

The La Honda Voice



July 1, 2010

Recipe for a Great Weekend

by Craig Eddy

Take at least a dozen guitars, add as many or more singers, drummers and bass players, add assorted piano players, mix in booth after booth of colorful local art, crafts and jewelry, shake it up well and behold, another great La Honda Fair! Friends, neighbors, tourists and guests all came down to La Honda Garden to share in the perfect weekend. The new Market celebrated its grand opening, and Sullivans provided the BBQ and evening music. It's such a unique weekend when a little town like La Honda can put together a big time. (continued on page 2)



Gary Gates Band closes out Sunday at the La Honda Fair

Sully's to Surf

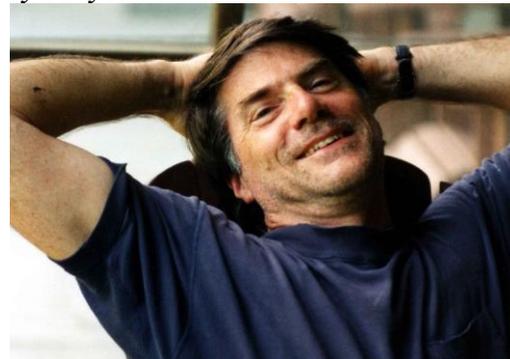
Sully's to Surf originated as the infamous Bar to Breakers Race from AJ's out to the coast "back in the day" as they say. Sullivan's Restaurant revived it last year and added their special touches like costumes, the La Honda Princess, Caroline Pisani, riding in a horse and buggy and great end of driveway experiences up and down Highway 84. A great time was had by all 60 participants, and the race made enough money for a donation to The Wave, a housing project in HMB for the mentally disabled. Proceeds... (continued on page 2)

La Honda Flea Market

Sunday, July 11th 10am-4pm
Spaces are still available \$25
Call Karen for Info at 747-0515

Meet Joe Cottonwood

by Terry Adams



35 years ago Joe Cottonwood bought a 600 sq ft cabin in La Honda, with no hot water, no heat, no stove, and developed it into a beautiful home that seems directly evolved out of the Redwood forest. Joe was born in the distant land of Maryland, but around age 7 a young friend moved to Palo Alto and sent back that magical postcard we've all seen, showing a car driving through a Redwood Tree; and that was it. He knew then that one day he would live around trees like that.

Joe Cottonwood has eight (8) novels out and is writing two more right now. That other La Honda novelist, Ken (Whats-his-name? oh, yes, Kesey! of course), only produced three novels. (continued on page 4)

The La Honda July 4th Picnic is still looking for volunteers, (details on page 2)

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Recipe for a Great Weekend

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Thanks to Paula Dennis and Jeff Ring who did the lion's share of the organizing. The raffle was a huge success this year thanks to the many people that bought up the tickets. The proceeds of the Fair go to the La Honda school music and art program. This community event is possible only because of the generosity of the musicians, artists, and volunteers. The real underwriter though is Charlie Catania who lets the Fair take place in the beautiful La Honda Gardens.

As MC for the weekend, it was a real pleasure to look out and see so many folks having a great time and all for a great cause. Thanks everyone for being part of the fun. Look for info on the upcoming July 4th celebration at Playbowl.

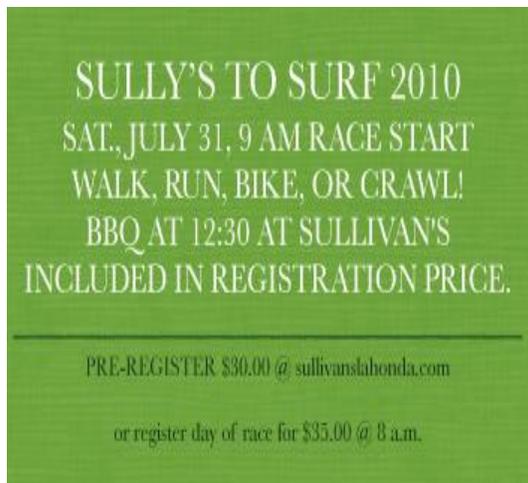
It's all about living in a town where it is so easy to be involved in the community.

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Sully's to Surf

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this year go to the local educational charity of the winning runner's choice. In 8 miles from Sullivan's Restaurant to San Gregorio Store, you can walk, bike, ride a horse or any other non-motorized form of transportation. Join us on Saturday, July 31st (pre-reg 8 am; race time 9) when our 2nd annual Sully's to Surf will take place followed by a BBQ back at Sullivan's starting at 12:30. BBQ, commemorative tee-shirt, and great end of drive way experiences included with registration. Teams encouraged to sign-up! Preregister now at <http://www.sullivanslahonda.com>



SULLY'S TO SURF 2010
SAT., JULY 31, 9 AM RACE START
WALK, RUN, BIKE, OR CRAWL!
BBQ AT 12:30 AT SULLIVAN'S
INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION PRICE.

