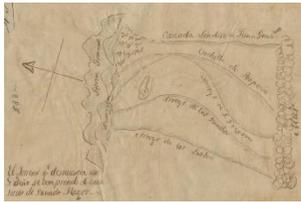


The La Honda Voice



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La Hondans Forced to Move



This original map shows the boundaries of the Rancho San Gregorio Land Grant

A 12-year-old student at La Honda Elementary School (Name withheld because she is a minor) discovered while researching the history of **La Honda** that a \$1.25 land transfer fee for the Rancho San Gregorio Mexican Land Grant was not paid in 1839. This omission makes the original transaction invalid.

Rancho San Gregorio was an almost 18,000-acre Mexican land grant given by then Governor Juan Alvarado to Antonio Buelna. The rancho extended from Tunitas Creek in the north to the mouth of Pomponio Creek and included La Honda and San Gregorio. *(continued on page 2)*

New La Honda Pampas Grass Cartel Violence



Pampas grass adorns the estates of the rich and famous

The bucolic town of La Honda was rocked again by pampas grass cartel violence, intended to control the growth and distribution of this lucrative ornamental grass. The 1.6 billion-dollar pampas grass industry centered near the town of **La Honda** is controlled by two dominant cartels - the Blooms and the Cribs, with the Cribs being the younger, less-experienced cartel. Pampas grass has grown in profitability and popularity at weddings and is used to adorn the homes and grounds of the wealthy throughout the world. La Honda was also recognized as home to the English Ivy cartel, but that cartel was broken up last year when a large shipment of plants was intercepted on its way to London. *(continued on page 3)*

Migrating Birds Arrested by ICE at Reflection Lake



ICE disguised their La Honda operations by using this truck

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents have opened a mobile office at Reflection Lake in **La Honda** to arrest and process illegally migrating birds stopping there. The office includes an x-ray scanner, a large detainment cage, and a stack of newspapers for the droppings (ICE mainly uses liberal papers like the New York Times). ICE enforces federal laws governing border control, customs, trade and immigration, and the agency is acting on a tip that Reflection Lake is a key refueling point for many migrating birds on the Pacific Flyway. *(continued on page 2)*

Bay Area Housing Crunch Hits La Honda



The iconic La Honda windmill – now a 3-bedroom house

A housing crisis has been affecting the greater Bay Area for many years. The cost for both renting and buying a house in the area has become less and less affordable to those wanting to live here. The National Association of Realtors determined that the San Jose and San Francisco metro areas are the first and second most expensive locations in the Country to buy a house. **La Honda** experiences housing competition from Silicon Valley engineers, Stanford professors, and wealthy fugitives from the law. Two recent examples of this crisis are illustrated in an overcrowded home at the corner of Skyline/Highway 84 and the conversion of the iconic La Honda windmill into a three-bedroom home. *(continued on page 2)*

Housing Crunch *(continued from page 1)*



50 mail boxes at four-corners tied to single home

Neighbors near Skyline Boulevard and Highway 84 have complained to the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing that a house near the corner seemed to have a large number of occupants. As evidence, they reported that the number of mail boxes associated with that address has increased from one a few years ago to about 50 today. As a result of the complaint, investigators found 242 adults and 56 children living in a 1200 square foot home. The house was kept relatively clean, but the investigators were told that the line for the bathroom was extremely long in the mornings.

Another local example of the housing crunch in La Honda is the recent sale and conversion of the iconic **La Honda** windmill in the area known as Creekside Village. The 100 square foot windmill was recently converted into a three-bedroom, two-bath house. The windmill sold for \$1.3 million and the new owners were overjoyed to win a bidding war for this piece of La Honda lore and history. The new owner, Wendy Knight, told the La Honda Voice, “La Honda is a beautiful area and I am so happy to be here, although it is a bit hard to sleep sometimes because the windmill needs to constantly turn to provide energy to power the community. Actually, windless nights are the worst because a small, noisy gas generator is needed to power a fan to blow into the windmill blades to create the energy.”

