

HOMELESS IN PARADISE

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CEDAR STREET SUMMIT - Part 2



CeliaSue Hecht, writer and crochet artist, who creates customized fake fur for four-legged friends.

“I DO NOT FEEL BRAVE, I FEEL PISSED OFF!”

By Wanda Sue Parrott

UNDERSTANDING immigration, as we’ve said before, is easy: *If you move from one place to another, you emigrate out and immigrate in.*

A summit means a meeting of minds to exchange ideas.

This week’s summit features creative community member CeliaSue Hecht’s housing proposal.

Summiteer Hecht is one of 500 homeless women who migrate around Monterey. As a practitioner of the creative crafts of writing and needlework, she exemplifies the meaning of Article 27 of the United Nations’ “Universal Declaration of Human Rights” which says:

- 1. Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.*
- 2. Everyone has the right to to the protection of the moral amd material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author.*

CeliaSue, who has been homeless for about four years, is frustrated with non-profits she feels aren’t doing enough to help the women they serve. She suggests:

Create A Community Of Senior Women

by CeliaSue Hecht

*I know there are caring people in this community AND creative solutions are crucial.
Affordable housing needs to be created to actually house the 500 women here without homes.*

Like how about putting Tuff Sheds on land, or a lot for each one of us and charge us rent on a sliding scale basis?

In other words, create an actual community of senior women.

The need is DIRE as OUR lives are at stake every day.

More bureaucracy and hoops to follow are a hindrance, not a solution.

Frankly, we are sick and tired of being told to get rid of our dogs and/or told “we don’t do that (housing).”

Life In A Van

CeliaSue lives in her van with her dog Cici. When possible, they drive to Nevada and CeliaSue rents a motel room for around \$30 per night. The talented writer/editor/blogger with more than three decades of professional experience supplements her \$600+ monthly social security with freelance work. CeliaSue says:

“I am often in pain, my feet hurt a lot from sleeping in the car. . .three weeks out of a month is cruel. A dear friend says I am brave. I do not feel brave, I feel pissed off!”

CeliaSue writes brilliantly and crochets eye-candy-cute petwear. Order early for Christmas. Phone: 702-225-8206.

Bio: <https://cshechtwriter.journoportfolio.com/>

Inspiration: <https://silverliningsandgraymatters.wordpress.com/2018/08/07/retrieve-your-power/>

Sweaters: <https://silverliningsandgraymatters.wordpress.com/2018/07/11/fake-fur-for-furry-friends/>

Only In America

Summiteer Harold E. Grice, author of “The Houseless Hussies,” shares this American international amalgamism essay by Anonymous:

“He drove his German-made car of Swedish steel, and interior of Argentine leather, to a gasoline station, where he filled his tank with gasoline made with Arab oil shipped in a Liberian tanker. . .

“At home, he dropped his Moroccan briefcase, hung up his Scottish wool tweed coat, removed his Egyptian cotton shirt and Italian shoes, then donned a Hong Kong robe and slippers from Taiwan. . . he poured hot Brazilian coffee into an English china mug, and laced the brew with a dollop of Canadian whisky.

“Shortly, he set a Mexican placemat on an Irish linen tablecloth atop a Danish table varnished with linseed oil from India.

“Then he filled his Austrian pipe with Turkish tobacco, lit it, and picked up a Japanese ballpoint pen with which he wrote a letter to his Congressman, demanding to know why the United States has an unfavorable balance of trade.”

Disadvantages Of Being Homeless

by Summiteer Dave LaRoche, San Jose, California

(reprinted from Facebook)

- No lawn to mow or water or fertilize.
- No house to maintain--plumbing and paint.
- No mortgage to pay or landlord with whom to trades complaints.
- No neighbors to disdain or keep up with.
- No property taxes to pay, or insurance.
- No trash day, which costs whether or not you have it out.
- No PGE, water or cable bills.
- No pets, likely, or veterinary bills.
- No household vermin to eradicate.

No district meetings dealing with assessments to attend.

No assessments.

And the biggest loss by far over being homeless:

No reason to be overly concerned over earthquakes.

My heart goes out.

The homeless are denied those pleasures of life that come with the gift of address and zip.

That's why I always stop to share some of the pittance remaining after enjoying the bounties of home. "Sorry, sir, a dollar is all that I have left."

New Neighborhood Housing Fund For Monterey (NHFM) Announced

See next week's column for details, or contact Timothy Barrett, Monterey City Councilmember, at 831-277-9505 or email barrett@monterey.org.

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