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California's Governor Newsom

will you cast your vote
to recall the governor
on election day

who should take his place
could you do a better job
handling homelessness

politicians must
use artful boondoggery
mixed with compromise

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governor newsom
boondogglor or oracle
cast your vote wisely

choose someone who knows
how to fight like city hall
if you vote at all

RECALL THE GOVERNOR? THE LITTLE RED ORACLE WEIGHS IN!

by Wanda Sue Parrott

Throwing her hat into the political ring, Caitlyn Jenner announced last week she'll be running to replace Gavin Newsom as Governor of California in the recall election that's shaping up.

If the former Bruce Jenner can do a better job than Governor Gavin Newsom, or the four other candidates currently pledged to run against him, good luck.

The question is not whether a transgender individual (or any of the others) can do the job; it's whether Gov. Newsom should be replaced so someone can try to run California, known as "the world's fifth great economy," better than he's been doing.

To tackle the question, I consulted the “little red oracle” that got me into writing this column in the first place.

Introducing "Little Red"

Nearly seven years ago, Katie Shane, a fellow tap dancer with Monterey Recreation Department's "Tap Bananas" troupe of mature terpsichorean hoofers, gave a copy of my just-released 122-page paperback book *The Boondogglers' Bible—How to Fight Like City Hall to Win!!* to Marge Ann Jameson, publisher/editor of *The Cedar Street Times*.

Next thing I knew, Marge Ann extended an invitation for me to write something for her weekly paper. She'd just lost a columnist who wrote weekly pieces about homeless people. Would I like to tackle such a topic? I agreed, in exchange for publicity for the good-natured exposé every public servant, city hall and citizen across American should own.

Thus, *The Boondogglers' Bible* landed me the assignment that led to this 339th column in the "Homeless in Paradise" collection.

Since people seem hell-bent on recalling our governor, I turned to *Red* for inspiration on what to boon about this week. My finger did the walking. It chose page 24.

Boonpsych 101

"Boon" is a noun defined as: *a good act, thought or thing; positive enhancement.*

"Doggle" is a verb defined as: *to wrest; to wrestle; to twist; to manipulate.*

"Boondoggle" is a noun meaning: *action in which a boon is doggled.*

"Boondogglers" is defined as: *The world's greatest natural candidates for Professional Boondogglers titles are males and females whose psyches are motivated by the three Ps, such traits often manifesting as young as their pre-school years and lasting until senility settles them down.*

They're Boondaddies (and/or Boonmamas), as opposed to mere Boonbabies and part-time Boondoodlers. In other words, they're really good!

Boondogglers' Three Ps

Power: *They thrive on feelings of control and enjoy the surges of power that energize them in work, fight and play to win. If not too greedy, they can be keen leaders; if highly competitive, they are great athletes in team sports, and as coaches, bosses, department heads and military officers whose strategic plans include boondogglings the enemy.*

Prestige: *They are driven by need for respect, recognition, even honor and glory, if super-power needs govern their egos. Whether they shine as five-star generals, wealthy socialites, or philanthropists, land barons, rock stars, or sports stars, or as presidents of corporations or nations, if it takes boondogglings to keep their prestige primed, they'll doggle even in irrelevancies.*

Politics: *They succeed as master boondogglers because they play both sides against the middle, in order to get their desired outcome. . . they excel in political manipulative techniques involving useless work and delays in finishing jobs and/or paying to settle debts.*

The Boondogglers' way to vote

Everyone boondoggles after they've outgrown infancy or succumbed to mental morbidity.

The little red oracle directed my finger to page 27 for its second stop, defining key elements of this discussion that covers all candidates, both in and running for office, as well as those voting for or against them.

Recognize anyone you know? How about yourself?

Consider how the candidates measure up to the following definitions before deciding how to vote for or against recalling the governor.

Boondogglers:

(Noun) 1. Man, woman or child who doggles boons. 2. A practitioner of boondoggery. (Adjective) 1. Baby Boondogglers: an initiate; a neophyte. 2. Boondogglers in Progress: a trainee. 3. Bureaucratic Boondogglers: Any employee, agent, sub-contractor or other representative of an agency, usually of public service, who performs boondoggery in one of two ways: A. Boss Boondogglers: chief architect of a boondoggle. B. Bottom Boondogglers: one who participates in carrying out the Boss Boondogglers' orders or otherwise works to fulfill the scheme; sometimes known as a "yes" person, boot licker, bottom kisser, and scaredy cat. 4. Expo Boondogglers: A former boondogglers who becomes a whistle blower; one who exposes a boondoggle (like the author of this book).

So what?

After Gov. Gavin Newsom acknowledged the world's fifth-largest economy was also the nation's' number one leader in homelessness, he brought Project Roomkey into existence and countless homeless men and women sheltered safely in place throughout the Covid 19 pandemic.

That's not the sign of a baddogglers who should be recalled.

It's boondoggle busting at its best!

Want to learn more about boondoggling? Order the book to find out. \$14 plus postage from Amazon at this link: <https://amzn.to/3xtm37g>.

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