PRE-REGISTER \$30.00 @ sullivanslahonda.com
or register day of race for \$35.00 @ 8 a.m.

The La Honda July 4th Picnic - Looking for Volunteers

Hi Everyone,

We are still looking for quite a few people to help out at this year's picnic hosted by the Cuesta La Honda Guild.

Here are some of the most-needed positions:

Cashier-Get a chance to greet everyone when they pay for their plates!

Clean Up- Clean up and Inventory volunteers get first shot at taking home leftovers! Clean up site, clear tables, break down tables, remove decorations.

Inventory- Clean up and Inventory volunteers get first shot at taking home leftovers! Make sure all the supplies get put back so we can find them next year.

Games-Help the kids have some fun after lunch. The games are already planned out; organizers just need a little assistance getting things going during the picnic.

Serving food- Another great chance to meet and greet people. Manage the potluck dishes (remove empties, make sure there are serving utensils) and refill platters of cooked chicken, garlic bread, plasticware, etc.

Other areas are set up (9am), beer booth, and crafts.

Please call or email me to volunteer or with any questions.
(Email xylenol@hotmail.com or Cheryl at 747-9436)



Guess who this is from last years Sully's to Surf

Rescue at La Honda Pool

by Terry Adams

The sun is finally out, and the La Honda swimming pool is once again a center of community activity. Gavin Morrell, Garrett Morris, and Danny Williams of the Cuesta Public Works staff have worked wonders to rescue the pool from winter storm damage and make the water clean and chemically perfect. Linda Meehan is the new Head lifeguard, organizing and scheduling eleven lifeguards to keep the pool open from noon to 6PM every day (except when it is too chilly)



On June 16th, Lifeguards Madeline Downing and Tenaya Bennett rescued a child who was actively drowning and began to sink while taking a swim test. Thanks to the quick and cool action of these two young folks, a tragedy was averted. The child was fine within minutes. It was not necessary to call 911. It is easy to gloss-over a small event like this, but our community owes thanks to Madeline and Tenaya.

Similar, but less dramatic incidents like this one occur with some regularity. Sylvie Paris recently swam to the aid of a child who was not actively drowning, but who was asking for help. Let's hope they don't all have to be tested this way, but let's thank all our lifeguards in advance for their caring vigilance.

Our Lifeguards this year are: The Head Lifeguard is Linda Meehan. Regular Lifeguards are: Kathy Wolf, Sylvie Paris, Lyle Roberti, Caleb Beckett, Madeline Downing, Kelsey Downing, Laura Metrulas, Cloe Hussey, Tenaya

Bennett, Hannah Nolan, and Jenna Swanson.

Also, credit is due for the behind-the-scenes effort to streamline and clarify pool rules, finances, etc, to the Guild Board, particularly to Randy Vail, and to Shirley Bortoli in the Office.

If you have questions about the pool, don't hesitate to call the Guild Office at 747-0361, or Linda Meehan at 747-0347, or email Kathy Wolf (our e-com liaison) at kathyw@southcoast.net.

Watershed Data Available Online

by Neil Panton

Did you know you could read reports and studies done in the San Gregorio watershed online?

The San Gregorio Environmental Resource Center, with help from its partners, have collected and scanned documents going back as early as 1942 and made them available as .pdf files online. The website address of the San Gregorio Watershed Information System is <http://sgreg.stillwatersci.com>. The site is hosted by Stillwater Sciences, still an active partner in collecting data in the watershed and adding it to the database.

You will find everything from handwritten reports in small tributaries by Fish & Game to large studies done by the San Francisco Estuary Institute and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. Topics range from fish surveys to road inventories to rainfall and flow data. Scientists, students and interested members of the public can make use of the information in this database for their own projects or studies. Some of it just makes for darn interesting reading!

If you know of scientific studies performed in the watershed, or have data to contribute to this valuable database, please contact the SGERC office at (650) 726-2499, or email sgerc@sanmateo.org.

10th Anniversary of the Driscoll Ranch Rodeo on July 23-25:

For the Rodeo Entry Form Packet (All entries MUST be mailed) Mail Completed Entry Form, signed release, check or money order by July 14, 2010

BBQ SATURDAY NIGHT!

ADDED MONEY!

FREE PARKING!

FREE ENTRY FOR CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER!
(must be accompanied by Adult)

**FREE CONCERT SATURDAY NIGHT WITH RODEO
TICKET!**

Go to <http://www.driscollranches.com/> for additional information

Meet Joe Cottonwood

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Like Wally, the hero of his recent novel, 'Clear Heart,' Joe is a General Contractor who has put bread on the table primarily by working "over the hill" where money and houses change faster than around here. Unlike Wally, he has never been crucified to a 'King' post by a souped-up, run-away, pneumatic nail gun named "Debbie Doofus," but he has suffered other injuries (including a wooden stake driven into his hand), and has 'walked the walk' of the principled, rural, physically vital working men who he writes about with fascinating insight.

