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North Korea: What's Next?

NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL EXPERT SHARES INSIGHTS

No problem has vexed American foreign policymakers more than the surging nuclear capacity and menacing missile program of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea - North Korea.

Whether it's prompting pointed remarks in President Donald Trump's first State of the Union speech, or rattling residents and visitors in Hawaii with a false report of an incoming ballistic missile many feared was on its way from North Korea (see "38 Minutes of Hell in Paradise," page 3), the most deliberately isolated nation on Earth is commanding America's - and the world's - attention.

Few in this country appreciate the dangers and complexities posed by North Korea more keenly than the CRA's March speaker, Dr. Wade Huntley, of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), in Monterey. A senior lecturer and academic director of the NPS's Regional Security Education Program, he has made the analysis of North Korea a priority in a distinguished career.

Dr. Huntley's talk, "North Korea: What's Next?", will begin at 5 p.m., Thursday, March 29 at Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center, on Mission Street. The talk will be preceded by a complimentary glass of wine for audience members and followed by a question-and-answer session. The event is free and open to members of the CRA and members of the public.

The North Korea challenge was underscored in President Trump's January 30 State of the Union speech, when Trump observed, "No regime has repressed its own citizens more totally or brutally than the cruel dictatorship in North Korea. North Korea's reckless pursuit of nuclear missiles could very soon threaten our homeland. We are waging a campaign of maximum pressure to prevent that from ever happening."

Our March speaker brings deep

knowledge of that very subject. In a professional biography provided by the NPS, his leading areas of expertise are listed as nuclear weapons proliferation, cyber security, and East Asian regional security.

"Dr. Huntley has taught at the Naval Postgraduate School since 2009, and currently holds a joint appointment in the National Security Affairs department and the Cyber Academic Group," according to the NPS. "He is also ... co-designer and instructor of a specialized intelligence tradecraft course hosted by NPS for Department of Energy nuclear weapons technical specialists."

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"Dr. Huntley was Director for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Research in the Liu Institute for Global Issues at the University of British Columbia, in Vancouver, Canada, [and] Associate Professor at the Hiroshima City University Peace Institute, in Hiroshima, Japan." Closer to home, he was Director of the Global Peace and Security Program at the Nautilus Institute, in Berkeley. The Nautilus Institute has long focused on engaging with hermetic North Korea.

A frequent speaker before military and intelligence specialists, Huntley also



Wade Huntley, Ph.D.

consults with diplomats and others on a range of issues. His March 29 talk in Carmel will be crafted for the general public. It will be light on specialized jargon, strong on the twists and turns of history that brought us here, focused on what America, its allies in South Korea, Japan and elsewhere can do to prevent ever-more-dangerous escalation and, importantly, thoughts about building a brighter future.

Come to Carpenter Hall with your questions for a lively, informed and thought-provoking program.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Barbara Livingston

They Don't Know What They've Got 'Till It's Gone

Back in 1970, Joni Mitchell wrote these words of warning and lament in "Big Yellow Taxi":

*"They paved paradise
And put up a parking lot
With a pink hotel, a boutique
And a swinging hot spot
They took all the trees
And put them in a tree museum
And they charged all the people
A dollar and half just to see 'em
Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you got
'Till it's gone
They paved paradise and put up a*

parking lot"

Let's heed the warning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea faces many challenges. We're cramming bulky, two-story houses onto 4,000 square-foot lots. We're revisiting the city's limits on bars and restaurant-types. The planning commission is considering potentially sweeping revisions to building codes. We're awash in proliferating wine-tasting rooms (see "Put a Cork in It," page 4) catering primarily to tourists.

Personally, when I think about development and growth, I think of three wise planning professionals whose expertise could help inform Carmel's decision-making: **Dan Curtin, Leslie Heumann and Noré Winter.**

I heard Dan Curtin when I served on the Carmel-by-the-Sea City Council. City and county staff, boards, commissions and elected officials were in attendance at the Hopkins Marine Station to absorb what Curtin – at that time considered the foremost land-use attorney in the United States – had to tell us.

Without preamble or introduction, he strode into the room, surveyed the audience blandly through his bifocal lenses and intoned, "Development is a privilege, not a right." He let that drop and then again, with more emphasis: "*Development is a privilege, not a right.*" Not a sound could be heard in the room as the audience sat riveted in their seats.