Some good news, however, on the housing crisis, since a series of large apartment buildings are being developed in the Cuesta area targeting families, seniors, and the criminally insane.

Migrating Birds *(continued from page 1)*

ICE Agent Quimby Ingmeen said that there were many recent reports of birds crossing the U.S. borders illegally, including some spying for foreign powers. “Bird spying is a common occurrence,” ICE Agent Ingmeen continued, “A griffon vulture in Lebanon, a kestrel in Turkey and a pigeon in India have all been recently arrested for spying. Of course, it is often difficult to get convictions because most migrating birds aren’t anatomically equipped to confess their crimes.” The agent lamented that the Canadian geese gangs are the worst offenders, “There are thousands of them crossing the border daily, loudly honking in defiance of our laws, and sometimes deliberately defecating on our heads.”

President Trump gave a speech Saturday at the Pillar Point Air Force Station in Half Moon Bay, saying he still plans to keep his campaign promises, and the new ICE office in **La Honda** proves he remains tough on illegal border crossings. Quoting Robert Frost in his 1914 poem, *Mending Wall*, the President said “Good fences make good neighbors,” and the President then ordered more walls erected on stretches of Highway 84, which he claims are notorious points for illegal crossings. During his visit, President Trump also requested that King’s Mountain Road between Highway 84 and Skyline Boulevard be renamed to Trump’s Mountain Road, but this request has faced opposition from both the Town of Woodside and San Mateo County. President Trump



finished his speech at Pillar Point AFS with his admiration of the golf ball sculptures at the base, “Now that is what I call art!”

Pillar Point AFS, where the President spoke and admired the “golf ball sculptures”

La Hondans Forced to Move *(cont. from page 1)*



Artist’s conception of new La Honda casino complex

Since the original grant in 1839, the land has been subdivided and sold numerous times resulting in many land title cases and boundary disputes, but nothing compares to the impact of this recent discovery.

Records prove that Juan Alvarado didn’t pay the \$1.25 land transfer fee at the county court house, which thereby invalidates the transaction. State law now requires that this land be returned to the indigenous people of the area. The Ohlone Tribe has come forward to claim the land, as have members of the Federally unrecognized Baloney and Aloney Tribes.

This ownership change will cause the displacement of about 2000 people in the **La Honda**-San Gregorio area. The Ohlone tribe leader intends to restore the land back to the way it was over 300 years ago when the air and water were pure, trees were untainted by pollution, and animals could roam freely as nature intended...although the leader added that a mega-casino complex – to be designed in harmony with nature - is now in the planning stages.

The La Honda Elementary Student who wrote the Rancho San Gregorio report was happy when she received a grade of A- on it, but said she was still sad because her family and friends will be forced to move within a year.

Pampas Grass Cartels *(continued from page 1)*

Pampas grass, seemingly growing wild around the Northern California coastal area, is actually closely monitored and guarded by cartel members. The grass is harvested, often in plain sight, with cartel members posing as volunteers eradicating invasive plants. The grass is then separated according to grade to be sold for up to \$500 per ounce on an underground world market.

The latest violence occurred last Friday during a harvest when one of the Cribs, Al Killeu, asked another cartel member if a certain plant was pampas grass. The second cartel member, Lowden Clare, who has a slight hearing disability, thought he was being called a pompous ass, and he began to beat Mr. Killeu with a stiff pampas branch. After about an hour of beating, Mr. Killeu was forced to loudly say “Uncle” and was treated for multiple scratches. The Cribs acknowledged the incident with the hearing-impaired member, but their spokesperson added that they take pride in being an equal opportunity employer and denied any rumors that they misuse their blue disabled auto parking placards for cartel business.



Hidden La Honda Home of the Cribs Godfather

Dozens of **La Honda** citizens, appalled by the violence, bought pitch forks and tiki torches at Home Depot in San Carlos and surrounded the secretive Cuesta home of the Cribs Godfather, Frankie “the Feather” Ferrari. The La Hondans are demanding that the police act within the next month on these criminals destroying their community, else they won’t be able to return the items to Home Depot.