His path to La Honda went through Washington University in St. Louis where he became an English Major, despite being 'programmed' by his parents to become a scientist. By the time he graduated, leaving the student deferment behind, the Viet Nam war was heating up and as sure as he knew giant Redwoods were good, he knew war was not. He traveled to California hoping only for a final look at those BIG Trees, before what he assumed was going to be an ex-patriation to Canada. The massacre at Kent State happened while Joe was en route to California, and he remembers the odor of tear gas in Berkeley, where he stopped on the way.

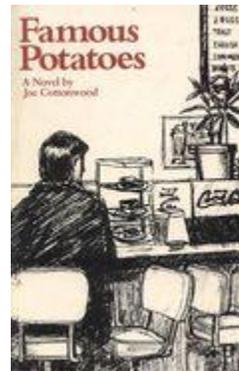
Joe's daughter was born on a waterbed under a pine tree lit by an August full moon in the backyard of a hippy 'semi-commune' called "Wagon Wheels" on Alpine Road. The midwife was June Witson (RIP), another name from the lore of La Honda, who eventually lured Joe and Barbara (Joe and Barbara first dated in 1964!) to complete the transformation to La Hondans. As well as most of his novels, all Joe's children grew up in La Honda. Joe left his mark on Alpine Road however, by painting signs saying "FAR IN" and "FAR OUT" which exist to this day, to show folks the way to a now different, but similar group of small cabins off Alpine Road. Joe has a novel in progress that takes place up and down that stretch of road, where the suburban life and the truly rural life still find themselves in conflict.

Joe joined, and continues to support the group of local artists that originally formed in the early

1970's around Will Schmidt (another La Honda legend). The group has continued in many forms, recently meeting in the home of local artist and writer, Lynnette Vega. Joe currently co-hosts "Lit Night" on the last Wednesday of each month at Sullivan's Restaurant.

Joe almost received an "F" for his first novel, due to poor class attendance, at Washington University. But when he handed in the manuscript the instructor recognized a talent the likes of other WU faculty, Howard Nemerov, William Gass, Stanley Elkin, and Robert Coover. And though he had been keeping a journal all through High School, and had written his first story in the 4th grade, "A Dog Named Caesar," it took (his future wife) Barbara's encouragement to persuade him completely away from a career in science, into the life of a committed writer. Most writers have a "Day Job," as Joe has his carpentry, but Joe has lived one of the modest dreams all writers aspire to. He actually made enough money from his novels to support some

dedicated writing time for a short while.



His novel "Famous Potatoes," first published in 1978, by Delacorte Press/Seymour Lawrence, New York, has been translated into 7 languages. It is still currently available, and selling well as an

'ebook.' You can find it at smashwords.com. The Italian company, Mattioli 1885, brought Joe to Italy in 2009 to promote the re-release of "Famous Potatoes" in translation. The "Famous Potato" hero, Willie Crusoe, is "...on the lam from a spurious murder charge, with an aching heart and broken balls ... from the Mushroom Mountain Sanitarium in the hills of West Virginia, via highways, bus stations, and cheap diners in Philadelphia, St. Louis and points between to a lost gold mine in the sky-high Rockies of Idaho." (from the Famous Potatoes book jacket).

To me, the novel up-dates Kerouac's "On The Road," into a 1960s and 70s rite of passage that is more down to earth and respectful of the "...great many warm, loving, genuinely beautiful people buried (like potatoes) beneath the

slickness of a prosperous, straight, suburban America." (from the Famous Potatoes book jacket).



"Clear Heart" deserves as much or more kudos as "Famous Potatoes" in my book because it reveals the exciting, though seemingly common dramas of the independent American tradesman who is as alienated from accounting and tax-discipline as from the

arrogant "Snots" who pay reluctantly for the hard, dangerous work. The novel also gives us a glimpse into the lives of folks who gravitate to the trades, at least for some part of their lives - the runaway young woman "Frog Girl," the graduating scholar who already wants out of the parental-corporate complex "Abe," the escapee from a brush with crime, too canny and quick for his own good, "Juke." These are the folks who name their tools, find some tools haunted, and learn how to make their work come alive.

Joe's novels are "Quake," "The Adventures of Boone Barnaby," "Danny Ain't," "The Naked Computer," "Famous Potatoes," "Babcock," "Frank City Goodbye," and "Clear Heart." He also has a book of poetry called "Son of a Poet." He is working on two more novels, but his current passion is podcasting. If you want to hear Joe's podcasts, go to iTunes and search for "Joe Cottonwood." Joe has involved some young, local talent to add dramatic voices to his podcasts. Caroline Graham, a student at Pescadero High School, has a starring role in two of the features. Joe also has a blog at clearheartblog.blogspot.com and an official web site at joecottonwood.com.

