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Some violence on our streets...



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report this story since I hardly have all the facts nor have I validated anything that I think I know.. And obviously, a topic so at odds with the amazing picture above or the wonder of waking up after a day of heavy gray marine layer to a wonderously blazing sunny desert wind day with just the right amount of warmth that just kinda soaks into you.... and then something else happens.

I was driving to turn under the bridge coming from Solana but there was a sedan kinda parked diagonally up against the curb for exiting onto Nyes. It was out of the way for traffic flowing into Vic but a large pickup truck was just sitting there, nose on to the sedan and completely blocking traffic.

After waiting for several minutes with nothing happening, I got out to see what was the matter (phone in hand of course, you never know but I wasn't even close to prepared). The guy in the pickup also got out just in front of me, and started toward the sedan. The guy saw me, turned around, got in his truck, then the sedan backed up and drove off with the truck then also driving off away from the sedan and going under the bridge. The sedan then turned around middle of Nyes, and drove after the truck.

Turns out that the truck driver had (according to the sedan people) gotten out of his truck right around the corner on PCH and hauled into a pedestrian, beat the crap out of him, apparently a truly severe and horrific act of violence. The people who witnessed it said they had seen absolutely nothing that the pedestrian had done -no interaction, gesture, nothing. I'm guessing, but maybe walked slow in a crosswalk??

The truck driver saw the people in the sedan recording and came after them, apparently with an obvious threat of violence towards them, they took off, turned off of PCH but the truck driver followed them. The pedestrian was left bloody and on the street, police were called as it was happening and the sedan had pulled over and stopped to wait for the police -but then the guy got out of the truck.

As they drove down Victoria, two police cars intersected them. And as it turns out, the truck driver had pulled over to the side of the road sby Victoria and PCH so the police found him almost immediately. Last I saw, the stories and statements were being collected all around and presumably, the pedistrian also had been found and received help.

Again, this is all second hand and unconfirmed other than what I saw and heard but it really brings home both how fortunate we are with the quality of life and people in

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pay attention to the circumstances around us and don't hesitate to call 911 if anything looks of immediate concern. -and have the non-emergency number easily available for anything else that is not quite right.

Non-Emergency Police: 949-497-0701 x2

2) First Friday! Movie Nite! => Closed for the season.... :(

I was REALLY really hoping to do one more, maybe tonight but I finally caved and had to admit that it has been getting a bit too chilly after dark for either potluck or movies on the beach. WAAAAHH!! Time to go through everything, clean it up and pack it away in preparation for the spring to come in a few months.

So it is up to everyone to continue all of our social connections, spend time visiting on the streets, the beach, the dog walks, join a few neighbors for things like Hospitality night, small dinner parties, etc.. Somehow, make it through the winter while First Friday's and movie nights are apparently on vacation.

3) A Local Bartender for hire: Tara who bar tends and waits at Dizz's (Hawaiian Colleen's daughter) is available for parties and functions, an excellent bartender. Just say'n. Send me a note if you are looking for someone over the holiday season (or after!) and I'll put you in touch.

4) Lost cats and dogs: We occasionally have animals that don't come back when they should. Some people have been putting airtags on the collars in addition to chipping them. The airtags only work if they are occasionally in range of an Iphone but it is a least a great idea for hopefully finding the animal sooner rather than later.

One note on those types of things is that you do have to periodically check the location to make sure it is still functional. I have found that if it is not checked, it may not be there when needed.

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of being separated from the airtag if it is outside the designated area and not with you (so walking the dog does not create a notification, or of course, you can disable notifications until needed).

Anyway, something to consider.

5) Word of the week -Seleniaphile: A “selenophile” refers to a person who has a deep love or admiration for the moon. The term is derived from “seleno-” meaning “moon” and “-phile,” meaning “lover of.” It describes individuals who are particularly drawn to the moon’s beauty, its phases, and its significance in various cultural and personal contexts.

-or: a plant that when growing in a seleniferous soil tends to take up selenium in quantities greater than can be explained on a basis of chance.

(I like the first definition.....)

6) Yuka phone app for healthy choices: I recently came across the Yuka app that some friends had told me about. Yuka is a mobile app that scans your food and beauty products. It gives each one a score that tells you how healthy it is for you. The scores range from “Bad” (0-25) to “Excellent” (75-100). And if something scores bad, Yuka suggests better options for you to pick from.

If you’re trying to be healthier but don’t have the time to check every ingredient in your products, this app is perfect. It’s also brilliant for avoiding the bad ingredients in your everyday beauty/skin care/food products.

Once you have the app installed, you can scan the barcode of an amazing number of products and get a breakdown of the ingredients and how good or not good they individually are along with more detailed information on that ingredient.

Quite helpful and you do get some surprising results. As far as I know, it is genuine and useful info that it is based on.

I started checking all the protein/meal bars of various sorts I tend to keep around for moments of no time for food and on the run.... It did not end well! None of them rated all that well! While they were not actually horrible (I do try to at least take a



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better scores.

Very interesting and apparently useful app!

7) Trash can liners: Ran across a neighbor with a common issue for our organic waste bins. Didn't want to just throw uncontained food in it and felt frustrated at the requirement to not use regular bags that were normally at hand in the kitchen and instead, having to go out and buy special compostable bags. The result being "screw it" and just use the land fill can that can accept normal bagging.

The solution I ended up with was just switch everything to compostable bags for the various trash liners in the house rather than get one special type for this organic waste purpose. In hindsight, I realized that even if it is going into the "Trash/Landfill" cans that accept anything, it still makes sense to use compostable wherever possible.

I even found ziplock compostable bags. Admittedly, they are not as robust as regular bags but most of the time, they work just fine and I keep a few of regular bags around for those odd circumstances that require a bit more.

Amazon, compostable bags.... etc.

8) Hospitality Night: Last night, first friday in December. A blast and a super nice way to randomly run into friends and neighbors, check out all the stores, listen to music, see Santa arrive, etc. If you missed it this year, put it on your calendar for next year!

That all for now. Time to hibernate! (JUST KIDDING!!!)

Until next time,

Diver Dave signing off

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