La Honda Redwoods voted most beautiful, but also most vain, trees

A majestic La Honda redwood beat out stately oaks and other local trees when it was awarded the title, “2018 - Most Beautiful Tree in Western San Mateo County.” For many years there has been a bitter battle between the trees of the forest, especially oaks and redwoods, for this coveted title. The competition was scandalized last year when a competing oak tree offered a judge, who also owned a local lumber company, the rights to log 500 acres of redwoods in a ploy to influence voting. The

redwoods were aghast when they learned of this deceit, although they too were involved in a similar deception the previous year trying to sell 340 acres of heritage oaks to a hardwood floor manufacturer.



Mirrors like these are sometimes seen along the road – evidence of the redwood’s vanity

Unfortunately, this annual competition has also led many local trees, especially redwoods, to become quite vain. Instead of providing food, shade and shelter for the other creatures of the forest, these redwoods spend most of their time enhancing their looks through preening, cosmetics and tree surgery in anticipation of the next contest. The most obvious symbol of their vanity are the many mirrors they have set up, some even visible from the road, to admire their own beauty.

In 1972, singer-songwriter Carly Simon composed a song entitled, You’re So Vain. For many years Ms. Simon wouldn’t reveal who this song was written about, and then admitted at least the second verse was about Warren Beatty. But in a recent interview with Entertainment Weekly magazine, Simon confessed that most of the lyrics were really about the redwoods near **La Honda**. She said, “I think I disguised the object of the song, You’re so Vain, quite well because you don’t normally think of trees walking into parties or yachts or flying to Nova Scotia to see an eclipse, but that is what they call artistic license.” Most music critics now say that the song connection with the redwoods was obvious.

There have been recent discussions among the pageant organizers about judging tree contestants more by their inner beauty – wood strength, sap vitality and concern for other woodland creatures, as opposed to just their superficial physical attributes. However, two of the senior judges, who happen to be brothers, Woody U. Noo and Howard I. Noo, admitted that it is difficult to be objective when they see a well-shaped trunk and seductive limbs just barely hidden by thin foliage.

President Trump tweeted that he was impressed by the Most Beautiful Tree contest and may be interested in getting back into the beauty contest business once he is no longer President.

Increased Defensible Space Zones after North Bay Fires -

The Sonoma-Napa fires last year, which killed dozens of people and burned more than 245,000 acres, has triggered an increase in required defensible fire safety zones and upgrades to the La Honda Guild water distribution infrastructure



La Honda is being clear-cut per new fire regulations

Because of the way these fires spread, new required defensible space zones are now 100 yards from any structure. Structures are defined as homes, detached garages and large stacks of firewood. Preliminary calculations show that this will require all trees and other plants within Cuesta **La Honda** and adjacent areas to be removed. Besides bare earth, a few plants like rockrose, aloe and ice plants will also be acceptable. Both the National Insurance Institute and the Western Lumber Consortium agree that this change is desperately needed.



All residential Guild water hookup are being upgraded to a 6-inch pipe

The State of California in agreement with the National Insurance Institute has also agreed that the smallest residential water hookup must now be through a minimum 6-inch pipe. The Guild is already starting to replace the current hookups and expect to be completed by September 2018. The cost will be about \$3.4 million, which Guild members will be paying over a 15-year period.

The La Honda Fire Brigade argued against the State that these new water hookups would likely not help and could even hurt firefighting efforts because a pipe break would empty the reserve water in the Guild holding tanks needed for firefighting in less than 58 seconds. The State disagreed with the La Honda Fire Brigade's analysis, saying their calculations predict the tanks would be empty in a little over 66 seconds.

Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) Changes Surprise Volunteer



When Betty Basura of **La Honda** decided to Adopt-A-Highway (AAH), she thought that she mainly would be removing litter from the side of the roads. After all, she had volunteered in a similar

California State program years before and believed she was familiar with the responsibilities. Ms. Basura filled out and signed the paperwork and sent it into the Department of Transportation agency that processes AAH applications. After 2 months, her application was approved and she awaited further instructions.