Haiku

by David LeCount

angel gull
out of the salty fog
shadows the sand

along the shore
a driftwood fire
hisses salt

the wind shapes
the sand dune
shapes the wind

Mindego Hill Opening Space

by Randy Vail

On Friday, June 25th, at 1:30 pm the Use and Management Committee of the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District held a special meeting to decide on the development of trails in the Mindego Hill Open Space.

Originally purchased by POST from long time land owners, the True family, Mindego Hill was subsequently purchased by MROSD with the agreement that they would provide public access to the top of the hill by the summer of 2011.

The committee decided to proceed with the first of two options of a planned trail route to the top of the hill from the gate that connects it to the adjacent Russian Ridge Open Space. Several studies of native wildlife, including the protected San Francisco Garter Snake, are underway before further development will take place.

However, it seems likely that the Option 2 trail, which includes an existing road on the property, will eventually be opened, and there is the possibility that the two trails will be connected to create a loop around the hill.

Initially, the trail will be open only to hikers, but in a year or so, pending the outcomes of the various studies, the trail may be opened to equestrian users and possibly mountain bikers.

The process of creating a trail involves the approval of various agencies and various permits and necessitates many considerations of steepness, views of the hill, lines of sight on the trails, views from the trail, trail routes through various vegetation areas and wildlife habitats, and the potentially conflicting interests of public users.

At the meeting, the possibility of eventually connecting the Mindego trails with the Cuesta La Honda Guild trails was raised. Some of the committee members seemed amenable to the prospect of potentially connecting the Mindego Open Space with the La Honda Open Space.

However, discussion, decision, approval, and action are lengthy and involved processes that will take years. In the meantime, initial public access to this beautiful and majestic open space - in our own backyard - is now only one year

away.

The following is a brief history of Mindego Hill from <http://www.gomindego.org/history.php>. "People have lived on Mindego Hill since 500 A.D., beginning with the Ramaytush Costanoans, a group of Native American hunter-gatherers. They thrived in the area until the early 1800s, when immigrants arrived to settle the West.

In 1859, Juan Mendico, a Basque farmer and the first non-native settler, established a homestead and cattle ranch here. Historian Bud Foss, in his 1941 book *History of La Honda*, describes the California Grizzly Bear that once frequented Mindego Hill, and how in 1885 they got away with seven of Juan's calves. Interestingly, in the Basque language, Juan Mendico's name means "John of the Mountain"—a prophetic coincidence, considering the property was eventually named for him as "Mindego" Hill.

In 1954, Admiral Arnold True, a World War II veteran and professor of meteorology, and his wife, Corinne, purchased Mindego Hill, where they continued the ranching traditions of the land. In 1977, their son Chris took over management of the ranch and later began raising Brahman and Angus cattle as well as a cross of the two breeds for rodeo bull-riding. Admiral True passed away in 1979, and Mrs. True passed away in late 2006. The couple always treasured the natural beauty of their land and spoke often of preserving it. In honor of their parents' wishes, the True family finalized an agreement with POST to protect the land permanently. Thanks to our mutual goal of land conservation, we all have a unique opportunity to save Mindego Hill for generations to come."

Reflections "76" -- A Book Review *by Mary Bordi*

Reflections "76" is a slim, paperback La Honda Elementary School yearbook. The pages were obviously cut and pasted and captioned by typewriter before being sent to the School Annual Publishing Company in Kansas City, MO for printing. This was a labor of love, produced in 1976 without the aid of computers.

In that red-white-and-blue Bicentennial year, Jimmy Carter was elected President, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (the movie) garnered

five academy awards and the National Academy of Science determined that gases from spray cans could damage the earth's ozone layer. None of this was mentioned in *Reflections "76"*, however.

La Honda Elementary school buildings were 16 years old in 1976 with a new Multi-Use Room. Consisting of grades kindergarten through eighth, the school served around 145 students who arrived by bus from the far corners of the district. All classes were split grades except for kindergarten and eighth. It's difficult to determine the class sizes because the yearbook is laid out by grade, not classroom. The seventh grade, with twelve students, was the smallest while kindergarten, with 20 students, was the largest. Six regular teachers and a learning disability teacher handled the workload.

Mr. Bickmore was the District Superintendent/Principal; Mrs. Tainter, secretary; Mrs. Silva, librarian. Bus drivers were Gayle O'Connor and Lois Marcil.

By this time you've figured out this isn't really a book review but a description of a piece of history.

The music department, under the guidance of Mr. Raney, consisted of Beginning and



Advanced Guitar as well as Band. The band picture shows ten members.

Cheerleaders as well as Pom Pom Girls inspired the La Honda Bandits Basketball team to victory. Between them they rated a three page spread.

Other sections include **1988** (what will eighth graders be doing then?), **Activities**, **Polls** (best dancers, best dressed, eyes...) and **Candid**s. The pictures on the **Moments to Remember**, **Candid**s and **Activities** pages are a little difficult to make out (you probably just had to be there) but one stands out. Titled "Snowed In," it shows a group of kids playing in a rare snowfall on school playground equipment that would nowadays be classified as unsafe.

