445

From: Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee

926 J Street

Sacramento, CA 95814 Fax: 916-442-2851

Here in Sacramento the city is now giving the campers one warning to leave the city, if caught camping a second time they go directly to jail. This action started Monday September 13th. Soon we will march on the city to demand their freedom.

Sacramento is also closing down some of the SROs (single room occupancy). At one time there was a replacement policy, that has been revoked. We are keeping a list of those that are being displaced by this action.

We also have sent a Fax to Governor Grey Davis asking for a meeting to give him our plan to make it legal to camp thoughout the state. We believe him to be sympathetic to our cause. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely.

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SACRAMENTO HOMELESS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

November 29, 1999

S.H.O.C. OFFICERS

President Eddy Harris (Resigning)

Vice-President Scott Frates
Treasurer Max Biddle
Secretary Susan Ducker
General Assistance Paula Lomazzi

S.H.O.C. STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Cecilia Escamilla (SHA)

Daryl Seaton (Family Christian Center)

Max Biddle

Susan Ducker

Clifford Crooks

Paula Lomazzi

Scott Frates

Lillian Hansen

Marvin Jensen

Lee Parks (Homeward Newspaper)

S.H.O.C. VOLUNTEERS

Blake

Wes

Josaphine

Bob

Jamie

Mark

Kathleen

(And Countless others of the homeless community)



Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee

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E-mail: shoc_l@yahoo.com

This is an overall view of S.H.O.C.'S activities currently and recently in effect. Due to the new infusion with new personnel and a renewed interest by current and long standing S.H.O.C. members the organization has been revitalized.

The recent schedule of activities have produced more positive results in the past few months than have been accomplished in some time. The recent rally and new press contacts, with the News & Review especially, has put S.H.O.C.'S name before the public with positive results. We are developing a continuance program with the press. Steve James of News & Review will be a constant ally.

The expansion of our steering and executive committee and increased efforts to expand membership and volunteers is resulting in new interest in S.H.O.C. activities. We are almost daily receiving new requests to volunteer and participate in S.H.O.C.'s future.

The results of new interest and increased personnel has rapidly caused us to outgrow the office space we now share.

We have made great strides in communicating with public officials in dealing with issues concerning the homeless. For the first time dialog with public officials, the police department, the Downtown Partnership (who operate the guide program) has resulted in better treatment for the homeless and poor on our downtown streets. The guides (or 'bumble bees' as some people refer to them) are in almost daily contact with this office.

As for the future, S.H.O.C. will expand to attempt to meet the Presbyterians program as outlined in their grant. But that grant will only represent part of S.H.O.C.'s future efforts.

In the near future we will need a location large enough to offer counseling, help in filling out paper work, writing letters, and similar services for the illiterate homeless people (whom there are many).

The participation of The Family Christian Center and its direction by Daryl Seaton was the single most important factor in the success of our recent rally.

Daryl Seaton of The Family Christian Center has been voted onto our steering committee and Daryl has become extremely active with S.H.O.C.

Our recent participation in San Francisco National Homeless movement for homeless civil and human rights, gave S.H.O.C. a national exposure and our speaker delivered the longest address at the rally. It is a new beginning by S.H.O.C. to participate in the problems of the homeless on a national basis.

Because of our increased activities and public awareness we are receiving a steady increase in the desire for participation in our volunteer programs. And as a result of Cecilia's connections with the University and our appearance at UC Davis before their students, we are receiving greater interest on behave of students.

We will be using the same panel approach that we used at UC Davis to respond to churches and other organizations who are asking us to speak to their organizations.

S.H.O.C.'s immediate need, though, is the necessary room to take advantage of all the volunteers who want to use their talents and abilities to help the homeless.

If we do not move expeditiously to provide enough room to take advantage of this growing desire to participate in S.H.O.C., we risk losing the enthusiasm of those who want to be involved. It must be noted that we have received considerable support from Julia Padilla, a candidate for mayor. Her speech at our rally produced positive response from the media and better coverage. We of course cannot take a public position on her candidacy but we are grateful for her interest in the problems facing homelessness and the poor.