Curtin knew that while residential and commercial development has its own



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***"Development is
a privilege, not a
right."***

Dan Curtin

powerful momentum, public officials have a responsibility to be discerning. They do not have to reflexively green-light well-connected insiders, endorse anyone's dream house regardless of its impact on neighborhoods, or cave to persistent, sometimes wealthy, applicants who aren't used to being told "no."

Mr. Curtin has passed away, but my two other wise people are still very much with us.

Noré Winter is a much-sought-after specialist in urban design and historic preservation who understands how to guide change in a sensitive way. He came to Carmel a decade ago and impressed many with his experience and judgment. He is president of Winter & Company, in Boulder, Colorado.

Leslie Heumann co-authored a Historic Context Statement for the city in 1994. Revised several times, it was adopted by the city council in 2008 and certified by the California Coastal Commission the same year.

In that lucid document, Heumann writes, "By mid [20th] century, a great schism developed between the old guard...and a new crop of younger, business-minded residents that moved to Carmel with the intention of setting

up shop... The changes that Carmelites fought so desperately to stave-off are changes that would have affected Carmel's architectural traditions. Carmel's world-renowned quaintness... has distinguished the village throughout its history..."

Today, Heumann is principal associate at Chattel, Inc., in Sherman Oaks. Her words are as resonant now as they were 24 years ago.

We have seen how Carmel-by-the-Sea has become a cash cow for opportunistic speculators, developers, and businesspeople. We have to be more vigilant than ever in approving uses and projects that may adversely affect the well-being of our citizens and this lovely village in which we live.

The decisions we make now will shape the look, feel and character of our city for years. It will take wisdom to do right by the founders who gave us an intimate, beautiful village. The fact that 2018 is an election year in which three city council seats are up for grabs should concentrate our minds.

Too often decision makers don't know what they've got 'till it's gone. We have a chance to get development right. Both Leslie Heumann and Noré Winter should be brought back for encores.

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38 Minutes of Hell in Paradise

AS HAWAII GOES BALLISTIC, A CARMELITE THINKS OF HOME

By Georgina Armstrong

On the eve of our departure from Maui, after an idyllic January vacation, we celebrated our last night with a sunset libation, dinner and a stroll on the beach accompanied by the cool breeze of the trade winds. A little later, we laid our heads on soft pillows, hoping to get a good night's sleep in our resort hotel before embarking on a return journey that is often fraught with misadventure and exhaustion. Little did we know the following day we would experience those two words in a way we will never, ever forget ... on a tropical isle whose mythological name is said to mean "trickster."

The next morning, at 8:07 a.m., I was slowly getting dressed while my husband was luxuriating under an overhead 'rain' shower. The next instant, there were screeching sirens emanating for our phones with an alert: "Ballistic missile threat inbound to Hawaii. Seek immedi-

nothing in the modern era. We have become complacent.

Then came the necessity of finding shelter immediately. Within a minute we were out the door, heading for the hotel lobby, where we expected to receive our marching orders from those who ran the resort. Wrong. We were never to encounter anyone who appeared to be a manager, director or shelter escort. It seemed we

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were on our own. We had no idea what to do.

Around us in the lobby, people looked worried and tense but not visibly panicked. In a quick exchange with the concierge we learned the hotel was looking into the situation. A little like



your appetite – we needed to massage the feelings of helplessness.

Although the breakfast restaurant was less crowded than usual, the atmosphere was business as usual. Our accelerated pulse rates betrayed any calmness that we, and probably everyone else, was exhibiting, however. Even the normally soothing Hawaiian music on the sound system could not account for the unusually hushed atmosphere. There were no young children within sight or earshot, parents opting to remain with them in the lobby, where babies could be seen receiving loving strokes and kisses, or in their rooms.

As we were seated, the hostess's smile was noticeably wan, and there was none of the usual small talk – "How's your day going so far? Any plans for this morning?"

Our waitress then arrived – and she was just as chipper as could be. When we asked her about the alert, without missing a beat she said if it was the real thing, the sirens that blanket Maui would have sent out deafening blasts warning of imminent danger. She was not worried at all and knew it was a mistake.

Thank goodness she was right. A few minutes later, at 8:45 a.m., news of the false alarm was given on the public address system. We hadn't even known they had one, perhaps opting only to announce the good news. The waitress then told us that the only person in the restaurant to panic was a very young bus boy. He told her he was headed home. She asked him, "Why? What are you going to do there?"

Let's hope that should anything happen, we learn exactly what we are to do here.

 EMERGENCY ALERTS✕

Emergency Alert:
BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL.

ate shelter. This is not a drill."

