

DEATH ON HIGHWAY 1

Ana Reepen's criminal trial began last week in the death of Pedro Point businessman Bruce Ross Bernor. Reepen faced three felony charges, including gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, resulting from the Highway 1 head-on collision that killed Bernor last July 25. Reepen had pleaded not guilty and remained free on \$250,000 bail. Two counts of felony DUI related to Reepen having a blood alcohol level of more than 0.15 and inflicting great bodily injury or death in the commission of the offense. Her blood alcohol level was reported to have been 0.21 at the crash scene. Turning the wrong way from Sea Bowl Lane after drinking at The Surf Spot, Reepen drove southbound in the northbound lanes of Highway 1. Reepen's car and Bernor's car collided at the top of the hill. In a related matter, Bernor's mother recently filed suit against Caltrans and the City of Pacifica for poor design and signage at the intersection where Reepen took her fateful left turn. Regardless of the outcome of the criminal trial and the civil suit, I hope the city and state will do everything in their power to fix this deadly intersection before more innocents are killed. If nothing else, fix the road and the signs in honor of Bruce Ross Bernor, who died on Rockaway Headland for no good reason at all.

OUR FEARLESS LEADERS?

With the presidential election campaigns running full throttle, most voters can't help but wonder who really is better equipped to run the country. Researchers at

PsychTests analyzed the personality profiles of 7,379 leaders who took their Leadership Style Test:

- 84% of excellent leaders have a clear vision of what they want to achieve as leaders. They also know how to communicate that vision in a way that inspires others.
- 76% of excellent leaders frequently re-evaluate team goals to stay abreast of developments in the world.
- 86% of excellent leaders set challenging yet reasonable goals, and don't remain idle after one goal is accomplished. They always set their sights on the next innovation, milestone, or performance record.
- 72% of excellent leaders make every decision with the team mission statement in mind. They adopt and stick to team values.
- 90% of excellent leaders consistently opt to uphold ethics and principles versus making a profit.
- 88% of excellent leaders are creative problem-solvers, skilled at brainstorming, thinking outside the box, and innovative solutions.
- 81% of excellent leaders are skilled at handling stress. They are good under pressure and don't allow fear or other negative emotions to cloud their judgment.
- 80% of excellent leaders realize that they are role models. They understand that to persuade others to work hard, they have to be hardworking themselves.

- 93% of excellent leaders offer clear, practical, positive tips to help their teams improve, rather than giving vague or negative feedback.

- 91% of excellent leaders recognize that delegating work is essential. Not only does it allow them to focus on their priorities, it also is a way to nurture team potential. Excellent leaders regularly consult their teams for opinions, ideas, and feedback.

- 87% of excellent leaders recognize that handing out bonuses isn't the only way to motivate people. Although economic perks are important, many individuals are also motivated by desire to learn new skills, inspire others, express creativity, gain recognition, and feel appreciated at work.

- 81% of excellent leaders adopt an optimistic attitude. They focus on possibility and success, rather than problems and failure.

- 85% of excellent leaders believe in themselves and in their abilities. They are confident that others will accept their ideas and decisions.

- 94% of excellent leaders consistently look for ways to improve their own performance. They recognize that learning is a continuous process, and are determined to turn any weaknesses into strengths.

SWEET NOTHINGS

Scott McKellar asked Mister Robot (his tablet) what has more sugar than a Krispy Kreme donut, and was amazed by all the foods that are sweeter than donuts. You could look it up.

PROSE & CONS

What you call a writers group at San Quentin state prison:
Prose and Cons.

SWAMI SEZ

“If time is infinite, why is there never enough of it?”
(Anonymous)

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