Julia Pallia has offered a sixty acre parcel for the development of a possible campsite. Although this project is in the exploratory stage, it would give S.H.O.C. the opportunity to develop a model campsite that could be a model throughout the state.

Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee Steering Committee Members

Name	Address	Employment	Poverty Level	How chosen
Max Biddle (Treasurer)	Homeless	None	Below	Elected
Scott Frates (Vice- President)	Homeless	None	Below	Elected
Susan Ducker (Secretary)	1308 23rd St., Sacramento 95814	General Assistance	Below	Appointed
Clifford Crooks	Homeless	SSI	Below	Jan Jacked
Gary Lee Parks	1220 Bell Street, Sacramento 95814	General Assistance	Below	Appointed
Paula Lomazzi	Homeless	(under \$40/mo.)	Below	Appointed
Cecilia Escamilla	926 J Street, Suite 1406, Sacramento 95814	Director of SHA	Above	Elected
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November 5, 1999

Contacts:

Cliff Crooks, (916) 442-2156

RALLY ON HOMELESSNESS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

In Sacramento, homeless people are going to jail for sleeping outdoors. All over the state, cities are similarly enacting ordinances that criminalize homelessness. The Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee (SHOC) will be hosting a rally at the California State Capitol in Sacramento on Thursday, November 11, 1999 on the west steps from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The homeless are coming together at this time to demand the Governor and the State Government protect them from what SHOC consider hate crimes committed by the cities on the homeless of this state.

SHOC has extensively spread the word about this rally and are expecting a large turnout. They have invited homeless people and activist throughout the state. Several churches and other organizations have responded with great enthusiasm and will be joining their efforts to seek relief for their plight.

Activities will include speakers, live music (Ground Zero and Sally's Back Door Band), sign making and carrying, a voter's registration table, petition signing, and other tables with information sharing.

SHOC believes this will be a wonderful event, bringing together people from all walks of life and welcomes media to cover this story. If you would like a schedule of events and speakers, please contact Cliff Crooks, Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee at (916) 442-2156.

RALLY SCHEDULE

10.00	3 tables - sound system - literature
11:30	-12:00 - Ground Zero
11.50	12.00 Stound Boto
12:00	-1:00 pm - Opening statement - Cliff Crooks - Daryl Seaton
	Music - Ground Zero
12:00	-1:00 pm - Sign making, voter registration, petition signing
	2:30 pm - Speakers
1:55	Leonard
2:00	Julie Padilla
2:05	Max Biddle
2:10	Darel Seaton
2:15	Christina DiFrancescon
2:20	Sam McKeel
2:25	San Francisco Coalition of Homeless
2:30 -	3:00 pm - Music
	Sally's Back Door Boogie Band
	4:00 pm - Speakers
3:00	Chicano Consortium - Effrin Gutierrez
3:05	Breaking Barriers - Sarah Curran
3:10	Lisa L. Cook
3:15	Hunter
3:20	Rebecca Gazi
3:25	Sandra O'Rorke
3:30-3	:40 - <u>Music</u>
	Sally's Back Door Boogie Band
3:40	J. Zimmerman
3:45	Veronika Martinez
3:50	Jason Sciba
3:55	Vietnam Veteran of U.S.A - David Allon
4:00	Alisa Lussian
4:05	Dan Feld (Turtle)
4:10	Coalition on Homeless, S.F., Civil Rights Project - Whirlwind Decames
4:15	Cecilia Escamilla
4:20	Josephine Sheppard
4:25	March to Cesar Chavez Park for Dinner (bag lunches served)
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SHOC holds Rally

On November 11, 1999, the Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee held a rally on the West Steps of the State Capitol. The group organized the rally to bring to the attention of the state government, and the public, of the anti-homeless laws being passed by local authorities.

