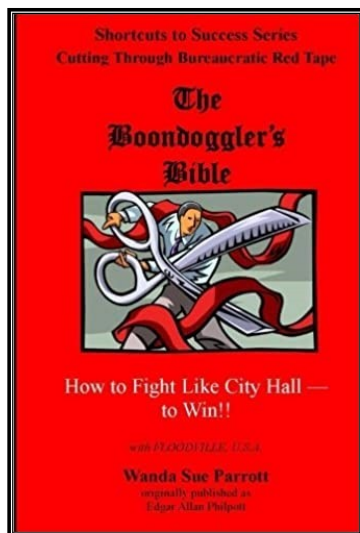


## HOMELESS IN PARADISE

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### ***THE BOONDOGLLER'S BIBLE BOOK SALE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SEASIDE SALVATION ARMY By Wanda Sue Parrott***

**BOONDOGLING PAYS**, if you know how to play the Boondoggling Game to win. If not, you lose—whether you perpetrate a boondoggle or are its victim.

I've been on both sides of boondoggery. I emerged on top by learning how to fight like city hall—to win. I got a large settlement after a long one-person stand against city hall nearly left me penniless, homeless and lifeless in an ongoing battle to get the city of Springfield, MO. to buy my stormwater/sewage-destroyed property. By using boondoggle tactics to cut through bureaucratic red tape, I survived to write the exposé and help the homeless.

Consequently, The Boondoggler's Bible reveals everything others need to survive when caught in boondoggery.

You can't avoid boondoggery if you're between ages 2 and 120!

What is a boondoggle? It's a form of procrastination that differs from just dragging one's own feet. You might know boondoggery as "trying to cut through bureaucratic red tape."

Boondoggery is a process of convoluted time-wasting energy that's often so confusing it winds up, unresolved, back at the point where it began.

This point of origin can be reached time after time, which is why it's always called Square One. It's a stall tactic used by government s, agencies, cities, businesses, and private individuals to delay finalizing a deal or rendering a decision, often involving money or love.

If you have ever said, "I'll get back to you later" and then never did, you've boondoggled. If you're still waiting for someone to get back to you, you're being boondoggled.

## **Boondogglers are like ants at a picnic—an everyday fact of life**

The City of Seaside is a good example of how boondoggling works. I recently gave Seaside a hypothetical 2015 Boondogglers of the Year Award, because—since June 2014—Pacific Grove’s invitation remained unanswered about participation in its matching funds project with other cities on the Monterey Peninsula that contributed funds to jointly address area-wide homelessness.

At its March 19 meeting, Seaside City Council again delayed the vote, pending receipt of a report in May that details results of the 2015 Point-in-Time Homeless Census. Council split into a hope-for-action-soon faction versus those who sided with Mayor Ralph Rubio by favoring city funds be allocated only to agencies that serve the homeless within the City of Seaside.

Since homelessness is on the rise in Seaside, I decided to help Mayor Rubio by employing a technique that worked in my own case known as Parrott vs. City of Springfield: do something unexpected.

## **Breaking The Boondoggle Deadlock**

From now through May 31, proceeds from the sale of my Books for Beds 118-page softcover non-holy book, “The Boondogglers’ Bible”, will benefit The Salvation Army’s Monterey Peninsula Corps Housing Program.

The Salvation Army, located at 1491 Contra Costa St., Seaside, is an international movement, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Holy Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

The Salvation Army’s aim is for families to secure permanent housing and to become independent and self-sufficient members of the community. Two programs are offered: one, Frederiksen House, a 90- day temporary shelter emergency housing program; two, Casa de Las Palmas and Phase II, transitional-housing programs for families, not to exceed 24 months.

To qualify for both programs, applicants must be homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless due to eviction, foreclosure, loss of employment, domestic violence, or divorce; and, must be able to provide proof of circumstances.

Applicants must be 18 or older, legal residents of the United States, and able to actively look for and secure employment in the first 30-day period of the emergency housing program. Transitional housing program participants must be working a minimum of 32 hours per week for at least 30 days prior to entering the program. Boondogglers aren’t welcome!

**Boondogglers Can Work So Hard At Not Working, They’re On The Job Day And Night.**

The program provides basic needs and services to families caught in the cycle of homelessness and who are willing to commit to improving their lifestyle.

Families accepted for the two programs must have children under the age of 18 currently living with them and have at minimum 50 percent shared legal/physical custody of children in care and be able to provide proof. Children must be registered and attend school. Home schooling will not be accepted.

Both single parents and couples are eligible for Emergency Housing. Couples must be married to qualify for Transitional Housing. Parents must meet HUD low-income guidelines.

Only adult family members admitted at intake may participate in the program; additional adult members will not be included once the family has entered the program.

A few “musts” include: if attending school, must provide a copy of school schedule; must be willing to adhere to all program guidelines; must be willing to work closely with a case manager; must be highly self-motivated; and must have a “plan” in place prior to entering the program.

### **A Baddoggle Is Simply A Boondoggle Gone Backward**

Participants must have been free of all alcohol and drug usage for at least 12 months and be able to provide proof of sobriety and/or recovery program. Also, a criminal background check will be made by The Salvation Army, and anyone convicted of a felony, violent offense or sexual offense, will not be allowed in the program.

For details, contact transitional housing director Jennifer Miller at 831-899- 4911 or [www.TSAMonterey.org](http://www.TSAMonterey.org).

Each time you succeed in perpetrating a boondoggle, it gets easier.

To help Seaside and learn the shortcuts to success as a boondoggler, you may purchase copies of The Boondoggler's Bible (\$14) from BookWorks, 667 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, 831-372-2242, or order by mail by sending \$17 (incl. postage) per copy to W. S. Parrott, P. O. Box 1821, Monterey, CA 93942. Contact [amykitchenerfdn@hotmail.com](mailto:amykitchenerfdn@hotmail.com) or call 831-899-5887. Offer ends May 31.

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