

## HOMELESS IN PARADISE

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### LET THE BOONDOGGLE-BUSTING BEGIN! – Part 13



*Mezzotint by John Sartain after the 1826 painting "The Power of the Gospel" by Christian Schussele courtesy of Wikimedia*

*history repeats  
what goes around comes around  
a "biter-bit" plot  
what's new this time 'round  
it's not saving Indians  
who get massacred*

*will the governor  
who's now housing homeless folks  
be recalled next month  
if he is recalled  
will his projects be reversed  
raising homelessness*

*preachers might believe  
they are selling salvation  
only to lose faith  
who gets massacred  
if newsom 's recalled  
history repeats*

### WHOM DO YOU CHOOSE TO SAVE SOMEONE FROM SOMETHING?

By Wanda Sue Parrott

**POLITICKING** today is like preaching was in David Zeisberger's lifetime. If five words summarize their sales-pitch sermonizing, they are: *To save someone from something.*

Zeisberger, a Moravian minister, lived from 1721-1805. He became a missionary after his ordination in 1749 and spent decades among Indian tribes he called "My Brown Brethren." How many Indians he "saved" through conversion to Christianity is unclear; however, he lived among those whom he convinced to exchange scalping for sowing seeds. Betrayal by Christians was recorded in his diary entries of March 7 and 8, 1782, about the 97 Indians murdered at Gnadenhütten by white militia:

*"They prayed and sang until the tomahawks struck into their heads. The boy who was scalped and got away said the blood flowed in streams in the house. They burned the dead bodies together with the houses which they set on fire. . ."*

By 1862, when Christian Schussele painted the above picture entitled "The Power of the Gospel," David Zeisberger was famous as "The Apostle of the Indians." Is it possible that the message the artist depicted being delivered by Zeisberger - to sell the natives of Goschgoschünk (Place of the Pig) on conversion - was based on the 34<sup>th</sup> Psalm, which says:

*". . . Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him."*

See "Scenes from the Life of David Zeisberger" at <http://elcristianismoprimitivo.com/scenes%20small.pdf>

The moral of this story is to be cautious about those to whom you entrust your faith, as your life could depend on it. That's true whether you're concerned about homelessness, or you *are* homeless in Monterey.

### Local Homelessness Today

Katy Castanga, President and CEO of United Way of Monterey County advises that UWMC, in collaboration with Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE), sponsors and volunteers, provided 4,500 backpacks and new school supplies for our local students experiencing homelessness through the "Stuff the Bus" project.

For details about how to contribute, contact [www.unitedwaymcca.org](http://www.unitedwaymcca.org).

Also on the local scene:

- **Carmel:** An excellent report on the local homeless scene by Kelly Nix ran July 16-22, 2021 in *The Carmel Pine Cone*. Headlined "Homeless encampments off Highway 1 grow," it's a comprehensive in-depth overview of homelessness this summer. See <http://pineconearchive.fileburstcdn.com/210716PCA.pdf>
- **Pacific Grove:** Various media reports on social media as well as radio and TV, plus letters to the editors of several newspapers, all complain about homeless campers now parking their vehicles along the ocean front in Pacific Grove, starting at Lovers Point and going south to Asilomar Beach. Whether they are from the former Roberts Lake Community, also known as the Col. Durham Camp in Seaside, is unknown.
- **Seaside:** Craig Malin, City Manager of Seaside who was involved in the first homelessness boondoggle busting on the Monterey Peninsula is leaving on August 31. New leadership team members introduced on Aug. 2 at a Town Hall hosted by Seaside City Councilman Dave Pacheco were: Derrick Elder, Support Practitioner; Dominique Davis, City Clerk; Trevin Barber, Assistant to the City Manager; Ashley Collick, Asst. City Manager; Amanda Rotella, Asst. City Manager.

Since Seaside kicked off the homelessness boondoggle busting and Governor Gavin Newsom picked it up and ran with it, the question arises about what will happen if he is recalled.

*Newsweek* carried a major feature by Meghan Roos about Gov. Gavin Newsom on Aug. 10, 2021. In it, Orrin Heatlie, lead proponent of the Recall Gavin Newsom campaign, said it is "kind of surprising" to him that Newsom's team would advise voters against filling out the second portion of the ballot... Heatlie said he wants voters to support Newsom's removal from office.

But for those who intend to SUPPORT Newsom and vote "NO" on the first question on the recall ballot, he said, they should explore all the qualifying recall candidates and pick the one they'd most like to see in office. See the whole feature at <https://bit.ly/3yC6D0D>.

### **So, What's The Point?**

History tends to repeat itself, but it doesn't have to do so.

Visualize the painting in which David Zeisberger is preaching to the Indians, but imagine a current political figure in his place. He is not addressing Native Americans. He is surrounded by a local encampment of homeless people to whom he is selling Project Homekey as housing for the homeless.

Read about California spending billions to house homeless in hotels at <https://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/california-spending-billions-house-homeless-hotels-79273222>.

To fulfill his promise, he must win the 2021 Recall Governor Newsom election on Sept. 14, 2021.

Your ballot will be arriving within the week. Ask yourself: *Whom do I want to save from what?*

Then, if you believe in boondoggle busting (getting things done), you know what to do!

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