I think it was "this is not a drill" that got me the most. Of course, it could have been a prank. It could have been a hack. It could have been the Russians. But, given recent events, it could be North Korea. (See Page 1, "North Korea: What's Next?").

Thoughts turned to home and family on the West Coast of the Mainland. Were they under attack? Where would they go to find shelter? I recalled instructional films in the 1960s about the subject but

"The shuttle's running late, we're checking on it."

With no Wi-Fi or phone service and everyone at a loss as to what to do, with no instructions from the hotel staff, we hoped it wasn't really a missile attack. We thought maybe, with some luck, we might return safely home to California that day after all. We headed to the restaurant for breakfast (I kid you not). While we agreed we weren't hungry - inbound intercontinental ballistic missiles tend to do that to

Put a Cork in It

MORE TASTING ROOMS AND (MAYBE) BARS

By David Armstrong



Carmel's glasses runneth over

The CRA on February 16 withdrew its appeal to the city council to over-rule planning commission approval of another new downtown wine tasting room. But proliferating tasting rooms – and, more broadly, a surging amount of alcohol in the village – is still on the radar.

“We fully support a moratorium on the addition of any more wine tasting rooms on either side of Ocean Avenue,” said CRA President Barbara Livingston. To members she emphasized, “Please know that your voices have been heard. We look forward to working with the city to ameliorate your concerns about the negative effects of these businesses on our community.” With the approval of Holman Ranch, Carmel-by-the-Sea will soon have 20 tasting rooms.

The appeal reflected our members’ straw poll about tasting rooms. When asked, “Are you in favor of adding more?” responders voted NO 94 to 10 – 90.38 percent opposed.

Mind you, many CRA members savor wine. The CRA does not oppose having wine-tasting rooms in Carmel-by-the-Sea. We object to a sky-is-the-limit number of them. Moreover, we want the city to, at the very least, abide by existing policy that says no more tasting rooms south of Ocean.

We are also concerned about the

number of bars. City regulations allow three. By our reckoning, CBTS has five de facto bars: A.W. Shucks, Barmel, Brophy’s, Mulligan’s and Sade’s. An application to open a bar in the Court of the Golden Bough is pending. What’s next? Craft beer tasting rooms? Whiskey? Sake?

Three permits a year can be issued for new wine tasting rooms alone, says Marc Wiener, community planning and building director. There is no citywide cap on the number. Fifteen of the 20 wine tasting rooms are south of Ocean. The city’s adopted policy calls for locating any new wine tasting rooms north of Ocean. In spite of the policy, Holman Ranch will open south of Ocean.

Meanwhile, some Carmel tasting rooms offer wines by the glass and small bites. Contrast that to the tiny pours, spit buckets and bits of bread common in wine country destinations like Napa Valley. Ten Carmel tasting rooms can stay open until 10 p.m. Three are permitted

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to open at 8 a.m. and close as late as 10 p.m., according to recently updated city records.

Not so St. Helena, in the heart of Napa Valley.

St. Helena’s nine tasting rooms (not wineries), in and walking distance to, downtown open no earlier than 10 a.m. and close by 5 p.m., the city’s Chamber of Commerce told us. Last year, when a winery wanted to open a downtown tasting room in a space vacated by another tasting room, St. Helena said no. City councilman Geoff Ellsworth told the Napa Valley Register, “I worry about a community that becomes saturated in alcohol. Even though that is the industry here, I believe we’ve come to a point where we’re getting out of balance.”

Carmel City Hall, we’re looking right at you for leadership on this issue.

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So Many Regulations, So Little Enforcement. Why?

‘SOFTLY, SOFTLY’ CORPORATE CULTURE, UNDERSTAFFING, HAMPER CITY’S EFFORTS

By David Armstrong

Carmel-by-the-Sea has a lot of rules and regulations. We know that. It also fails to consistently enforce its rules and regulations. We know that, too.

We wanted to find out why. So, we asked three relevant city officials: Chip Rerig, city administrator; Al Fasulo, code compliance officer; and Paul Tomasi, chief of police.

“You call it enforcement,” Rerig told *The Voice* in a telephone interview. “We call it compliance.” It’s a small but telling distinction. Enforcement is a hard word – rules have teeth; compliance is softer – rules are implemented through persuasion. Persuasion is the city’s preferred tactic.

Take building contractors who station

tors, making it hard for one part-time person to keep up. Other than Fasulo, who spots 75 percent of known violations himself, he relies on building inspector Jermel Laurie and sharp-eyed Carmel-by-the-Sea residents to help out.