Not noted in the yearbook but worth remembering was the lunch time Snitch Box

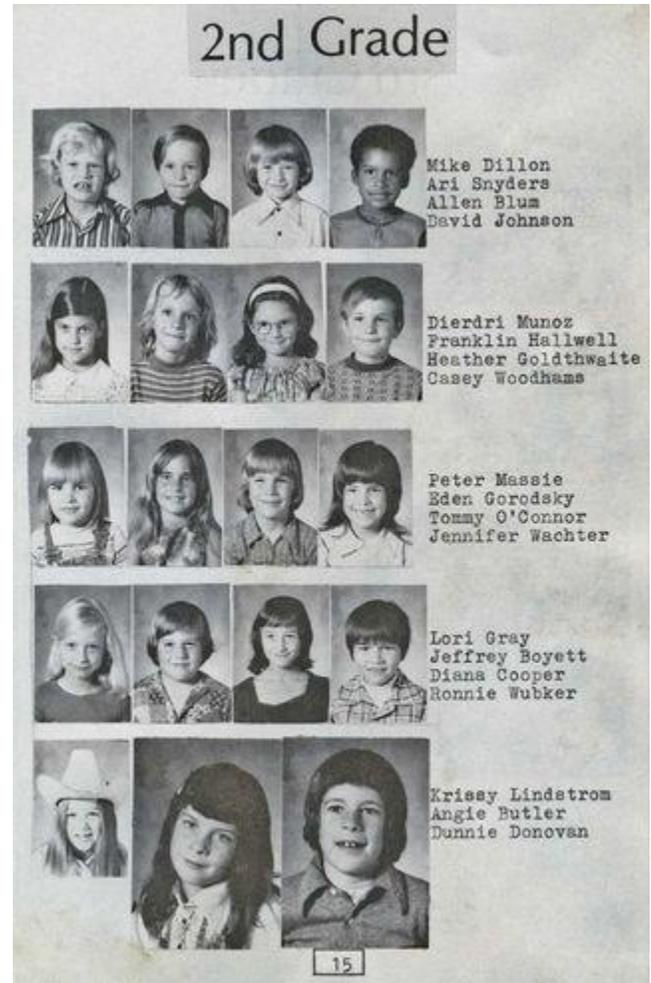
where students could put items from their lunch bags that they didn't want, for others to "snitch," so the food did not go to waste. And also not noted was kindergarten teacher Gowan Ratliff's famous money raising bake sales outside the Post Office. What didn't sell went into the freezer to be thawed for the next bake sale.

Near the front of the book is a wonderful aerial photo of the school and surroundings--at a time when Google Earth's inventor was probably just a kid himself. (No, not at La Honda School.)

As the 1976 kindergartners celebrate their 40th birthdays, one might wonder what has become of the students in the nine grades of La Honda Elementary that year. Some have moved out of state or out of the country. At least one has passed away. Some are reconnecting on Facebook. But some of these former students regularly return to the Multi-Use Room to watch their own children in school drama productions, fifth grade graduations and other activities. They still live here. By the way, can you find today's Principal in the second grade picture?

This book is long out of print. You'll have a hard time finding it on eBay or the used book web sites because nowhere in the **Reflections "76"** yearbook is "La Honda" even mentioned. It was just so obvious to all...

*This copy of **Reflections "76"** will be placed in the archives of the La Honda Historical Society. Names of students have not been mentioned in the text in order to protect the "innocent."*



School's out (and in) for summer

by Randy Vail

On the way to the senior dinner for the Pescadero High graduating class of 2010, I was playing the kids a little Alice Cooper to add to an already fully articulated mood of summertime, easy livin', no more pencils, no more books, etc. Chronically infected with senioritis, I felt those kids, at least for awhile, could revel in a modicum of degenerate freedom - the euthanasia of learning for youth in America.

However, earlier that day I'd experienced the caustic and abrasive backlash of juniors, doomed to another year of school, having been given a summer reading and writing assignment. Aghast, yet unsurprised, was I at their desire to wallow for weeks in a cesspool of slack. Tragically, for many, the default setting is "the void."

I need only to hearken to Gladwell's "Outliers" for evidence of the power of summer school, summer programs, summer learning to continue the advances of an annual academic program of learning. Not compelling evidence for teenagers, unfortunately. So, here is my point...

Give yourself some summer school, an assignment, a project, a plan! It is not "the void," it is an opportunity!

That thing, that project, that dream, desire, unrequited love of self - give it its due. Vacation, frolic, have fun and be fancy free - but do your homework!

Thus, I propose for everyone a summer assignment: reading, writing, thinking, doing, something that makes you better, happier, more of the expert you want to be. Don't do it for a grade, nor for your teacher, or for someone else's expectations - do it for yourself. Me, I'm writing, doing some art, reading a bunch, and planning for personal greatness - perhaps whilst lounging at the pool. What about you?