However, Ms. Basura didn't fully read the myriad of documents on the AAH website, and she said that she didn't realize that the program responsibilities had changed drastically starting in 2018.



Road millings completely blocked Ms. Basura's driveway

On March 15th, 2018, Caltrans dumped an 8-foot-high pile of old road millings scraped from Highway 84 onto Ms. Basura's driveway on Fernwood Drive. The pile stretched entirely across the 16-foot driveway, blocking her two cars from exiting. She said of that fateful day, "By the time I heard them dump the road shavings, they were gone."

But the nightmare had just begun, because Ms. Basura had inadvertently agreed to actually "adopt" the highway. For the next 18 years, she must lovingly keep the road shavings as they are and where they are – the legal documents she signed specifically state that she cannot move or relocate them. Ms. Basura carefully reviewed her adoption papers with the State, and she further realized that she is required to read nightly bedtime stories to the millings for at least the next 6 years. Ms. Basura says she is a law-abiding citizen and will honor her highway adoption agreement, but says she isn't happy about not having use of her two cars over the next 18 years and having to hire a babysitter when she can't be there.

Ms. Basura stoically said, "Life sometimes throws a curve ball. I've now accepted my situation and think that I can learn to love and care for these road millings – I have actually already started to become fond of them. And I guess the one silver lining is I won't have to pick up any litter on the highway this year...well, unless I missed that part in the adoption papers."

LA Honda Plans Competing Krab Kioppino



“krab meat”

The Los Angeles Honda (LA Honda) dealership in Southern California is furtively planning a dinner event to compete with the **La Honda** Fire Brigade’s Crab Cioppino Dinner on April 14th. The sold-out La Honda Fire Brigade event will again include an annual raffle and silent auction, a local band, and, of course, an amazing crab cioppino dinner.

The competing krab kioppino event will raffle promotional Honda cups and calendars, include karaoke, and feature a fish stew made from “krab.” (Krab is pulverized white fish bound with egg whites, wheat starch and hydrolyzed soy – the exterior is usually dyed a day-glo red color). This event will begin by pairing Mogen David MD 20-20 Electric Melon wine with Velveeta cheeze and crackers. The karaoke contest will determine who can sing the best rendition of Milli Vanilli’s 1984 hit, Girl You Know It’s True.



Last year a similar deception occurred using Spaghetti-Os

The same Los Angeles Honda dealership planned a Spaghetti-O dinner with Garlique bread last year on the same date as the La Honda Educational Foundation Spaghetti Dinner. Chef Boyardee came out of retirement to denounce that deception and the Honda dealership cancelled their dinner. Real La Honda sponsored events always feature gourmet food and wonderful entertainment, so be careful of fake news promoting inferior substitutes.

SMC Maintenance Yard in La Honda Now Museum and Historic Landmark



Historic LH Maintenance Yard Building

The San Mateo County maintenance building and adjacent yard at 59 Entrada Way in La Honda has been declared California Historic Landmark #148. California Historical Landmarks (CHLs) recognizes

buildings, structures, sites, or places that have been determined to have statewide historical significance. Other recognized sites in San Mateo County include Sanchez Adobe, Filoli, and Pigeon Point Lighthouse.

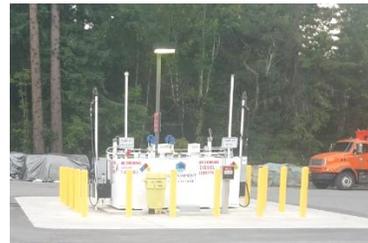


The maintenance building and yard, universally recognized as a pinnacle of architectural beauty, has been on a list of likely California historic sites since 1984.

Architect Frank Lloyd Wright

The maintenance building was designed by American architect Frank Lloyd Wright shortly before his death in 1959. Although criticized at the time by lessor men, Wright considered the maintenance building design the culmination of his work, saying, “this is the epitome of my organic architecture – in harmony with both humanity and the environment.” It has since been widely recognized for both its simplicity and utility.

