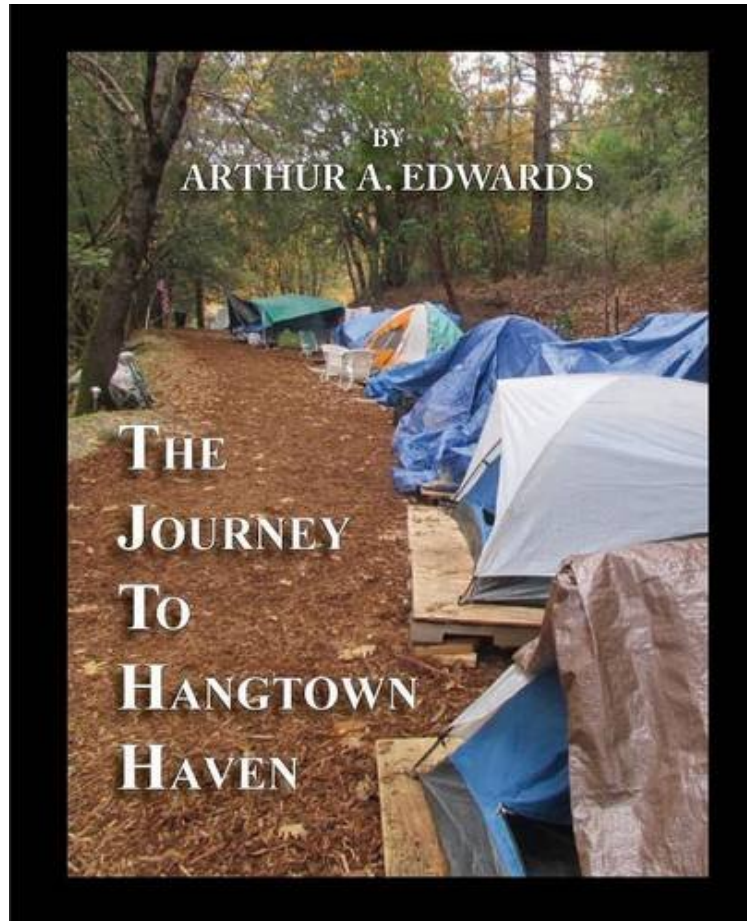


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The Journey to Hangtown Haven. How a group of committed volunteers led by a retired aerospace engineer built a homeless shelter in a gold rush community and how the power and financial elite closed it down. Was it because Hangtown Haven was an unexpected success? How does one build a successful homeless shelter that is legal, practical and economical at no cost to the taxpayer? A group of homeless volunteers led by a retired aerospace engineer along with non-profit corporations and concerned churches jumped into the fray and did just that. Not, however, without making mistakes and ruffling feathers along the way. No one could have predicted how controversial it would be to provide shelter to our neighbors who had no place to live. We are going to build a modern dog shelter with \$7 million, but dont bother asking the county or the city for one penny to help our homeless citizens. So the real question is, How do you build a homeless shelter that works and is acceptable to the entire community with donations only? This book tells the story of one Sierra communitys effort to answer this question and how its success proved that it could be done, however its success also turned the citys power establishment against it. When it was obvious that the shelter was a success and homeless people were thriving, the citys power structure got together and closed it down throwing forty homeless men and women out of their shelter in the middle of winter with no place to live. But the genie is out of the bottle now and the occupants of this small gold mining town know how to do it the next time. They are prepared to try again until they are successful even though all of the business, political and power interests are determined to stop it. This story tells how it was done, how it can be done and how to avoid serious mistakes along the way. About the author: Art Edwards is a retired aerospace engineer and manager who designed, built and operated large space simulation facilities at Lockheed Missiles, Sunnyvale, Ford Aerospace and Space Systems Loral both in Palo Alto. He was also an Adjunct Professor, who taught courses in engineering, business management, organizational behavior, leadership and project management at San Jose State University, University of California, Santa Cruz and at the University of San Francisco. He has a bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of California Berkeley, and a masters degree in Cybernetic Systems from San Jose State University. He was a naval officer and veteran of the Korean War, serving on an attack transport in the Sea of Japan and across the Pacific. He left the naval reserve a few years later as a lieutenant and is now retired and lives with his retired educator wife in the Gold Country of the Sierra Nevada foothills of California.