

## Street Spirit Index: Stories by or about Santa Cruz or by Santa Cruz Writers

Authors: BJ: Becky Johnson RN: Robert Norse LL: Linda Lemaster SC: Sherry Conable  
CR: Christopher Robin JM: Joy Bright McCorkle RA: Roxanne Acquistepache TR: Tim Rinker  
LK: Lucy Kemnitzer AS: Alene Smith LT: Laura Tucker TL: Thomas Leavitt  
BD: David "BD" Dumars EC: Elaine Charkowski JM: John Malkin

### 1996

**August** Marathon Protest Defies Santa Cruz Sleeping Ban by Becky Johnson (BJ) & Robert Norse (RN)  
SoupCrime in San Francisco by RN  
Amnesty International Denounces S.F. Anti-Homeless Laws by Pierre Sane (AI Secretary General)  
**September** Cops Jail Four at Santa Cruz Sleepers Protest by The City Hall Sleepers Protest  
**October** Santa Cruz 'Sleep Protest' Faces New Police Attacks by RN  
When Journalism Stoops to Homeless Bashing by BJ  
**November** To Give Is Human, to Beg a Crime by BJ  
Love, Pregnancy, and Homelessness by BJ  
Protesters Carry on the Fight to Legalize Sleep by RN  
Howard Zinn Disturbs the Sleep of the Elite by BJ  
**December** For the Poor, A Campground is an Illegal Dream by BJ

### 1997

**January** Santa Cruz City Council Silences The Public, Censors Dissent, Upholds Camping Ban by BJ  
**February** Protesters Demand Amnesty for 'Sleepcrimes' by RN  
**March** The Lost Children of the Poor by BJ  
Santa Cruz Convicts the Homeless of 'Sleep Crimes' by RN  
Jailed for Activism in Santa Cruz by Laura Tucker (LT)  
Rehab, Down at the Farm by David 'BD' Dumars (BD)  
Traveling the Oregon Homeless Trial by BJ  
**April** Sleepcrime Defendants are Vindicated by RN  
Attorneys Must Learn to Serve the Homeless Movement by RN  
**May** Sitting Ban Opens 'Pandori's Box' by BJ  
'Sitcrimes' in Santa Barbara by RN  
**June** Creative Protests Challenge Sitting Ban in Santa Barbara by RN  
Let Them Eat Paper by BJ  
'Mean Sweeps' From Sea to Shining Sea by BJ and RN  
**July** Police Crackdowns Hit Santa Monica's Homeless Community by RN  
The Odyssey of Ran McMinn by BJ  
**August** Compassion on Trial in Buena Park by RN  
Youth is a Crime in Santa Cruz by BJ  
Teens Confront City over 'Child Protection Curfew' by Linda Lemaster (LL)  
Human Rights Activist Found Guilty of Sleeping by BJ and RN  
**September** Struggling with the Sleeping Ban in Santa Cruz by RN  
Homeless Teens and the Youth Curfew by BJ  
**October** Massive Homeless Deportation in Eureka by RN  
The Death of a Child is the Worst by BJ  
Rev. Drake Wins a Moral Victory by RN  
**November** Eureka's Homeless Refugees by RN  
SCAN Endorses Repeal of Santa Cruz Sleeping Ban by BJ  
**December** Questions Remain in Santa Cruz Police Shooting by Lucy Kemnitzer (LK) , RN, & BJ

### 1998

**January** Santa Monica Activists Challenge Church and State by RN  
Santa Cruz Initiative to Repeal Sleeping Ban Gains Momentum by BJ  
Unasked Questions, Foregone Conclusions by BJ  
**March** Calling the Poor Out of the Garden by BJ  
**April** Persecuting the Poor in the Name of John Steinbeck by BJ  
Justice News and Homeless Blues from Around California by RN  
**May** Justice News and Homeless Blues from Around California by RN  
Neighbors and Family Shocked by Santa Cruz Police Shooting by BJ  
**June** Scapegoat City, California: Vigil at Santa Monica City Hall...by BJ  
**July** San Jose Food Not Bombs Declares That Parks Are for All the People by BJ and RN  
**October** Bulldozing Low-Cost Housing in Beach Flats by BJ

Salinas Judge Upholds Civil rights of the Poor by RN  
**November** First Amendment Rights of Street Spirit Vendors Upheld by RN  
Ganged-Up: The Case of Miguel Guttierrez by BJ  
Beach Flats Neighborhood Saved--But S.C. Activists Wonder How Long...by RN and BJ  
**December** First Amendment Jailed in Santa Cruz by RN