This is the third year that SHOC has held a rally in the fall. The previous two years the rally was held to coincide with the National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. Cliff Crooks, a long time SHOC supporter, made the arrangements for this year's rally, which happened to occur on Veterans Day. SHOC members did not think this would be a conflict of interest because it is estimated that one-third of the homeless are veterans.

This year's Rally was also the most successful to date. Although the regular news media reported only around a hundred persons attending, this was a conservative estimate of number of homeless and supporters who remained the whole period, and did not estimate the numbers of passersby who stayed and watched for a while.

SHOC received extensive support of the Family Christian Center's Young Adult and Business Ministries of Orangevale, CA., who provided, among many things, a major sound system and arranged for an excellent band, Ground Zero, to play at the rally. Also playing at the rally was Sally's Backdoor Boogie Band.

Several people spoke at the rally, including Julie Padilla, candidate for Mayor, who expressed concern that so many of the homeless were veterans, and that if housing could not be provided the city should not be sending the homeless to jail. Ms. Padilla said that the homeless are people, and deserve a place to rest as much as any other citizen. That a city is not about developers and priority belongs to the people if Sacramento wants to be a world class city, she concluded.

Also speaking was Max Biddle, Treasurer of SHOC. Max began his speech by relating a story from Santa Ana in which the homeless were rounded up by the police and held in handcuffs in a stadium. They were photographed, fingerprinted and had a number written in ink on their arms. After six hours of this they were transported to the end of town and left standing by the road.

"This is a report that you would expect to read in your history books referring to how citizens were handled in Nazi Germany or the former Soviet Union or in South Africa during apartheid. But it wasn't and isn't; this conduct by local authorities happened in California and similar conduct is occurring throughout the nation," he said.

Max then spoke about the history of Rights in this nation, and the many movements that have continued to improve our democracy. Then he concluded:

"But now we come to our times of so-called economic prosperity and the obvious fact that distribution of this prosperity is not getting to many of our citizens. Reaction to this inequitable distribution of the economy has brought about another form of repression—that repression is the way local authorities are dealing with the homeless.

The Sacramento County and the City authorities have fashioned programs that are failing to deal with these situations. Their programs under General Assistance and job programs usually end up with people back on the streets before they know what's happened to them." he said.

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OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY Members Present at October 24, 1999 Meeting (Located at City Hall)

Don Casimere Director Office of the City Manager's - Office of

Accountability

Scott Frates Vice President Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee
Susan Ducker Exec. Secretary Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee

Purpose: To address concerns about Police and Downtown Sacramento Partnership

Community Service Guides, harassment and brutality witnessed and learned from

the homeless community.

Results: Mr. Casimere was truly alarmed by what we told him. He asked to have the

homeless community write and fill out complaint forms. He needs it in writing. He wanted to cooperate in investigating this problem. He stated he would not

tolerate it.

OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY Members Present at November 16, 1999 Meeting (Located at City Hall)

Don Casimere	Office of Police Accountability	264-6773
Michael Ault	Downtown Partnership	442-8575
Ryan Loofgourrow	Downtown Partnership	442-3575
Stewart Katz	Civil Rights Attorney	444-5678
Anne Pearson	Legal Services of Northern California	551-2118
Jim Hyde	Sacramento Police Department	566-6401
Gary McLaughlin	Sacramento Police Department	264-8290
Susan Ducker	Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee	442-2156
Scott Frates	Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee	442-2156
Lillian Hanson	Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee	442-2156

<u>Purpose</u>: Follow-up on October 24 meeting with Don Casimere and to meet with the police department, the supervisor of the Downtown Bicycle Police Force and representatives of the Guide Program.

Results: Ryan Loofgourrow assured us that there would be better supervision of the guides so that they follow the rules and regulations, adhere to constitutional rights and will have them better explained by the supervisors. The guides will now have to wear numbered tags so that they can be identified in the event that harassment takes place.

We now have direct contact with Sgt. Hugh McGee, who looks to be very cooperative in working with SHOC to ensure that homeless people are not harassed. Sgt. McGee is the trainer of the guides. As a result of a complaint that was observed and filed by SHOC members, a guide has been fired due to the fact that he physically harmed a homeless man.

