

rights issue ferreted out to where we can include everyone in this supposed American Dream. Homeless people need to see that divided we get hunt down and fall, but together we can stand against anything. Like they proved with eight people in Dignity Village [a self-governing homeless encampment in Portland, Oregon], it can be done, and it can be done at the local level. If you don't want to come here and do it with me, do it where you're at."

In a recent e-mail to supporters, he commented, "I may just go and lose my court case. [This may be] good because I will not spend the next three or four months mired down in legal battles that I am not really skilled in, thus freeing up time to do the organizing that needs to be done and nobody is doing."

He anticipates writing editorials from jail, perhaps for the local weekly, *The Arcata Eye*. His final advice: "Remember, don't ever take probation, don't ever eat jail food, and don't ever back down or you're done in Arcata!"

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## **\$35 a Pop**

**by Michael Creedon**

**It used to be \$35 a pop at  
The Blood Collection Clinic, just  
Across from the old Sears parking lot  
Which is all fenced in now,  
Know where I mean?**

**We used to get our blood money  
And play cards. If it was cold  
We'd build a fire in a garbage can.  
We would hunker down  
And drink and play cards.**

**The cops have pretty much  
Broken that up now and one  
By one us guys are getting  
Too old for the bloodletting.**

**Man, I tell you, they make  
Rules to keep the hungry man  
Hungry. Me, give me a can of  
Beans and a loaf of bread and  
A poorboy of Ruby Port  
And I'm in Hog's Heaven.**