He urges residents to call in complaints to him at (831) 620-2026. (“On weekends, call the police department.”) Fasulo emphasizes that residents’ identities can be protected if they fear blowback.

And blowback can happen. “I’ve been called so many different names,” when he’s obtained stop-work orders and red-tagged work sites, he confides. The worst offenders are stubborn property owners “from out of the area with a lot of money” who hire local contractors. “They don’t know our code, nor do they care about it,” he says. “Contractors are hungry,

ones. Young police academy graduates often want to work where the action is, not in “a low violent crime” community like Carmel. Veterans want to move on. “Last year we lost officers to Monterey,” Tomasi told *The Voice*.

To attract recruits Tomasi emphasizes that less violent crime makes life safer and less-stressful for officers and their families. Salary-wise, he says, “I think we’re competitive. We’re right around the median for Monterey County.” The CPD advertises jobs on law enforcement web sites and in police magazines. Additionally, “We’re looking to find a recruitment firm to help us find the best candidates.”

Meanwhile, positions such as a long-promised beach patrol officer go unfilled and enforcement can be more notional than actual. CRA members recently saw a man outside the public restroom smoking a cigar in violation of posted no-smoking rules. On the Scenic walkway, a couple sat on a bluff-top fence and puffed cigarettes. Two security guards from First Alarm work the beach area and only in summer.

“If we’re at full staffing, we can have an officer on the beach. Is it better with a police officer? Yes, you get better service,” Tomasi acknowledges.

Another area in which the city will need to step up – and has promised to do so – is in enforcing the new ordinance requiring restaurants and food vendors to use only “biodegradable/compostable or recyclable food service ware” in place of plastic utensils that harm the environment.

The city council voted unanimously October 3 for the ordinance after hearing persuasive public comments, especially from River School students, who spear-headed the drive to ban plastic utensils. The ordinance is being phased in through April 21 and takes effect April 22. Violators could be fined and repeat offenders could lose their business licenses, according to city officials.

Referring to the students, City Attorney Glen Mazingo said at October’s city council meeting, “I want them to know ... that the city of Carmel will not pass an ordinance that’s not enforced.”

Now, Carmel must walk the walk.

“You call it enforcement ... we call it compliance.”

Chip Rerig, city administrator

work vehicles and construction equipment in public rights-of-way for extended periods, impeding pedestrians and motorists. “I’m trying to go out myself and talk to the contractors,” to explain the city’s preference that they not do that, Rerig told us.

Fasulo, too, says he’ll go out and “talk with businesses, trying to get compliance.” But he reports unlicensed contractors to the California State License Board and phones the police department for violations of work permits when he has to. Fasulo, whose main concerns are fire and safety, working without a license and going beyond the scope of approved work, has a police telephone in his car.

Fasulo has contracted with the city for five-and-a-half years and puts in “25 to 40 hours a week.” There are violations large and small by busy building contrac-

they want the job” and do what the client wants.

Fasulo allows that some businesses do comply in good faith. He praises new lessees of the shabby Carmel Resort Inn, who are working to bring the long-closed motel up to electrical and plumbing codes so they can reopen it. Marc Wiener, community planning and building director, says the work could be finished by early April, though the lessees have until July 31.

The Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department is well-respected yet chronically short-staffed. Its biggest challenge is getting up to full staffing, according to Chief Tomasi. That means 25 people: 15 officers, the chief, lieutenant commander, two sergeants and others. In early February, there were about 20 on the job.

The department has trouble recruiting new officers and holding onto older

Carmel As Seen From Hawaii

Under the headline “Don’t Devour Kailua With Development,” a letter to the editor in the January 5, 2018 issue of the Honolulu Star-Advertiser made these pointed references to our city:

“Poor little Kailua. First it was Mitch D’Olier and Kaneohe Ranch trying to turn Kailua into Carmel-by-the-Sea. After they did their damage, our town was fobbed off to Alexander & Baldwin, who have even grander designs about how to turn it into a golden goose.

“And what have we, the residents of Kailua, gotten out of the deal? Small, useful businesses have been trickling out of town, no longer able to pay the higher rents. In their place we are given shops devoted to tourist wares.

“Another gift of greed is the disappearance of affordable rentals, replaced by illegal vacation rentals ...”