November 30, 1999

A meeting with Mr. Casimere from the Office of Accountability will be held at Loaves & Fishes' Friendship Park. He has offered to meet with the campers to hear their complaints about confiscated property and police abuse directed at the homeless.

WINTER OVERFLOW

Members Present at November 15, 1999 Meeting (at SHOC Office)

(From Salvation Army)

Diane Moser, Director of Social Services

Rosalind Garner, MSW, Director of Winter Overflow Homeless Program

Cruz Guzman, Operations Manager

Jan Gallaway, Homeless Program Manager

David Anderson, Winter Overflow Operations Program Specialist, Aid in Kind Program Manager

Rondii Colson, Aid in Kind Supervisor

Sharon Rehm, DHHS

Vickie Carlson, Homeless Outreach Public Health Nurse

(From SHOC and SHA)

Susan Ducker, Secretary of SHOC

Cecilia Escamilla, Director of SHA

Scott Frates, Vice-President of SHOC

Mandy DeRome, Intern of SHA

To discuss the conditions of this winter's Overflow Shelter. Purpose:

Results:

- 1. People will not be turned away for lack of I.D..
- 2. The sick, elderly and children will be allowed to sit in the lobby instead of outside in the
- New modular building will have adequate heat.
- 4. Shelter will try to have snacks or juice instead of just water, especially for children and
- 5. Monitors will be screened better. Surprise visits are planned to keep drug activities by staff
- 6. Client's rights will be posted for clients to read.
- 7. If Clients report abuse, neglect, or illegal activities from either staff or others, they will not be
- 8. Port-a-Potties will be moved to the back of the waiting area instead of in the middle.
- 9. They will contact the City to fix the sewer line. (Wednesday Susan witnessed city fixing
- 10. They will respond more responsibly to calling emergency services for the ill.
- 11. Established working relationship with Diane Moser, Salvation Army's Director of Social Services and Rosalind Garner, MSW, of Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance and Director of Winter Overflow Homeless Program-- to report any infractions going on through SHOC Complaint Forms.
- 12. The level of intake workers will go up to master degree level of social worker.

WINTER OVERFLOW (Follow up of November 15, 1999 Meeting)

Members to be Present at December 2, 1999 Meeting

Rosalind Garner, MSW, Director of Winter Overflow Homeless Program Susan Ducker, Secretary of S.H.O.C Max Biddle, Treasurer of S.H.O.C. Cecillia Escamilla, Director of S.H.A.

Purpose:

Someone from S.H.O.C. is to be appointed to the Oversite Advisory Committee to see that the homeless are treated fairly at the Winter Overflow.



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The Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee is part of the Sacramento Housing Alliance, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The committee produces and distributes *Homeward*, a newspaper by homeless individuals.

Committee members are soliciting advertising for *Homeward* with the Sacramento Housing Alliance's permission, if s/he has this letter signed by Cecilia Escamilla, Executive Director of the Sacramento Housing Alliance, and a SHOC identification card.

Revenue generated by advertising will go toward the production costs of the newspaper and stipends for homeless individuals working on the newspaper. Checks should be made out to the Sacramento Housing Alliance only.

If you have any questions regarding SHOC, SHA, or the individual asking for advertising from your business, please feel free to call Cecilia Escamilla at 442-1198.

Thank you for your time.