Good luck...

"Bandit Built" Store Back in Town

By Bob Dougherty

The La Honda Historical Society obtained a model of the "Bandit Built" Store on a loan from the San Mateo County History Museum during the weekend of the La Honda Fair and Country Music Festival. Interestingly, the model that the Historical Society thought they were receiving was an interior view of the store, which was built by Eudele Towne around 1960. The one they actually received was an exterior view. The two models were similar, so they were probably both built by Eudele Towne, although the San Mateo County History Museum couldn't verify it. Since then the San Mateo County History Museum found the other model, and the La Honda Historical Society plans to display it in the near future.

Thanks to Pam McReynolds, Joseph Kral, Cindy Crowe-Urgo, Kathy Wolf and Sheri Jansen-Olliges for guarding the "Bandit Built" store model this past weekend at the Store, and Cindy and Mike Urgo for bringing a display light. The event turned out to be a great opportunity to meet current and former La Honda residents.



Joseph Kral and Cindy Crowe-Urgo "guarding" the model (<http://www.lahondahistorical.org>)

The Half Moon Bay Library, Summer Reading and the Bookmobile!

By Karen Choy

Summer is in full swing: the pool's open, BBQ's on the grill, and nature's gorgeous mountains and beaches are ripe for exploration. As you pack your beach bag or backpack for the day's activities, don't forget to add a little something extra for yourself and the kids: books!

This year, Half Moon Bay Library, is encouraging families to read together by

participating in the Summer Reading Program. It's an easy and fun way to spend time together and ensure that kids maintain and improve their reading skills. When you read aloud to a young child, listen to a book on CD during a road trip, or spend time talking to your children about what they're reading, you're fostering their love for books and reading, which will in turn help them thrive at school and become lifelong readers.

Participating in Summer Reading is easy: pick up a reading log at the Half Moon Bay Library or Bookmobile. Kids (infants through 5th grade) keep track of their reading time throughout summer, with the goal of reading 10 hours total. When a child completes the log, s/he is awarded prizes, including a free book. Teens and adults may also participate in the Summer Reading Program by simply submitting short book reviews. Participating teens and adults will be entered in separate weekly raffles for prizes.

In addition to family reading time, Half Moon Bay Library also offers many opportunities for entertaining family outings. All summer long, we're hosting several spectacular programs including: musician Pam Donkin, Wild Things animal program, Magic Dan, ventriloquist Steve Chaney, a fairy princess tea party, movie and gaming nights, and a "Froggy" program based on the popular picture book series by Jonathan London. We are also offering free weekly educational and enrichment programs for kids such as: storytime, knitting for kids, kids and teen crafts, Loteria, and G.L.O.B. (Gross Library, Oh Boy!: learn to make slime, Jurassic Poop, dissect owl pellets, build contraptions, and more). For exact dates and times, please pick up a schedule of events at the library or visit our Web site (<http://www.smcl.org>).

Need a fresh supply of books/magazines/DVDs/music but can't make it to Half Moon Bay? With our Bookmobile, we bring the library to La Honda! Our big green & blue bus is fully-loaded with items to please babies, kids, teens, and adults. The Bookmobile offers bestsellers, items featured in the news, standards and old favorites, and Summer Reading books for Pescadero Middle and High School students. An added bonus: the Bookmobile will bring you any item within our system-wide catalog, free of charge. Simply use our catalog (<http://catalog.plsinfo.org>), place a hold on the item using your library card, and

pick it up from the Bookmobile the next time it rolls into town. (The bookmobile schedule is on the La Honda calendar and is also available online at <http://www.smcl.org/en/content/bookmobile>). In addition to Bookmobile, Half Moon Bay Library is planning on bringing other services to La Honda, including summer Storytime and craft programs. Details are coming soon!

CRIME

Redwood City teen convicted of second-degree murder

(excerpts from the SJMN, by Shaun Bishop http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_15232228?nclick_check=1)

“A Redwood City gang member who fatally stabbed a 23-year-old man in 2008 about a month after escaping from a San Mateo County juvenile probation camp was convicted Friday of second-degree murder. The jury deliberated less than three hours before finding Adrian Sedano, 18, guilty of killing Ramon Buenrostro during a street fight in Redwood City....Sedano had escaped from the low-security La Honda juvenile facility Camp Glenwood about a month before the killing. Gutierrez is suing the county for negligence, claiming it failed to secure the camp and should not have put Sedano there.”