Council Rejects CRA Bid to Pause Pilot Program

The city council rejected at its February 6 meeting a proposal by the CRA Board of Directors to pause the Carmel Beach wood-fire pilot program – presently on winter hiatus – until all the city’s promises of program management are fully implemented. (See the complete list of unkept promises, plus Three Takeaways from Council Meeting, at www.carmel-residents.org, under the This Just In tab.) Among other things, in the June 2016 guidelines the city promised to hire a beach patrol officer.

After hearing 13 residents speak against allowing wood-fueled fires on the beach at all – there were no pro-fires speakers at this meeting - the council segued into discussing what kind of wood-burning devices would be put back on the beach in the spring. The vote was 4-1 to resume.

Overheard on Ocean Ave.

FIRST WOMAN:

CAR-mal, what a great name for a city.

SECOND WOMAN:

Car-a-MAL? Wow, that’s really a sweet name!

Two More City Attorneys on Payroll

CBTS hired Glen R. Mozingo last July to succeed Don Freeman as city attorney. That takes care of that, right? Wrong. In January of this year, the city hired two more attorneys, at Mozingo’s request, to deal with what he described as an overwhelming workload. They are: deputy city attorney and former city council member Gerard Rose and assistant city attorney, land-use attorney Jon Giffen. Mayor Pro Tem Carrie Theis told the Pacific Grove-based Pine Cone newspaper, “There is some money in the budget for assistance,” but didn’t specify how much.

Inquiring minds want to know why this huge workload was unanticipated, and how it piled up.

CRA Board on Mayor Steve Dallas Inquiry

The Carmel Residents Association Board of Directors is aware of the charges filed against the mayor, and we await the report of the investigator hired by the city attorney.

Council Rethinks, Reduces Event Fees

After voting in December to charge higher city fees to organizers of major downtown public events, especially in high season, the city council changed course in February, generally lowering fees. The biggest beneficiaries were Concours on the Avenue organizers, who saw their fees plummet from an estimated \$58,000 to a much lower sum. The vote was 5-0.

New Name, Old Tactics

They say a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. If so, a hustle by any other name would still be a hustle. Case in point: the skin-care shop Carmel Beauty Boutique, which opened in the space formerly occupied by Ocean Skin Care. According to city records, the new business is owned by the same person who owned the old one: Hanan Dahan, who lists a business address in Win-



netka, a district of Los Angeles. Ocean Skin Care got a rating of 1 star out of a possible 5 stars from 12 of 14 reviewers on Yelp. It was sued by a Capitola woman who – after discovering an empty product box when she got home - won a full \$1,625.70 refund in small claims court from the business. In February, the ‘new’ Carmel Beauty Boutique was seen employing aggressive verbal come-ons in open doorways.

Lifetime Members

The CRA Board of Directors wishes to acknowledge and thank lifetime members, who donate \$1,000 to support the CRA. They are:

- RICHARD AND MIMI GUNNER
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- TOM PARKS

Corrections & Clarifications

No contract for a pending make-over of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department building complex was signed, contrary to what we reported in the January/February 2018 issue of The Voice. A contract for in excess of \$100,000 was signed for design work; the reported figure of \$175,000 is an estimate.

Issues Committee Reports to Members

The CRA Issues Committee recently met to analyze and respond to the 18 areas of concern to residents identified in our late-summer questionnaire and our January online straw poll. Please go to This Just In on our reimagined web site, www.carmelresidents.org, to see the committee's recommendations to the CRA Board of Directors on all 18 issues.

This story focuses on the number one priority, Carmel Beach.

For years, Carmel Beach has been famous for its white sand and many have considered it Carmel-by-the-Sea's grand jewel. Unfortunately, we don't seem to have been responsible gatekeepers and it's hard to say which generation is most at fault for the degradation of what once was, and could be again, a pristine beach. The committee recommends the following actions be taken:

- First, the beach should be thoroughly sifted of all debris every spring, thus providing a fresh start every year.
- Second, the beach patroller promised by the city a year ago must begin work this year, covering the length of the beach every day. The patroller must police the beach, citing anyone who lights an illegal fire on the sand, leaves litter, cooks on a barbeque or hibachi or damages the beach in any way, including putting graffiti on the rocks.
- Third, the city should clean the beach three times a week in the high season, June through September. Thereafter the usual weekly Monday cleaning should be sufficient.
- Fourth, while we have seen an improvement in the number of dog poop bags, the trash containers above the beach need to be picked up more frequently during peak season, when they often overflow.

If these steps are followed consistently, then in a few years we can, once again, be very proud of the beach that we call ours.