A bronze plaque mounted to a concrete slab outside the fence reads: “The San Mateo County maintenance building in **La Honda** is a unique example of later Frank Lloyd Wright architecture. This structure is an early example of a faux stone design, which has since been imitated in many low budget government buildings. The color scheme of the structure was dictated by Wright to be a visually eco-friendly tan color with green trim, accented with bright orange public works vehicles. A barbed wire cyclone fence frames the perimeter, unobstructed by distracting shrubs or trees. For years, this building was a local center for repairing & clearing roads and distributing sand bags.”



Post-modern art creation “Diesel Daze”

In addition to the historic landmark designation, the site will be home to a new San Mateo County Public Works museum, showcasing their equipment and projects throughout the years. A post-modern art piece commissioned in 2014 entitled, “Diesel Daze” adorns the middle of the yard. The first planned exhibit will highlight the Public Works role in sewer services, including a 80 foot unwashed section of a 150 year old sewer line that small children can crawl though and explore. Come join us for a grand opening of both the museum and this special exhibit on April 1st.

Neil Young versus Cole Younger – Uncanny Coincidences



*Cole Younger
(L) and Neil
Young (R)*

Some
readers,
probably long

ago, read a list of amazing coincidences between Presidents Abraham Lincoln and John F Kennedy which, to some, led them to the conclusion that Kennedy must have been a reincarnation of Lincoln (the coincidences include: Lincoln elected to Congress in 1846, Kennedy in 1946; Lincoln elected President in 1860 and Kennedy in 1960; both were succeeded by a Johnson born a hundred years apart; both were shot on a Friday, etc.). A similar list has been anonymously provided to the **La Honda** Voice showing unexplainable coincidences between Cole Younger and Neil Young:

- 1) Cole Younger became an outlaw in the 1860s and Neil Young embarked on a music career in the 1960s.
- 2) Cole Younger performed in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show (after prison) and Neil Young performed in band Buffalo Springfield.
- 3) Cole Younger never met Crazy Horse and Neil Young had a backing band called Crazy Horse.
- 4) Thomas "Cole" Younger has 17 letters in his name and Neil Percival Young has 17 letters in his name, and both Cole and Neil are four letter words.
- 5) Cole Younger was born in 1844 and Neil Young was born in 1945, which is really close to 1944.
- 6) Cole Younger liked to wear cowboy hats and Neil Young likes to wear cowboy hats
- 7) Cole Younger arrived in California just after the gold rush in the 1860s and Neil Young's third solo album was called "After the Gold Rush."
- 8) Cole Younger was an outlaw cohort with Frank/Jesse James and at Neil Young's 1993 Bridge School concert Warren Zevon sang a song called "Frank and Jesse James."
- 9) Cole Younger (not the outlaw) lived in Broken Arrow, OK and Neil Young lived at his Broken Arrow Ranch near La Honda, Ca.
- 10) Cole Younger was in La Honda in 1870 and Neil Young bought Broken Arrow Ranch in 1970.

The reader can decide whether Neil is a reincarnation of Cole...or perhaps some other mysterious forces in the universe are at play here. The next edition Of the

La Honda Voice will compare Ken Kesey to rapper Jeezy and Kayne West's Yeezy apparel.

La Honda Annual Arborist's Contest



*Winner of last
year's contest,
located along
Skyline*

The Annual Arborist's contest, where local arborists show off their skills to the community, will be held just east of the town of **La Honda** next weekend. Arborists are professionals in the practice of arboriculture, which is the cultivation, management and study of trees and other woody plants. They focus on the health and safety of individual trees and we sometimes think of them as tree surgeons. Some people may call it pruning, but tree surgery requires the skill to understand which limbs need to be trimmed and by how much. This decision affects not only the health and safety of the tree, but also the aesthetics of the finished product. This annual contest is to showcase their skills and provide recognition when deserved. Over forty arborists from the La Honda and Santa Cruz Mountain area will participate this year.



