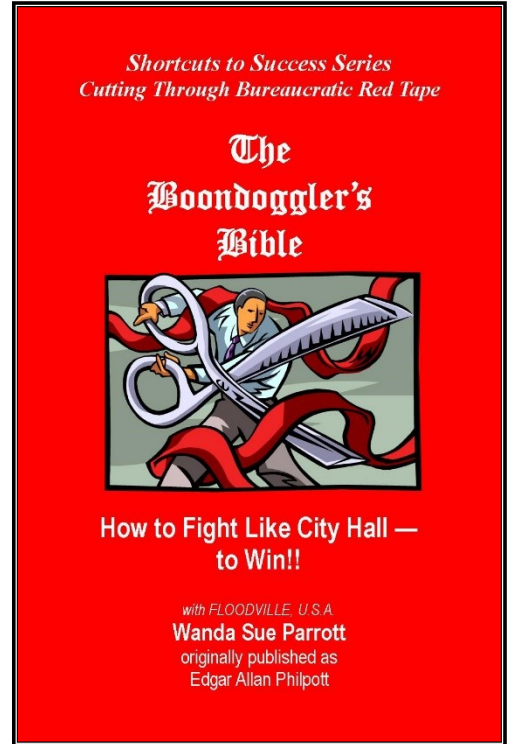


**HOMELESS IN PARADISE**  
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**LET THE BOONDOGGLE-BUSTING BEGIN! – Part 17**



*while votes are counted  
this week's column will review  
what boondoggling means  
wanda sue parrott  
learned to fight like city hall  
as a boonbaby  
she learned boondoggling  
as it's practiced by the pros  
then used its techniques  
her cash income was  
91,000 dollars  
from a single poem  
boondoggling's a game  
human beings start to play  
shortly after birth  
most are boondoodlers  
neither winners nor losers  
what will help you win?  
CLUE: the governor  
is a boondoggle buster  
of boondaddy rank*



**WHAT KIND OF BOONDOGGLE GAME PLAYER ARE YOU?**  
**By Wanda Sue Parrott**

**WINNING** a boondoggle sounds simple: ***bust it!*** If it were that easy, California's homeless crisis would be on the run instead of on the fence. So?

In case Gavin Newsom, California's Democratic Boondaddy Governor, keeps his seat in the September 14 recall election, cleanup of homelessness and the housing crisis will hopefully imitate a winning hand in the card game Hearts and should shoot the moon.

Conversely, could a replacement governor return California to square one? Indeed. If politics is played like the board game Monopoly, a loser can return to square one.

Power brokers in politics, law and business aren't the only boondogglers.

Most humans play some form of the Boondoggle Game, including you. Want proof? Ask yourself when was the last time you got an unwanted call, so asked a friend, relative or coworker to answer by saying you weren't there, but would return the call?

If you delayed making the return call, or never made it at all, you were boondoggling by stringing the caller along.

In reverse, when you were strung along waiting for a deal to close or call to be returned, you were being boondoggled.

Understanding the simple mechanics of stall-and-delay business will help you figure out what's going on if you're caught in a boondoggle dilemma.

## Welcome To The Boondoodlers Club

The majority of people are "boondoodlers" who fluctuate between boondoggling others and being boondoggled in relatively insignificant ways that involve neither life nor death situations.

Other boondoggles can be more serious, however, both on individual and collective levels in which human welfare, health and life itself are at stake.

An example is the Covid-19 pandemic; had it been ignored or treatment delayed, entire segments of the population--well beyond homeless and unsheltered communities--could have been devastated.

Isolation via self-shelter was the solution. Not tomorrow or a few weeks hence. Now! That was beyond boondoggle busting. It was across-the-aisle cooperation. Boondaddy Newsom acted swiftly to get our homeless isolated indoors in his spring 2020 boondoggle-bust that started as Project Doorkey and evolved into Project Roomkey.

### Boondoggery In Brief

Every player starts as a Boonbaby.

Boonbabies are decisionmakers without training, whose expertise at the Boondoggle Game comes from instant-experience for which they may be totally unprepared when forced to act or suffer the consequences.

A positive example was the homeless man in recent news who contemplated waiting for help to arrive when he saw a child trapped in a burning car; rather than boondoggling, he broke the car window and saved the child just before the vehicle exploded. He busted his own boondoggle.

A negative example was the boondoggler who waited for someone else to act, and wound up letting a dog suffocate in a sweltering locked car.

Most boondogglers are self-trained because the only school for boondogglers is the fictitious one I made up in my first draft of *The Boondoggler's Bible* which I published in 2009 under the alias Edgar Allan Philpott.

In it is this advice to Basic Boondogglers:

*Know how to manipulate situations  
to get as much as possible,  
by doing as little as possible  
for as long as it takes  
to get the desired results.*

A Boonbaby is a new initiate to the process of Boondoggery. He or she has just discovered time-wasting as a solo player in the boondoggle game.

### Beyond Boonbabyhood

A Boondoddler is a seeker, like the social butterfly who flits from one group project or interest to another. A Boondoodler may be a team player, but is seldom motivated to be an instigator.

A Boondaddy (male or female) is a dreamer/schemer, inventive, and competitive person who employs and enjoys boondoggery. Since the true Boondaddy plays both ends against the middle, a beneficent boondoggler can also be one of the greatest assets to the human community, especially if something as drastic as nuclear war or downfall of society due to homelessness can be prevented, or hostilities already in progress can be resolved or financial collapse avoided through boondoggery.

America's Granddaddy of all Boondogglers was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He gave us Social Security Insurance in 1935.

## Boondoggling In A Nutshell

Boondoggles are stall-and-delay tactics that operate on all levels of society. Or, to put it more bluntly, this describes the big bad boondoggle technique professional practitioners use to cost victims their limbs, loves and even lives: *Keep victims waiting until they go broke, give up, move on, lose interest, or die!*

Advice by experts on old-time etiquette suggest responding to ticklish questions by staying uncommitted this way: *Don't say yes; don't say no; say maybe—and then never give a final answer!*

Meanwhile, pending results of the Recall Election, if interested in knowing how I used boondoggling to turn a single poem entitled "The Trail of Tears" into a \$91,000 life-saving settlement, order the 2014 edition of *The Boondoggler's Bible--How to Fight Like City Hall to Win!!* by Wanda Sue Parrott. Proceeds help support this column. Details in the CREDITS Section below.

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