Members' Poll Nixes \$177K for MCCVB

CRA members were asked in our second members-only online straw poll to say Yes or No to this question: "Should the city council give the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau \$176,857 for destination marketing for the 2018/19 fiscal year?" One hundred eighteen members responded, and the nays have it. The vote was 102 No to 16 Yes – 86.4 percent No to 13.6 percent Yes. For a sampling of member comments, go to www.carmelresidents.org, and click the This Just In tab.

New Board Members Take a Bow

Georgina Armstrong and Karyl Hall have been appointed to your CRA Board of Directors. For biographies and photos of our new directors, go to www.carmelresidents.org and see under About CRA, CRA Board of Directors.

Nominations for Board in June

Members may nominate candidates for the board of directors this year by sending a petition signed by 10 members. A petition must be received by April 1, 2018.

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April CRA Dines Out!

CRA members, mark April 26 on your calendars for a delightful experience at a loved and enduring Carmel venue: Patisserie Boissiere restaurant. Owner and CRA member Magdy Francis Ibrahim has prepared a delicious menu. We will start with a green garden salad. Your choice of entrees include seafood and polenta, beef bourguignon or vegetable filo triangle. For dessert, we will have a choice from the pastry case. The cost for this lovely evening is \$40 per person. House wine will be available for \$7 a glass.

Please write your checks to CRA and mail them to P.O. Box 6025, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921. Write your entrée choices and mail early, as this cozy downtown restaurant can only serve 48 guests. Reservations must be in by April 17. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 26. See you there.

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👍 CHEERS & CHIDES 👎

👍 **CHEERS** to Adam Carley and his Carmel Middle School friends who are organizing themselves to clean Carmel Beach and have joined with CRA Lovers of Carmel Beach to lend their energy and support. They will be helping with our sifting-the-charcoal project, starting in May, as well as cleaning the beach in general.

👎 **CHIDES** to the city for not being more diligent in enforcing rules prohibiting storefront touts from crossing the threshold to give the hard-sell to passers-by. CRA members saw a tout on the sidewalk outside Body Frenzy, on Ocean Avenue, applying lotion to the wrists of two women who stopped to hear his pitch. The shop is around the corner from city hall. Members saw a tout working well outside one hat store, as well, after an all-too-brief hiatus there. What's the solution? Cameras mounted near offending shops? Cops walking the beat? CBTS must be pro-active about this nuisance.

👍 **CHEERS** to Monterey County Weekly letter-writer Holly Haynes for this recent letter: "Regarding the idea of promoting wellness through evening bonfires on Carmel Beach: Sure. More bonfires on Carmel Beach. Because nothing says wellness and meditation more than polluting your immediate environment with toxic fumes, especially the air

that people who actually *live* here have to breathe."

👎 **CHIDES** to the city council for denying a city-approved trash enclosure for David Fink's Cantinetta Luca restaurant. The enclosure has been there for 12 years on the margin of public space.

👍 **CHEERS** to Sustainable Carmel for helping to install a kitchen food waste recycling bin at the Thursday downtown farmers' market. Green Waste and the CBTS public works department deserve thanks, too. Keeping food scraps out of the landfill is an important means of reducing our garbage and trash footprint. Note: compost collected in Monterey County is used to help generate electricity.

👎 **CHIDES** to city hall for allocating a cool 9,000 smackers to a consultant to help the city government write a mission statement. Apparently the wisdom of the pithy aphorism that a consultant is "A person who borrows your watch to tell you what time it is" wasn't taken into account. Here's an idea: Maybe the city could pay a consultant to show officials how to get the most out of their consultants.

👍 **CHEERS** to city council member Bobby Richards for hearing the heartfelt – sometimes heart-rending – stories of Carmelites who spoke at the

February council meeting about the health hazards of wood-fueled fires on Carmel Beach. Richards proposed using propane-only devices this summer to see how people liked them. He came out on the short end of a 4-1 vote to resume the testing of smoke-less (not smoke-free) cauldrons. But Richards listened and he tried. If only he'd had some company.

👎 **CHIDES** to Carmel for scoring a mediocre C grade in the American Lung Association's 2018 ratings of air quality. Salinas and Monterey also received C's, while the other cities in the county got F's. The ALA grades for regulating smoke-free outdoor air quality, regulating smoke-free housing, and regulating the sale of tobacco products. Can't we do better?



Sixteen trees on Eighth near Scout House could be lost to build a sidewalk of questionable value. Is this a solution in search of a problem?