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# Our very own Karen and a new beach dress code!





## Captain sets a new standard!

Time to step it up and get some higher standards obviously....

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**1) A Karen of our own....** A number of people have observed the person below letting her dogs loose on at the top of the stairs, they run down, crap on the beach

around 7am during the week.

A tough thing to be constructive about. She does not live in the neighborhood and runs a Farmers Market Booth on Saturdays -Bountiful Foods, with macaroons, and such just to the left of the sax player. You can make your own choice about supporting that business.

We will try to get the police down to discuss it with her and see about getting some changes going. Really unfortunate that there really are those types of people in the world that work so hard at having miserable interactions with the world around them and little to be done about it except help them move their crap (or their doggies) elsewhere!



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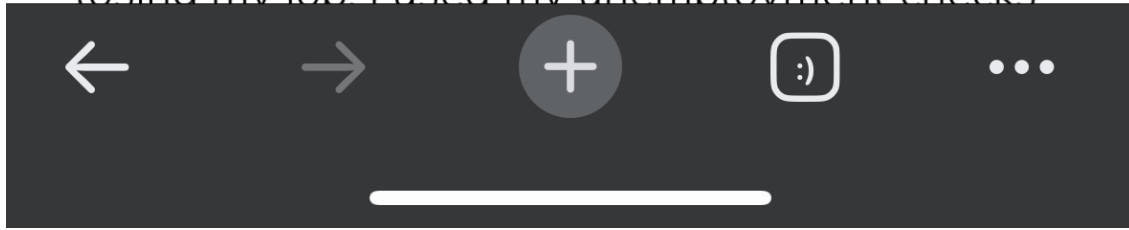


## My Story

My name is Denise Assad. I own Bountiful Foods, a small baking company based in Laguna Beach.

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I began baking my Grandmother's recipes over the 2008 holiday season to earn income after losing my job. I used my unemployment checks



**Note: The guy in the picture has nothing to do with this bad behavior...**

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**2) Wisdom:** Before entirely moving on from this bit of cloudiness (not to malign clouds....) A bit of wisdom come to mind, there being many Master of Life considerations to occasionally remember. This was according to Calvin & Hobbs I believe....



“Never argue with anyone dumber than you, it is highly unlikely they will have the capacity to appreciate your brilliant insights -just walk away!”

**Corollary:** If you must argue, always pick someone a lot smarter than you to engage with, they will obviously recognize that you are an idiot and give up, walk away.....

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**3) Signs of the times:** YES!!!! After many decades of thought and inaction, we are finally going to get these put up at all the street entrances, and at the top of the the stairs and top of Dumond. Given how incredibly effective the “No Vehicular Access” signs have been, it is hoped these will help guide people with facility needs to go elsewhere before they are all the way down on the sand.

Next steps are to try to get clearer information on trolleys and such what beaches have facilities to go to.

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**4) Red curb and white stripe loading zone:** The city will be repainting the Red curbs, White parking markings, etc. over the next month or two. Some of that is

**5) Biodegradable / Organic Household/Kitchen stuff:**

[cleanomic.com](http://cleanomic.com)

I can't personally vouch for the products but biodegradable baggies, laundry soap sheets (instead of using containers for soap), etc. look like a pretty good idea if you are into that stuff. Going to try it and thought it worth checking out!

**6) Sand Dance:** (because sometimes you just have to do stuff like this....) !!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJAcyh268Kl>

**7) Climbing:** Recently joined a climbing gym. Something I had wondered about for decades and when I finally tried it, found it to be a super engaging mode of mental, emotional, and physical exercise and a whole lot more accessible and safe than I had thought. Give a call if you would like to try it sometime!

**8) StuNews Letters to Editor:** I wrote a letter to the editor recently in Stunews regarding the local public works guys I thought I would share here as well:

Some great guys in Public Works: I've seen some really great work by some of our city employees from public works over the last several months and they deserve some recognition!

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- Graffiti removal: Gilbert Aguirre is the usual guy for that. If you see some graffiti, just call the non-emergency police number and it is usually taken care of within hours. I don't know how many of you saw the rather extreme graffiti that was all over the stairs the other week. Some other guys from Public Works answered that call: Elias Campos and Jose Torres Ballinas. They worked their butts off for several hours and very amazingly completely disappeared all of it!!!
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- Stair Sweeping: Jose Cortez
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- Planter area both sides of the entry to the bridge: Sergio Lopez. That is a LOT of maintenance to keep on top of and he has quite a bit of other areas to care for as well.

There are always times when they may not have enough time to get everything



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way they could work that hard otherwise! So a moment of appreciation when you see them out there!

**9) Garage spring adjustment and Battery Backup:** A couple of times this last month or so, I have assisted with problematic garage doors. One issue to check occasionally is to release the door from the track (that pull cord), and see if it is easily liftable. What happens occasionally and over time is that the door springs will break and make the opener work a lot harder.

Two issues with this:

- It causes stress on the opener mechanism which can lead to failure
- If the opener fails or there is a power failure, you may not be able to open the door manually.

The solution is to check this and get a service on it if needed. Something else to consider is a battery backup for the opener. Not all of them have this but consider adding it or getting that feature on next replacement. They work really well and it is a major plus in a power outage to just be able to open the garage door no matter!



**10) Tmobile and a bad AI experience:** I was briefly traveling a few months ago for 10 days and for 8 of those days was on a local cell carrier so I was roaming on my Tmobile plan. Tmobile is in many parts of the world available directly but when not, has roaming agreements.

Wifi was not available so I just splurged a bit figuring I would pay the penalties and oh well... Turns out the AI is now in charge of deciding who is an unredeemable abuser of roaming agreements and it decided that the ratio of my normal use to my roaming use (or some such arcane measurement) meant that I was abusing the system.

The result was ultimately that there was absolutely no human who would go against the machine and I was barely able to extract myself from Tmobile before they shut down the account and permanently threw away my cell phone number.

Moral of the story: We are so screwed! (and maybe spend your time on vacation talking directly to other humans....)

**11) Movie Night Returns!!!!** Looks like next First Friday, Steve and Marris have graciously offered to host the potluck at their beach and we will show "Soul of the Ocean" again, back by popular demand. You can check out the trailers at:

<https://m.imdb.com/title/tt15171898/> (<https://m.imdb.com/title/tt15171898/>)

Basically, this is a collection of many stories of how life underwater has interconnections between themselves and with us in amazing, beautiful, and unexpected ways.

**12) Mozambique:** We had a heck of a dance party this last Thursday at Mozambique. About 13 or 14 people from the neighborhood, a really great band, everyone danced at least a bit. Could be just a couple of people or a lot.... But always a lot of fun. And you can get a free pickup and/or ride back (just make a reservation for the music room for a pickup). We usually gather 5:30 to 6, then have an hour to visit, and music starts VERY conveniently early at 7:00 and runs through 10pm (when it might be time to wander over to the Sandpiper if sufficiently enegized!).

**13) Dizz's:** Has a locals happy hour all night on Wednesdays, usually a couple of people from the neighborhood can be found there.



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That is all for now as I am stepping on a boat in Mexico to go swim with Marlin, Baitballs, Sailfish, whales, etc.

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