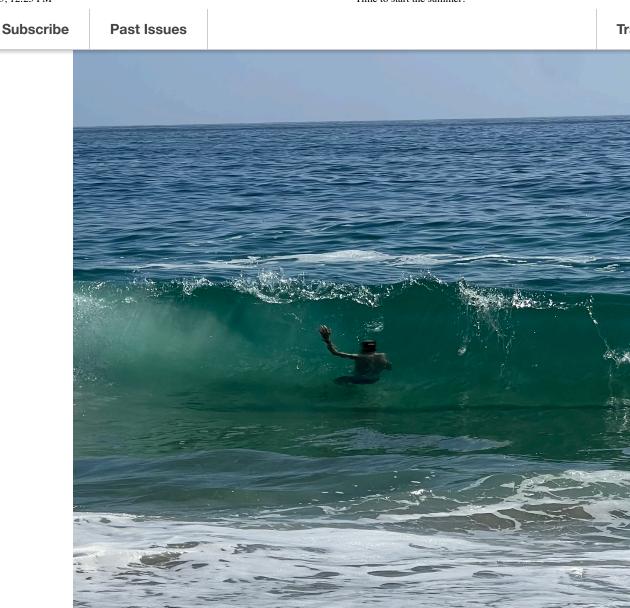
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Time to start the summer!

Thursday 5/29/25



Diver Dave enjoying a wave before gym boo-boo!

1) Diver Dave report: Many thanks to all the friends and neighbors who have driven me to various appointments, dropped off amazing food and meals, picked up the home front to the point of basic habitability.... Very much appreciated!

The latest doctor news confirms that healing the break (C6 Spinous Process, the stub or bone sticking out from the middle of the vertebrae) is not complicated and I can move, walk around, do small things to the extent allowed by the neck brace. And if it hurts -then don't do that! So two months (24/7) of the collar will fix it all up again.

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the gym!

Moving on:

2) Music Party: Going to have to move that to later June unfortunately. Definitely not up for party situations for a bit. Darn!!! Those parties have been an outrageous amount of fun so hang in there and we will get to it shortly!!

3) First Friday: Definitely plan on that happening. I'll be able to get everything handled with the help of a couple of people -and a number of you have offered to help already. This will go just fine even if I am a few cylinders short of a full block for the moment (yeah, I did just make that up but it seemed to fit ;)

4) Cal Trans: Well, technically, they are done for the summer!!!!!! I'll believe it as it actually happens but so far, it is looking quite a bit better. I'm sure we will have more work after labor day but at least for the summer, nothing blocking the lanes, it will "just" be normal traffic. Yay! But be fore-warned, within a week or two after Labor Day, re-asphalting will commence if the weather is right for it...

5) Whale Watching: Will not be able to lead any expeditions myself for awhile but we had a blast at the last outing. Multiple big whales just loitering, lots of dolphin and porpoise feeding, etc.. Perfect conditions, and those go-fast boats can get to just about anywhere so fast that you often get time without a bunch of other boats, at least for awhile.

Anyway, give me a holler and let me know if interested and I'll arrange something!

6) Equipment Shed on Stairs: Got a really nice refurbishment thanks to one of our neighbors who put a couple of coats of oil on it. My understanding is that the contractor had that wood in storage and decided on his own to use that wood instead of whatever was called for -so we got a much nicer shed out of it. Not sure what kind of wood that is but certainly looks better for the maintenance! Thanks!

7) Sunscreen: Yep, that time of year!!! Here is a link to tested/approved sunscreens. They don't include any aerosols due to inhalation concerns (I'm pretty lazy and have not broken myself of that convenience yet...) but in any case, you can search for the sunscreens you are using and get a report card as well as find some recomendations. Lots of reef/ocean safe selections it looks like as well:

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8) The missing tree at Victoria Place and Nyes: So sad, a really good sized tree had to be removed from that area which was pretty much dominated by that tree. Really defined that intersection area but sadly, some of the upper branches had broken and had broken in a way that apparently split the main trunk. I talked the main tree guy for the city and for that kind of tree, a break in the upper trunk was some kind of fundamental issue with future growth and health so it got removed.

I inquired about replacing with a fairly large replacement but the problem there is that generally, the roots in a larger boxed tree have been pretty much trained to stay central to the tree such that over time, it is faster to start with a smaller tree that will put out a good root system for a couple of years and then grow out. Really a shame.

9) AI: Is everyone up to speed on CharGPT, Grok, etc? Some answers may be suspect but wow, the stuff you can ask and get answered is pretty amazing. One place to consider is:

https://felloai.com/

This connects to well over a dozen different Als, general purpose, reasoning, image, and other specialties. In addition, you can set whatever mode you want for the Al you have chosen such as Fast, Summarizing, Proof reading, devils advocate, explainer, etc.. Very useful tool, just download the app, and ask away!

10) Summer Solstice Swim: June 20th, a Friday. Molly and Paul hosted a winter dunk which was super fun, a whole bunch of people showed up and many got wet! They would like to do it again! More details as the time comes up. Definitely sounds worthwhile to mark on your calendar and plan on a really fun splash.

11) Airtags: Super useful in so many ways but.... Hard to put in a wallet and some other types of things and although the batteries do last a long time, they do need replacing after awhile. However! There is a problem in that for some reason, it is sometimes very difficult to get it to recognize a new battery. Personally, I have had several that I have given up on since the new battery is reported as "Low" within a few weeks. I have not found a fix but I did find a solution.

I've tried a few different ideas -some are rechargeable but they don't last very long and having to recharge every other month was just not practical since you may not

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One is a credit card sized tracker, the batteries last 5-10 years (according to spec anyway), super easy to put in a wallet or other confined space.

The other 2 are air-tag like but they easily clip on to a keyring. These both have replaceable batteries and last about 1 year.

Anyway, I put them in the car, bike, scooter, keys, etc. as well as luggage when traveling. SUPER handy when you occasionally need to find something! How on earth did we do without these things???? (oh, right, I used to remember where I parked the car when I was younger...).

from Amazon => Cards: "BFADEHA tracking cards" The credit card sized tags (5-10 years battery life)

Tags:

"**BFADEHA air tags**". These are waterproof (great for dogs, replaceable batteries)

"Hoxe air tracker": another waterproof keyring style tag with replaceable battery

12) Dizz's Happy Hour: There has generally been a really nice crowd showing up there lately. Come on by and check it out. There is a Locals Only Happy Hour discount all night!

Ok, ran out of the list of ideas for this newsletter!! The water is looking really really nice these days, warming up, clearing up. Don't see all the algea that was mucking up the waters this last several months so hopefully all the sealife that was so horribly affected start having much healthier waters to live in. Hopefully, I'll be up for walking around the neighborhood pretty soon although it will be awhile before I can be zooming around on a scooter or ebike but hey, I'm sure the streets will be all that much safer to saunter around on!

Yay

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