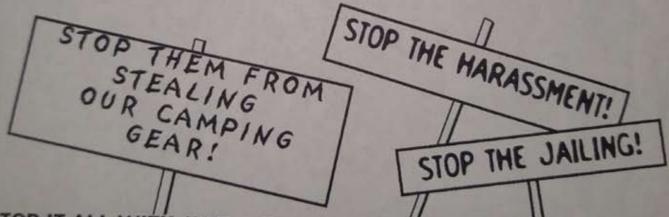
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St. John's Shelter	1321 N. C St.	30
Wind Youth Center	300 Ahern	20
Quinn Cottages	1500 N. A St.	30
Salvation Army	1200 N. B St.	30
Transitional Living	470 Bannon St.	30
V.O.A.	470 Bannon St.	30
Union Gospel Mission	400 Bannon St.	100
Corner Market	12th & D st.	100
Tony's Deli & Mart	1131 J St.	20
The Metro	11th & K St.	100
Avid Reader	1003 L St.	15
Newsbeat Newsbeat	1003 L St.	75
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Shasta Hotel		20
Rodney's Cigar & Liquor	10th & J St.	
El Hogar	608 10th St.	20
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Lunas	1414 16th St.	20
Beers Books	15th & L St.	20
Capitol Coffee	15th & L St.	20
Francis House		
The Effort	1820 J St.	20
Italian Importing Company	1827 J St.	20
Noah's New York Bagels	1901 J St.	20
Weave (green bldg., 2nd floor)	19th & K St.	20
City Suds	19th & L St.	30
F.D. Coffee House	19th & L St.	20
Greta Coffee Shop	19th & Capitol	20
Lutheran Social Services	2001 19th St.	20
Open Book	910 21st St.	20
Weatherstone Coffee	813 21st St.	20
Fluff & Fold	21st & H St.	30
The Book Collector	1008 24th St.	20
Lioness Books	2224 J St.	20
Senior Citizens Center	J & 27th St.	30
Welfare Office	1725 28th St.	50
Wellspring 34th at 4th Ave.	(ring bell in back)	20
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W. Sac. Resource Ctr.	604 Andrew	20
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COME JOIN SHOC FOR A STATE-WIDE RALLY ON HOMELESSNESS AT THE STATE CAPITOL IN SACRAMENTO

NOVEMBER 11, 1999 12:00 NOON--5:00 PM

WE WILL DEMAND GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS ACT TO PROTECT THE HOMELESS FROM THE HATE CRIMES COMMITTED ON US BY CALIFORNIA'S CITIES!



STOP IT ALL WITH JUST A STROKE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S PEN!

LETS END THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL!

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERY CITY

A MODEL CITY TO PRESENT TO THE GOVERNOR AS A BLUEPRINT.

THE STREETS ARE A TRANSITIONAL AREA!

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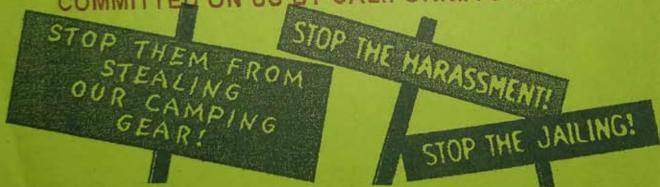
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IF YOUR CITY IS KIND TO THE HOMELESS WE ALSO NEED YOU SO WE CAN PICK A MODEL CITY TO PRESENT TO THE GOVERNOR AS A BLUEPRINT.

LETS END THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL!

Copy of speech made at the Homeless Rally sponsered by SHOC in Sacramento at the State Capital on November 11, 1999.

I'm Max Biddle of Sacramento's Homeless Organizing Committee (SHOC). A few weeks ago SHOC attended meetings and a rally in San Francisco to help launch the National Homeless Rights Campaign across the country. As we listen to reports of the abuse of homeless across the country, one realizes the urgent and crucial need for this movement.

We are here to focus on California and Sacramento's response to the homeless situation. Let me read you one report:

"On August 15, 1990, police officers in Santa Ana, California, arrested sixty-four homeless persons in the city civic center area. Police officers stationed atop buildings spotted homeless individuals with binoculars and radioed their location to officers on the ground. Officers on the ground arrested homeless individuals, hand-cuffed them and drove them to a nearby stadium for booking and fingerprinting at the stadium. Police chained the homeless to benches up to six hours without food or water. The police used markers to write numbers on the arms of the homeless that were arrested. At the conclusion of the six hours detention, the police loaded the homeless into vans and drove them to the edge of the central city and dumped them off."

