

## **GO TEAM GO?**

A “Rah Rah Go Team Go” work atmosphere doesn’t appeal to everyone. New York Yankees teammates Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez allegedly weren’t very chummy. Neither were Batman co-stars Jim Carrey and Tommy Lee Jones, or Star Trek space travelers William Shatner and George Takei. And teaming up with Steve Jobs supposedly wasn’t a pleasant experience for everyone. So why can’t people just get along? According to research from PsychTests, specific aspects of teamwork rub some people the wrong way, and that can kill the spirit of camaraderie, i.e., also known as buzzkill. Analyzing data from 18,869 people who took their Team Player Test, PsychTests researchers uncovered qualms people have about teamwork:

- Teammates who can’t keep up, whether through lack of skill, experience, or intelligence. Less productive or less talented teammates slow down and frustrate the rest of the team.
- Procedural delays and deliberations before a team project actually starts (planning meetings, role assignments, brainstorming sessions, etc.).
- Frustration with lack of role clarity. Not knowing who handles which tasks, whom to report to, or who makes the final decisions leaves teammates confused and uncommitted.
- Feeling inferior to colleagues; worried that they won’t be able to handle their assignments or keep up with the rest of the team, leaving others waiting impatiently for them to finish their part of the project. Concerned that their teammates won’t like them or enjoy working with them. Fear of criticism and disapproval.
- Teamwork means less potential for individual glory, credit, or praise.
- Once had to work with someone they really hated, and are worried about having to do the same in the future.
- Creating a quality product is difficult, if not impossible, when working with others. Higher potential for error when working on a team.
- Resent having to share creative ideas and decision-making power, and having to reach consensus with other teammates for every decision. Hate not having full individual control over a project.

### **CAUGHT IN THE ACT**

A sharp-eyed Pacifican who recently saw burglars breaking into a neighbor's house called police ASAP, and officers arrested the three suspects driving a car a few blocks away. Let's hear it for watchful neighbors and local law enforcement! See a crime, drop a dime!

### **HILLSIDE FOR SALE**

PacificaRiptide.com reader Kevin M. reports seeing this notice on Zillow.com: "Private land for sale (145 acres, \$7.5 million) in the back of Linda Mar above San Pedro Valley Park. On Zillow since early August. Hopefully some open-space group will buy this so we won't have to look up Linda Mar Boulevard and see monster homes looming over the back of the valley."

### **CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**

Pacifica Peace People candlelight vigil, Linda Mar Beach, Thursday, September 21, at 7 p.m. Unite for peace and diplomacy. Denounce war, violence, and occupation. Please bring candles for the walk from Linda Mar to Rockaway.

### **HOT DOGMA**

A Zen master visiting New York City goes up to a hot dog vendor and says, "Make me one with everything." The hot dog vendor prepares the order and hands it to the Zen master, who pays with a \$20 bill. The vendor puts the bill in the cash box and closes it. "Excuse me, but where's my change?" asks the Zen master. The vendor responds, "Change must come from within." (from Pacifica Tribune subscriber Pierre Messerli)

### **MORE EASTERN WISDOM**

Q. How many therapists does it take to change a light bulb? A. Only one, but the light bulb has to want to change. (from my favorite saxophonist Peter Loeb)

### **GRAMMAR JAMMER**

Q: Which dinosaur knows the most words? A: The Thesaurus. (Tatiana Ayazo)

### **SWAMI SEZ**

"Never combine sleeping pills and laxatives." (Wise guy Scott McKellar)

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