Local Theft from Truck

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/22427>

“Someone stole a sleeping bag and box of car tools from my son's truck last (Jun 12) night. It was between 2:30AM and 8:30AM. The truck was parked on the road by our gate at the top of Cuesta Real. The truck was unlocked”

19-year-old pleads no contest to DUI, theft

(excerpts from the HMB Review <http://www.halfmoonbayreview.com/articles/2010/06/23/news/doc4c2248db8b2a6312672084.txt>)

“A La Honda teenager pleaded no contest last week to charges that he was responsible for causing an accident and later for stealing cashier's checks. Nineteen-year-old defendant Steven Wilson was originally arrested in December for crashing into a passing car and then colliding with a parked vehicle...Two weeks later he was arrested again when he was caught with illegal items including a stolen checkbook, burglary tools and drug paraphernalia...”

Pool Party

by Karen Delee

On Friday, June 25th, a teen pool party was held at the newly redone clubhouse. The pool was open with lifeguards until 8 pm. Peter, Celia and your own Postmaster Karen flipped burgers and cooked dogs for dinner. A movie started at eight - *Men in Black* was the selection. The ping pong table was set up, darts were played, and Lou brought pool table balls and a rack for games of pool. A good time was had by all.

Look for the next date coming soon and tell your friends, it will be even more fun! Special Thanks to Celia and Peter for shopping for the food and sponsoring, as Cuesta residents, the event.

Smart Meters?

Several people in the area reported having difficulty with the new PG&E smart meters being read or being read correctly. (which is probably not surprising if it involves wireless transmissions where meters are located in remote areas.)

The article below addresses some of the issues that have been seen in the area.

(excerpts are from the sfgate, by David Baker at http://articles.sfgate.com/2010-05-31/news/21651552_1_smartmeter-program-silver-spring-networks-pacific-gas)

“ Since last summer, California's largest utility has faced a customer uprising over the meters, which were designed to measure power use with precision and wirelessly transmit their data to PG&E. Angry homeowners have accused the meters of gross inaccuracy, blaming them for monthly bills that in some cases doubled without warning...PG&E SmartMeters ...send their data to PG&E through "access points," receivers typically placed on telephone poles. While some meters contact the access points directly, most transmit their data to other meters nearby, the information taking several "hops" before it finally reaches a meter communicating with an access point. That system works for the vast majority of meters. But in some cases, meters have had trouble reaching the network, or reaching it on a regular basis. Customers may receive estimated bills as a result. The meters may be located in an area where PG&E has just started installing SmartMeters and there aren't yet enough meters and access points nearby for the network to work. "Then we install more,"

said Eric Dresselhuys, chief marketing officer for Silver Spring Networks, the Redwood City company that designed the network and makes communications components for the meters. "The problem self-cures as we build out the system." Or, individual meters may be located in rooms with poor wireless reception. Moving the meter can solve the problem. So can connecting it to an antenna that leads outside the room."

If you want to register a complaint about your SmartMeter, contact:
PG&E: Customer service at (800) 743-5000 or
State: California Public Utilities Commission at (800) 649-7570

Other Local Excerpts

Woodside Restaurant Profile:

Alice's Restaurant

(excerpt from the Examiner
<http://www.examiner.com/x-54247-Redwood-City-Coffeeshop-Examiner~y2010m6d18-Woodside-Restaurant-Profile-Alices-Restaurant>)

"You may not be able to get everything you want at [Alice's Restaurant](#) in Woodside, but the historic eatery certainly is popular enough to attract many repeat customers from the San Francisco peninsula and beyond. Not only does the comfort food/burger menu have a little something for everyone, but the scenic journey in a car or motorcycle is quite gratifying as travelers navigate a winding mountain road past towering redwoods and a breathtaking view of the South Bay. Obviously, [Alice's Restaurant](#) is a popular spot for motorcyclists to rendezvous, but many locals and tourists stop there as well..."

Nitrate contamination widespread among Central Coast farmers

(excerpt from the SJMN, by Julia Scott
http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_15382234?source=rss&nclick_check=1)

"The cause of nitrate problems at Marchi's Central Farm is no mystery to county public health officials. It was noted several times over the years, including a water-system inspection record from 2004. 'A likely source of the nitrate contamination is fertilizer application adjacent to the well,' the inspector wrote... experts with the Pacific Institute have estimated that at least 1 million Californians have dangerous levels of nitrates in their domestic wells..."

Dangerous levels of E. coli also found in Pescadero water supply

(excerpt from the SJMN, by Julia Scott
http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_15282300?nclick_check=1)

"Nitrates weren't the only contaminant in the water supply at Marchi's Central Farms. Testing in May revealed dangerously high levels of E. coli and other bacteria as well. Samples taken from several locations at two labor camps May 24 showed traces of total coliform in the water, an indicator of bacteria considered unsafe to drink in any amount... It's not clear whether residents of Marchi's labor camps were drinking the spring water piped into their homes for several years... Animal manure is a common source of E. coli, which can be carried downstream and often ends up on beaches before washing into the ocean. "

Clouds lift a bit over La Honda-Pescadero school district

(excerpt from the SJMN, by Julia Scott
http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_15355262)

"Summer has come to Pescadero, and with it some welcome news — the La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District has ended the school year on solid financial footing for the first time in a long time. The small rural school district has rebounded from a series of crises after the mismanagement of millions of dollars in school construction bonds, according to San Mateo County officials assigned to take control of the district's finances last year. ..The reserves will diminish substantially, however, if the school district does not make further cuts in the coming years... Starting in September, the middle school will be split because there aren't enough modular classrooms to house the students. Seventh- and eighth-graders will study at the high school campus, while sixth-graders will travel to La Honda Elementary School."