This is a report that you would expect to read in your history books referring to how citizens were handled in Nazi Germany or the former Soviet Union or in South Africa during apartheid.

But it wasn't and isn't; this conduct by local authorities happened in California and similar conduct is occurring throughout the nation.

In the beginning of this country our Forefathers put forth in our Declaration of Independence that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights..." – that is God given rights. Although that goal and purpose was the aim of our Founding Fathers, it was never achieved right away. For over two hundred years of our history, the citizens of this country had to rally and support many movements and causes to bring about this moral purpose in our Declaration of Independence.

In the beginning, on average, only white males 25 years or older of age with property were allowed to participate in the political process.

It took legal action to end indentured servitude in the early part of the 19th century; it took a civil war to end slavery; it took the suffragette movement to include women in the political process. As reactionary forces tried to halt progress towards inclusion in our political progress, the civil rights movement of the 50's, 60's,70's, and the inspiration of the likes of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. drove us towards greater freedom and brought us closer to fulfilling our nation's declared goals that are expressed in our Declaration of Independence.

But now we come to our times of so-called economic prosperity and the obvious fact that distribution of this prosperity is not getting to many of our citizens. Reaction to this inequitable distribution of the economy has brought about another form of repression—that repression is the way local authorities are dealing with the homeless.

The Sacramento County and the City authorities have fashioned programs that are failing to deal with these situations. Their programs under General Assistance and job

programs usually end up with people back on the streets before they know what's happened to them.

Many people or almost all with any type of police record or on probation are doomed from the beginning— Most of these programs refuse to deal with these people even though they represent most of the homeless population. Also in the recent Standdown for Veterans in Sacramento they turned away homeless veterans because housing funds ran out.

The city's dismantling of single resident occupancy (SROs) is forcing people of limited income back on the streets.

City after city is limiting affordable housing which is creating a new transient population that will eventually remind us of the Great Depression. Campsite communities made out of shacks and tents will erupt everywhere.

The combination of no housing; pressure from illegal camping laws; private industries determined not to hire people with police records; drug laws that are making criminals out of large segments or our young population; jobs that the not-so-educated could do in small factories that are sent overseas for cheap labor; lack of education in the high-tech fields that really only employ a small part of the working force; ALL these pressures are creating the increase in homelessness.

But the real problem is how local governments are responding to this situation. In the County of Sacramento there are public officials who have stated they have a "O" tolerance towards the homeless and are bound to force them into repressive programs that treat them like criminals, or drive them out of town if they don't subscribe to the county's plan for them.

They are denied legitimate camping facilities to exist the only way they can. People living in cars, vans or buses because their incomes are to low for housing are not permitted parking facilities. The homeless themselves have been disenfranchised of their rights as citizens and are treated as aliens or worse.

The results of all this is that local authorities are laying waste to our Constitution. First, the 14th Amendment which guarantees due process under law, equal enforcement of the law, rights to personal property, protection against unlawful search and seizure, does not exist for the homeless. Enforcement of local misdemeanor laws by the local authorities are using racial profiling and social economic profiling to target the homeless. The end result is what we call the economic cleansing going on across America.

But it is not enough for local authorities to deprive homeless of their Constitutional rights. In their fierce desire to rid the community of the poor and homeless they are harassing the religious and the spiritual community who are providing food, clothing and other services.

It is not enough to do damage to our Declaration of Independence or the 14th Amendment and in many instances the Bill of Rights; local communities are also depriving our religious and spiritual communities their 1st Amendment rights to carry out their scriptural obligations to the poor— the use of permits and codes to harass the churches across the country clearly borders on 1st Amendment violations. Local governments throughout California are depriving churches of permits to dispense food, clothing and other services. Ministers and Clerics are facing criminal and misdemeanor prosecution in the exercise of their 1st Amendment right of Freedom of Religion.

At the time of the Great Depression and the collapse of the farming communities in the South which brought about the mass movement of Americans to the West, they were greeted by local authorities with guns, billy clubs and road blocks determined to keep the poor and homeless out of their communities.