## 1999

**January** Activists fight Santa Cruz Sleeping Bay by RN  
Affordable Housing vs. NIMBYism by LEL  
**February** Santa Cruz Wrestles With Its Conscience by BJ  
**March** Not Even the Crumbs of Justice by BJ  
Eichorn Decision Upholds Sleep as a Human Right by RN  
**April** Activists Charge 'Bad Faith' as Santa Cruz Upholds Sleeping Ban by RN  
**June** Hunger Strike in Santa Cruz by BJ  
Santa Cruz Authorities Stonewall Homeless Beatings by RN  
Eichorn Decision: New Tool to Reclaim Old Liberties by RN  
Street Wise Santa Cruz - A 'Musical Ministry' by SC  
**July** Debunking the Magnet Theory by BJ  
Homeless Activists Faces Years in Prison for coming to Defense of Mother and Child...by BJ  
**October** Hate Crimes Against the Poor Don't Count by LK  
The Simi Valley Jury Shows Up in Santa Cruz by BJ and RN  
**November** Colorful Protest Challenges Santa Cruz Sleeping Bay by BJ  
Homeless Issues Task Force Recommends Repeal of Camping Ban in Santa Cruz by LK  
**December** Cruel Policy Drives Homeless Poor into the Winter Rains by SC  
Resisting the Goliath of Anti-Homeless Bureaucracy by BJ

## 2000

**January** Maybe They Can Sleep Next November by RN & BJ  
**February** Civil Disobedience in Silicon Valley by RN & BJ  
Police Report 51 Assaults on Homeless People in Santa Cruz by BJ  
Compassion from the Strangest Places by BJ  
Homeless Man Fights Back Against Ban by Merchants by BJ  
A Fast for Those with Nowhere to Go by Roxanne Acquistapache (RA)  
**March** Meet the Future Homeless Residents of Santa Cruz by RA  
When Mercy and Charity are Evicted by BJ  
San Jose Housing Protest Ends in 23 Arrests by RN  
'Long Live the World We All Dreamed About...' by LL  
**April** Homeless Protesters Occupy Plush Hotel Lobby by BJ  
Sleeping Ban Protest Prompts Mayor and Council to Walk Out by BJ  
**May** Policing the Homeless in Santa Cruz by BJ  
**June** Historic Victory for Homeless People in Santa Cruz by RN, BJ, and David Silva  
**July** Smoke, Mirrors, and Texas Instruments by BJ and RN  
**August** Taking A Stand Against the Bulldozers and Evictors by BJ  
City's Suit Against Koffee Klatch Three Dismissed by BJ  
**December** More Hardships Than Ever by BJ  
New Santa Cruz Dining Room Gives Warm Refuge to the Poor by Alene Smith (AS)

## 2001

**January** Still Waiting for Justice by BJ  
**February** Santa Cruz Holds Memorial for 41 Homeless Death by BJ  
In Memory of Those Outside Who Died This Year by AS  
**March** Reporting from the Center of the Struggle; Rising Up: A Tasty Tale... by RN  
**April** Homeless Activists Banned from City Hall by BJ  
**June** Homeless Protests Force San Jose Mayor's Hand by RN  
Santa Barbara's Sleeping Ban Stumbles in the Courts by RN  
**July** Camp Paradise vs. City Hall by RN  
City's Suit Dismissed Against Koffee Klatch 3  
**August** Camp Paradise Residents Vow to Resist Expulsion by BJ and RN  
A Visit to Camp Paradise by Lydia Gans  
**September** Santa Cruz Shows Solidarity with Camp Paradise by BJ  
New Blows Against the Santa Barbara Sleeping Ban by RN  
**October** Santa Cruz Ratchets Up Anti-Homeless Campaign by BJ  
Camp Paradise Wins Reprieve Despite City Opposition by RN  
A Soul Cleansing by the Riverside by LL  
**November** City Council's Underhanded Attack on Camp Paradise by RN

