

FIRST-RESPONDER HEROES

On March 27, 2018, a multi-agency rescue operation (police, fire, coast guard) was mounted to save the lives of three teenagers trapped by high surf on a cliff between Pescadero Beach and Pomponio Beach. Brutal waves seriously injured three of the first responders, but two of the teens were rescued. Unfortunately, one of the teens was lost and presumed drowned.

FAKE KIDNAPS

Extortionists have been victimizing Coastside families by calling to say they have kidnapped a family member and demanding ransom money for their return. One such family reported on a NextDoor neighborhood forum that they paid the ransom immediately, only to discover that the supposed kidnap victim was alive and well at home. Law enforcement advises that if you get such a phone call to hang up and immediately report it to the police without taking any other action.

HIGHWAY 1 TRAFFIC

The Midcoast is in an uproar about a planned new 206-room luxury hotel across from the Frenchman's Creek (Ruisseau Francais) neighborhood in Half Moon Bay. Oh great, let's put more cars on Highway 1, just what we need! Hashtag Enough Already! Also of note: The hotel developer's cheerleader Kendall Flint was outed and chastised on the Midcoast NextDoor forum for promoting the project without identifying herself as the developer's marketing employee. The Half Moon Bay Review (May 2) revealed her true identity and connection to the developer.

I.Q. VS. E.Q.

Without logical intelligence, our ability to reason and find viable solutions would be limited. Balancing a budget is a challenge without mathematical intelligence, while writing emails or book reports and crossing the street safely will prove more than troublesome without linguistic and kinesthetic intelligence, respectively. But mental prowess offers, at most, a narrow understanding of how we function in our complex world. Logic or mathematical intelligence won't help when trying to comfort a grieving friend. Linguistic or kinesthetic intelligence won't offer any insight into why someone feels angry all the time, or is dissatisfied with life or relationships. This is where *emotional* intelligence steps in. And while people may be able get a good education and a decent job relying solely on their book smarts, it's only

half of the success equation – it doesn't guarantee a rewarding professional and personal life. EQ (emotional quotient) enhances the life experience, and may even be able to compensate for a less-than-stellar IQ (intelligence quotient). Analyzing data from 34,809 people who took their Emotional Intelligence Test, PsychTests researchers found that while the combination of high EQ and high IQ (as measured by school grades) can prove advantageous personally and professionally, strong emotional intelligence alone can still result in a successful and fulfilling life. (Source: PsychTests)

SWAMI SEZ

"It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it." (Lena Horne)

GRAMMARJAMMER

A dangling participle walks into a bar. Enjoying a cocktail and chatting with the bartender, the evening passes pleasantly.

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