*First place trophy of the
coveted arborist's award*

Last year's competition was marred by an accident when a large Douglas Fir limb fell across the judges table, slightly injuring two of the judges. Even though the arborist, "three-fingered" Willy, apologized, two points was deducted for this mishap and he came in third place. The year before, a mature redwood tree fell across the road and knocked out power to the area for four days – the arborist, "Myoptic" Mike, had five points deducted for that incident. That year's contest also begun with a small group protesting that trees were being harmed in the contest, but the protesters quickly dispersed when multiple 25-inch chain saws were started up.

A large, late-season storm is expected to arrive the day of the event with 3-6 inches of rain, but the date can't be changed because one of the judges already hired a babysitter for the day. Umbrellas, galoshes and goggles will be provided to the contestants.

POST using Animatronic Animals



*Animatronic
San Francisco
Garter Snake*

Peninsula
Open Space
Trust (POST)
is a non-profit

organization that works with public and private partners to protect land by creating conservation easements in the San Francisco Peninsula area, and it is also a popular cereal brand. POST is now using animatronic replicas of rare animals to spark interest in its open space preserves.

The President of POST, Alex Blaine Layder, said, “Few people will ever get a chance to see a real Western Snowy Plover, San Francisco Garter Snake or Mission Blue Butterfly, but our animatronic creatures provide the same experience without the nuisance of futilely searching for days for a live specimen.”

POST worked with Disney to create its interactive trademarked Autonomatronics creations specifically for POST’s open space preserves. POST said that the results are so lifelike that they have fooled naturalists who have mistakingly reported instances of rare and possibly extinct species. The long-term creation, deployment and maintenance costs of a particular animatronic animal is also about the same as actual conservation efforts. The motion-activated creations are designed to hide in a hole, duck under water or stay high in a tree, so they can’t be caught. Mr. Layder said he is most proud of the animatronic California red-legged frogs, “We have implanted tiny speakers within the animatronic creatures and sometimes I feel that we have, in a way, brought them back to life.”



*GMO – visually similar to
San Mateo Woolly
Sunflower*

The program has been so effective that a similar program was started to create equivalent versions of rare and endangered native plants. However, these plants are genetically modified versions of common plants, but they now are visually indistinguishable from the rare plants except by an expert. POST is working with Stanford and Syngenta to create these creatures and have already created versions of the San Mateo Woolly Sunflower, the Marin Dwarf Flax and Crystal Springs Lessingia. These GMOs are all drought tolerant and can reproduce and propagate at an accelerated rate.

They have been planted strategically near the POST trails, but since have spread throughout the parks and adjacent private properties.

Talk and Discussion on Skyline Earthquake Fault



*Bear Gulch Road – divided by
the Skyline Fault*

Most locals are quite aware of both the San Andreas and San Gregorio earthquake faults, but the lesser-known Skyline fault, located between those two faults, has posed a much greater danger. Like the

Yellowstone Caldera, which we now know as a super-volcano that could suddenly spread deadly gases and smothering ashes for thousands of miles, the Skyline fault, which follows the crest of the Santa Cruz mountains, is overdue to slip and could create widespread devastation.

The most obvious clue about past ground movements is the separation of Bear Gulch road by a third of a mile on either side of Skyline. Gulch, which means a narrow and steep ravine, described Skyline Boulevard after the last large earthquake there. The trail near Skyline was actually named Bare Gulch after an incident during the 1749 earthquake. Because of the intense shaking, the Ohlone Chief’s son, Running Sheep, ran straight from his daily bath and into the earthquake’s newly-formed crevice. He was never found. The indigenous Ohlones afterwards called this crevice Notmi Fault, which translates to “Watch your step.” There are still a few “active driveway” signs on Skyline, and even Highway 84, to warn drivers of possible ground movement.



*“Active Driveway” sign on
Highway 84 warns of the
possibility of quake*

If the Skyline fault slips today, and nobody knows how far it may go, it could cause widespread destruction, perhaps including the movement of a large swath of land to a county where taxes are lower.