**December** No Necessity for Homeless Survival by BJ and RN  
Are the Greenbelts Just for Joggers and Polo Ponies

## 2002

**January** Their Shelter Emergency is Now Over Forever by BJ  
After the Deluge--Camp Paradise Faces Exile by RN and BJ  
Homelessness, Human Rights, and Political Repression by Steve Argue  
**February** Defender of the Homeless Wins Important Court Ruling (Santa Barbara) by RN  
Liberal Santa Cruz is Named One of Meanest Cities by BJ  
**April** Activists Win Survival Victories in Santa Cruz by RN  
Homeless Summit in Santa Cruz by RN  
We Reserve the Right to Discriminate Against Anyone (Santa Monica) by BJ and RN  
**May** Activist Challenges Discrimination in Santa Monica by BJ and RN  
**June** Homeless Activists Nail a Plank in Green Party Platform  
Growing Federal Attack on Poor Families on Welfare by BJ  
**August** Fast Track Repression Stalks Santa Cruz by BJ and RN  
Political Chalk Writing -- a Crime Against the State by BJ  
**September** The Forbidden Zone -- Santa Cruz Bans the Beggars by BJ  
**October** Driving on a Long Road to Nowhere (Santa Barbara) by RN  
**November** Hard Times in Santa Cruz by BJ

## 2003

**March** Santa Cruz Liberals Back the Police Against the Homeless by RN and BJ  
Santa Cruz Activist Files Suit to Stop Police Attacks on Homeless by Thomas Leavitt (TL)  
Chalkers Fight for Free Speech by Elaine Charkowski (EC)  
**April** Taking Bigoted City Laws to Court in Santa Barbara by RN  
Santa Cruz Vigil Against Two Wars by BJ  
**May** Racial and Economic Cleansing by Santa Cruz Police by BJ & RN  
Anti-Depressants Prescribed to Cure Anti-War Blues by RA  
**June** Not Enough Hate for a Hate Crime by BJ  
Santa Cruz Concocts New Homeless-Removal Plan by BJ  
**August** Forced Treatment: Coming Soon to a County Near You? by RN  
**September** Illegal to be Homeless: the NCH report by RN & BJ  
**December** Faces of Homelessness in Santa Cruz by BJ & RN

## 2004

**February** Santa Cruz Mayor Banishes Peaceful Protest, Jails Activist by BJ  
**April** Dignity and Respect Are Owed to All Those We Help by RA  
Victory for Free Speech in Santa Cruz by BJ  
**May** Arcata Activist Resists 'Homeless Cleansing' by RN  
Rousted and Robbed by Robocop by BJ  
First Amendment Under Attack by SC  
**June** Liberal Mayor Breaks Promise to Santa Cruz Homeless by BJ  
**September** No Homeless Parking: New Police Attack on the Poor by RN  
Reclaim the Streets in Santa Cruz by Christopher Robin  
**October** Homeless Activist Wins in Federal Court Suit Against Santa Cruz Police for False Arrest by RN  
**November** FCC Steals the Voice of the Poor by BJ

## 2005

**January** A Lonely Death on the Doorstep of City Hall by BJ  
Fighting Bad Laws with Good Lawyers [in Santa Barbara] by RN  
**April** Homeless People Face a Ban On Existence by BJ  
**May** Nonviolent Students Brualized at UC Santa Cruz by BJ  
No Tolerance for Medical Marijuana in Santa Cruz by BJ  
**June** Court Victory Upholds Legal Rights of Homeless People by RN  
**July** Assaulted and Arrested for Speaking Out at City Hall by BJ  
Police Officer's Confrontational History with Homeless People in Santa Cruz by BJ  
**August** SEIU Holds Heated Debate Over the Sleeping Ban by BJ  
**September** Thankful Memories of All the Love Lotus Gave by LEM

## 2006

**January** Psychotic Breaks by Joe Bright McCorkle (JBM)  
**February** Who We Kill, Slowtime Race to Nowhere (poems) by Christopher Robin (CR)

Shadow Woman by JBM

**March** Ten Minutes, Then Jail by BJ

**June** Dreams Come True in Santa Cruz by JBM

**October** Treasures of a Tweaker by JBM

**November** Santa Cruz Merchant Torments Terminally Ill Man by Tim Rumford (TR)

## 2007

**January** For Patches, Who Died Too Young by LL

He Stripped Me by JBM,

Beautiful Women by JBM

Black Sheep by JBM

**June** The Hungry Gather for a Funeral for the Poor by TR

Treasures of a Tweaker by JBM

**August** Homeless Man Defends Himself in Court, Wins Crucial Ruling Against Santa Cruz Sleeping Ban by LL

Save the Whales—But Let the Humans Die of Neglect by TR

**September** Bold Sleep-Out at City Hall Protests the Sleeping Ban by LL

End the Santa Cruz Sleeping Ban by Wes Modes (WM)

**December** Sleeping ban Debate Rages in Santa Cruz by TR

## 2012

**August** How a Wells Fargo Occupation Led to Felony Charges by John Malkin (JM)

Chilling Crackdown on the Santa Cruz Eleven by RN

**September** The Santa Cruz Eleven are Political Scapegoats by LL