Peregrines in Loma Mar

(excerpt by Jordan Swank
http://www.sialia.com/s/calists.pl?rm=message;i_d=369566)

"...observed an attempt by two peregrines on a gull (probably western) here in Loma Mar... They did not succeed in taking the gull who flew up Pescadero Creek towards Worley Meadow. It was a quite a contest between the three birds..."

CHOCOLATE MAYONNAISE CAKE

2 cups flour
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. soda

1 tsp. brown sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
4 Tblsp. cocoa

Sift dry ingredients together four times. Add 1 cup water in 3 additions. Add 3/4 cup mayonnaise. Add 1 tsp. vanilla. Pour into cake pans. Bake at 350°F. for 20 minutes.

Icing

Boil 3/4 cup brown sugar with 3 Tblsp. milk. Combine with powdered sugar to desired consistency.

*** by MRS. CAROL CIPRIANO

**La Honda
Chocolate Mayonnaise Cake**

The recipe to the left was part of a cookbook used to raise money for La Honda Elementary School in the 1960s.

Thanks to Carol Cipriano for the recipe and Karen Delee for finding it. (I haven't asked Angie Quinn yet whether this

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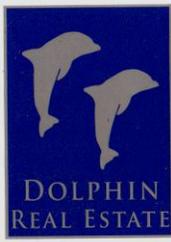


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- The above information is deemed to be accurate but is not guaranteed.



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Additional Calendar Details

4 July – Cuesta Annual July 4th Picnic

Local musicians providing music in the jam format. Pot luck and games. Usually starts around 11:30

11 July - La Honda Flea Market

10am-4pm; Spaces are still available \$25; Call Karen for Info at 747-0515

23-25 July - 10th Anniversary of the Driscoll Ranch Rodeo

For the Rodeo Entry Form Packet (All entries MUST be mailed) Mail Completed Entry Form, signed release, check or money order by July 14, 2010

BBQ SATURDAY NIGHT! ADDED MONEY! FREE PARKING! FREE ENTRY FOR CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER! (must be accompanied by Adult) FREE CONCERT SATURDAY NIGHT WITH RODEO TICKET! Go to <http://www.driscollranches.com/> for additional information

31 July – Sully’s to Surf

(pre-reg 8 am; race time 9) when our 2nd annual Sully’s to Surf will take place followed by a BBQ back at Sullivan’s starting at 12:30. BBQ, commemorative tee-shirt, and great end of drive way experiences included with registration. Teams encouraged to sign-up! Preregister now at <http://www.sullivanlahonda.com>

Notes about the calendar details:

- 1) **The music schedule is usually fluid, but events will be added, when possible, in future months**
- 2) **The times are as accurate as possible at the time the calendar is printed – it is always best to check with the event coordinator or location for changes.**
- 3) **Event titles may be cut short – go to the website: www.lahonda.com and select item for additional details**

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July 2010
La Honda Events Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Field Day - Ham Radio 3pm - Saxyman @	28	29 2pm - Bookmobile @ LH	30 7pm - Lit Night @	1	2 7:30pm - Bundy 9:30pm - Lighthouse @	3 7:30pm - John Henry's 9:30pm - Walls @ AJ's
4 Independence Day 11:30am - Picnic 9:30pm - Gommorans	5	6	7 7:30pm - Cuesta BOD	8 7pm - LH Historical	9 7:30pm - Saxyman and 9:30pm - 415 @ AJ's	10 7:30pm - Deke Rivers 9:30pm - Saxyman @
11 10am - LH Flea Mkt	12	13 2pm - Bookmobile	14	15	16 7:30pm - Lighthouse @ 9:30pm - Blue @ AJ's	17 11am - Bookmobile @ 12pm - Creekside Jam 7:30pm - Karmic
18 9:30pm - Country	19	20	21 7:30pm - Cuesta BOD	22 9:30pm - Juncos @ AJ's	23-24 Driscoll Ranch Rodeo 7:30pm - Wildwood 9:30pm - The Bone 7:30pm - The Puppies 9:30pm - John Wayne	
25 Driscoll Ranch Rodeo	26	27 2pm - Bookmobile @ La	28 7pm - Lit Night @	29	30 7:30pm - The Day Late 9:30pm - T & Company	31 9am - 9am, Sullys to 1pm - Saxyman and the 7:30pm - Wishbone Tue 9:30pm - Stones On