Dr. Ayma Dommy has been involved in disaster preparedness throughout the United States and will be discussing preparing for a Skyline earthquake on April 10th. Her past lectures included: Kite flying in Tornados and Electrical Storms, Recreational Swimming in Flood Waters and Wildfire BBQ Tips.

La Honda Receives \$830 Million Federal Funds Intended for La Jolla



La Jolla Cove Beach

La Honda inadvertently received \$830 million federal dollars, which was intended for La Jolla, California. La Jolla is an affluent coastal community within San Diego. It had the highest home prices in the nation in 2009, and the median home price now is \$1.9 million, which is almost triple the median home value in **La Honda**. The La Jolla money was part of the \$1.3 trillion Omnibus Spending Bill recently passed by Congress and signed by President Trump.

Cuesta La Honda is currently in possession of the grant money and has unsuccessfully tried to return it. The federal grant administrator, Amy Stake, said it is such a hassle to take it back and La Honda would probably be able to use it as well as La Jolla, so to go ahead and keep it. She said the mix-up occurred because, “the ‘J’ in La Jolla is pronounced so weird...it sure sounded like La Honda to me”

The Cuesta Board of Directors is now considering keeping the money, although the grant requirements would require the building of a deepwater port in Reflection lake, a two-mile suspension bridge over La Honda creek and a La Honda subway system. The Cuesta Board assured the community that if they used these funds to finance the required projects, they would try not to affect the essential look and feel of the town.

Easter Tragedy Prank in La Honda



Only an overturned Easter basket and single rabbit's foot was found at the “crime scene”

Preliminary reports this morning indicated that the Easter Bunny, while hiding eggs for the Easter egg hunt in **La Honda**, was instead hunted himself and eaten by a mountain lion in the area. A single rabbit's foot alongside an overturned basket of pastel colored chocolate eggs was discovered in a field near Reflection Lake. San Mateo County Sheriffs taped off the apparent crime scene and began an investigation.

The California Mountain Lion Association immediately issued a brief statement denying any of its members ate the Easter Bunny or any other mythical creature. Many messages of sympathy to the Easter Bunny's family were sent, including from Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy, who say they have

been mistaken for home invaders and understand the dangers involved with the Bunny's work.

About an hour after the sheriffs arrived, the Easter Bunny revealed it was only an April Fool's Day prank, which happened to fall on the same day as Easter this year. The seemingly gruesome rabbit's foot at the crime scene actually turned out to just be the Easter Bunny's lucky rabbit foot keychain. After the prank was uncovered, the Easter eggs were hidden and most of the children unaware of the prank had a great time. However, some of the children who arrived early to the event and heard about the demise of the Easter bunny were inconsolable, and psychologists were brought in to treat their PTSD.

The Easter Bunny has since issued a formal apology to the Community.

New Species of LH Tree Discovered



The tree is an enigma to the scientists studying it

A strange new tree has been discovered near the town of **La Honda**. Genetic testing initially identified the tree as a type of Douglas fir, but the tree has features not known in other firs or even any other species of the plant kingdom. The trees grow very straight and reach a mature height of about 40 feet. No juvenile specimens have been found. The tree is structurally anchored, not by a traditional root system, but by an extension of the trunk about 6 feet into the ground. Unlike common Douglas Fir, no needles or leaves have been found, but perhaps this is a deciduous tree and leaves will appear farther into Spring. Most of the specimens also have three yellow stripes located several feet off the ground.

A unique feature of this new species is its ability to send out tendrils to other trees of the same species and communicate. The tendrils seem to consist of relatively pure copper, and scientists are unsure how the trees are able to extract the copper from soil even when the soil itself is relatively low in this metal. Some form of electronic communication between the trees appear to propagate across these tendrils – an amazing adaptation by nature. By following these tendrils, other instances of this species have been located.

While data is being gathered, several papers about this new species are being written for Nature magazine by renowned La Honda botanist Dr. Noah Lott. Although the trees have been discovered near La Honda, their exact locations have been kept hidden to avoid crowds damaging these rare plants and the delicate ecosystems around them