

SLOW DEATH

Check out the flashing Caltrans sign on southbound Highway 1 in Montara. It says “REDUCE SPEED AHEAD” so I guess it’s true that speed kills.

PACIFICA PEACE STATUE

Marvin Morganti of the Pacifica Historical Society got a Pacifica peace statue item in Leah Garchik’s S.F. Chronicle column last week. The statue now stands in the Coastside History Museum (formerly Little Brown Church) in Sharp Park.

LET’S NOT DO LUNCH

Business is down at casual and fast-casual lunch spots all over the country, apparently due in part to greater numbers of telecommuters. As more and more of us consultants, freelancers, and self-employed types work at home, lunch is served right down the hall. Another factor in the decline of restaurant lunches is online shopping from home, which means no more fine dining at the mall. And because we are all so much busier now, taking time to sit down and eat lunch at a restaurant is not a priority anymore. The “Mad Men” two-martini lunch is history. (Source: Avi Salzman, Barron’s, Sept. 24)

BRAIN GAMES

“Computerized brain-training exercises and games, touted for their ability to improve overall cognitive function, may actually only help you get better at the

specific game you're playing." ("Brain Exercises Don't Live Up to the Hype," Wall Street Journal, October 11)

REEPEN SENTENCE

"Bravo! Your analysis was spot on. Unfortunately, too many judges today, including the Supreme Court, do NOT follow the law but rather rule from their own agendas. Thanks for bringing Reepen up as an example."
(Vivian Chastain)

AWFUL LAWFUL

Tribune staff writer Jane Northrop did a great job ("Eldercare center settles false claims case," Sept. 28) of capturing the legal absurdities of the recent False Claims Act settlement by Linda Mar Rehabilitation Center and its owner, North American Health Care, Inc. (NAHC). The federal prosecutor in the case said the overbilling "settlement should send a message to others who may be engaging in these schemes that we will pursue justice for our beneficiaries and the programs." The nursing-home chain said, "NAHC expressly denies any wrongdoing or culpability with respect to the claims against them released by the settlement agreement and do not, by execution of the agreements, admit or concede any actual or potential fault, wrongdoing or liability in connection with any facts or claims that have been or could have been alleged against them." Phew! Have you got all that?

SOUNDS OF SILENCE

Hey, party animals, have you heard of “silent disco” or “silent DJ”? Guests wear wireless headphones and dance to the DJ’s digitally streamed music that only they can hear. The neighbors must love it! To the other extreme, the malfunctioning public-address system on the Washington, D.C. Metro recently forced train operators to use bullhorns to announce station stops and other important system information.

SWAMI SEZ

“When I was in school, the teachers told me practice makes perfect. Then they told me nobody’s perfect, so I stopped practicing.” (Steven Wright)

MAYBURRITOVILLE

- Email: Mayburrito@Goofbuster.com
- Blog: PacificaRiptide.com
- Copy Editor: Goofbuster.com