The failure of Americans to regard themselves as part of one large community led to violence, repression and human rights violations on a massive scale.

The Federal Government had to step in to create camping grounds to protect American citizens from other Americans. It seems the time is coming when the Federal or the State Government may need to step in to protect American citizens from local authorities bent on repressing homeless citizens.

In a recent article one of the Sacramento Supervisors referred to the creation of a multidisciplinary center. The word multidisciplinary should be a frightening and disturbing statement. It implies another form of detention center for criminals. The arrogance of local authorities to formulate programs that will and have the end result of creating what one can only call concentration camps for the homeless should raise a profound fear among a people who live in a free society.

On this day we commemorate the service of our veterans. It is a day to remember that they gave their lives to preserve a free society in this country. But many homeless veterans, who are constantly being harassed and deprived of services or subjected to programs that treat them as less than human, may wonder about their sacrifices to preserve this country's freedoms.

I know that the homeless have been turned off from voting—but you must realize that in a society that listens only to Money, or large blocks of voting power, you must participate in the political process. It may turn out that the homeless and their voting power may be the vital beginnings in restoring our Constitution to all its people.

America is loosing its soul to materialism, and the poor have a greater responsibility to remind America that the Face of God can only be seen in their faces. The poor remind the community at large that bankrupt souls are running the community. Its only concern is about creating a tourist trap out of Sacramento.

They're desire not to want to look upon the face of the poor implies they do not or would not look upon the Face of Christ. The Scriptures are very clear about this and the role of the poor in our society. Surrendering the community at large to the money lenders builds a society that exists upon a foundation of sand that Scripture reminds us is spiritually bankrupt and doomed to failure.

In my final observation I would like to say if our public officials cannot solve public policy within the bounds of our Constitutional Rights and within the Declaration of Independence's clear statment that all men are created equal with inalienable rights that cannot be violated, then I suggest these public officials should seek another vocation that will better suit their limited abilities.

RALLY SCHEDULE

10:00 am - Set-up 3 tables - sound system - literature 11:30-12:00 - Ground Zero 12:00-1:00 pm - Opening statement - Cliff Crooks - Daryl Seaton Music - Ground Zero 12:00-1:00 pm - Sign making, voter registration, petition signing 1:30 -2:30 pm - Speakers 1:55 Leonard 2:00 Julie Padilla 2:05 Max Biddle 2:10 Darel Seaton 2:15 Christina DiFrancescon 2:20 Sam McKeel 2:25 San Francisco Coalition of Homeless 2:30 -3:00 pm - Music Sally's Back Door Boogie Band 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Speakers 3:00 Chicano Consortium - Effrin Gutierrez 3:05 Breaking Barriers - Sarah Curran 3:10 Lisa L. Cook 3:15 Hunter 3:20 Rebecca Gazi 3:25 Sandra O'Rorke 3:30-3:40 - Music Sally's Back Door Boogie Band 3:40 J. Zimmerman 3:45 Veronika Martinez 3:50 Jason Sciba 3:55 Vietnam Veteran of U.S.A - David Allon 4:00 Alisa Lussian 4:05 Dan Feld (Turtle) 4:10 Coalition on Homeless, S.F., Civil Rights Project - Whirlwind Decamea 4:15 Cecilia Escamilla

4:25 March to Cesar Chavez Park for Dinner (bag lunches served)

4:20 Josephine Sheppard

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Weakness of SHOC:

- *lack of money
- *lack of political clout
- *too much individual agendas
- *get drawn off course by new people / ideas
- *we go off agenda
- *need more orderly facilitation
- *cross talk during meetings / quiet voices loose out
- *lack of respect by community
- *need more respect for each other
- *retention is recruitment
- *follow up with plans, new members, etc.
- *lack of participation from more homeless folks
- *overcoming the systems routines
- *too much dependency on Chris for Homeward
- *all work / no fun (time to play) social activities
- *more recognition of volunteers
- *lack of space / office
- *lack of resources (computers, telephone)
- *not receptive enough to newcomers
- *no internal newsletter