

# *The La Honda Voice*

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## **La Honda to Secede from Nation**

La Honda, California announced a plan to formally secede from the rest of the Union. La Honda submitted an intention of secession last week to the State Department, as required by law. One resident of La Honda commented that this bold action was taken because the town was "sick and tired of being ignored by the County, State, Feds, friends, relatives, stray dogs, feral cats and strangers." An angry mob met last night carrying pitchforks and torches and demanded their right to secede. After about 10 minutes the crowd turned into an evening work crew, cleaning up litter and weeding the playground.

Branch Davidian supporters for the La Honda secession movement arrived on Tuesday from Waco, Texas, but apparently were offended and subsequently left after the President of the La Honda Board of Directors accidentally mispronounced their hometown as "wacko."

In a strange and confusing twist, the Department of Agriculture inadvertently received La Honda's desire to secede and thought that the town was requesting help to succeed. The Department sent a \$2.3 million grant to La Honda on the condition that the town only grows  
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## **Reflection Lake Declared a National Park**

Reflection Lake, the gem of La Honda, now has received full recognition for its beauty along with other national treasures like Yosemite and Yellowstone Parks. Amazingly, just last year, the lake was on the Superfund Cleanup list of hazardous waste sites. The National Park Service was contacted about this sudden change of status, but even they could not explain the reasoning.

President Bush arrived at a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week for the Park and accidentally began his dedication speech facing a large nearby puddle he mistakenly assumed was Reflection Lake. His first words were an  
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## **La Honda Sued by Honda Corp for Trademark Infringement**

Honda Corporation is suing the town of La Honda for using the name "Honda." This case is the first of its kind, and is being watched carefully by legal experts.

Honda President and CEO Takeo Fukui threatened to use all resources at his disposal to prevent defamation by the town of La Honda to his Corporation. A concerned La Honda community met in an emergency meeting and decided to

**(Trademark - from page 1)** change the name of La Honda to La Hyundai, which is an old Spanish word meaning "Land of shell-less mollusks." This move is hoped to avoid costs associated with litigation. One resident seemed relieved and commented that she was sure this would prevent other similarly frivolous lawsuits by other companies.



Honda President and CEO Takeo Fukui discussing the La Honda issue

**(Reflection Lake Park - from page 1)** impromptu complaint about the smell near the lake, apparently in reference to a bad septic system overflowing just upstream from the Lake. Although the Dedication Ceremony was brief, the President spent the rest of the evening at Apple Jack's Tavern until he was refused service at 2AM. The president then declared war on the mosquitoes and ordered an aircraft carrier moved near the California coast in support of the effort.

Senator Kerry, who on record opposed Reflection Lake National Park, was present for the ceremony and gave a short speech indicating that he had apparently changed his mind about the park. However, later in the day he admitted that he might change his mind about changing his mind about the new Park after all.

Reflection Lake, the smallest of our national parks, shelters a unique habitat - home to many unusual and endangered creatures, including a species of frog that has two extra legs growing out of its back. French tourists have already begun to arrive, seeking to view these unusual amphibians, along with our rare banana slugs.

A 30-story administration building will be built next to Reflection Lake in 2008. This building and the adjoining parking area will require logging about 80 acres of redwoods. An approximately 25 by 25 square foot area for camping is also being developed, if funds are available. 11.2 million dollars are budgeted in the next fiscal year to maintain the lake and nearby environment in its current pristine and natural state. (for additional information see <http://www.nps.gov/parks.html> )



Unique Frog Species found only in La Honda's Reflection Lake

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soybeans and kiwi fruit (See <http://www.usda.gov/nonprofi.htm> for specific grant information.)

Town members have already voted a name for their new country as, "The Folks who Live Over the Hill," after "The People's Independent and United Democratic Confederation of the Republic of the Kingdom of the La Honda Commonwealth" was narrowly rejected.

The La Honda Treasurer has begun printing money on a photocopy machine in anticipation of the announcement of the new nation of La Honda. Most details of the currency are sketchy, remaining secret within the Directors' executive sessions. However, the \$20 denomination reportedly has the image of Jerry Garcia surrounded by an intricate Peter Max pattern in DayGlo colors.

### **La Honda Submits a Bid for the 2012 Olympics**

In what most experts call a "long shot," the town of La Honda has submitted a bid to the International Olympic Committee to host the 2012 Summer Olympics instead of New York. Other remaining contenders to host the 2012 Olympics are Paris, Moscow, London and Madrid. See this link for further details: [http://www.olympic.org/uk/news/events/117\\_session/index\\_uk.asp](http://www.olympic.org/uk/news/events/117_session/index_uk.asp)). The one page proposal states that, if chosen, the La Honda Olympic events would occur at the current pool, tennis courts, horse rink, playground, pool and LHS soccer field with only minor upgrades. Utilizing current resources should reduce

the cost of hosting the Olympics substantially.

The New Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff, is supporting La Honda's bid, saying, "No terrorist will even be able to find this place, and if they do, they will be too nauseous from the winding roads to want to cause trouble.

The one remaining concern that local residents have is that the cost of the Summer Olympics in 2004 at Athens, Greece exceeded \$10 billion. See <http://www.smh.com.au/olympics/articles/2004/08/04/1091557922701.html>. Since the cost of the 2012 Olympics is expected to exceed this amount, the La Honda Board of Directors is considering a special assessment to make up the difference.

### **La Honda Guild Clubhouse Declared a "Mystery Spot"**

The La Honda Guild Clubhouse may have some of the same unusual properties as the Santa Cruz Mystery Spot according to paranormal experts. Although most local residents attribute the strange lightheaded sensation at the Clubhouse to the tilted floor, others aren't so sure. An investigative group from the Santa Cruz Mystery Spot contends that the chills felt in the clubhouse are from wandering spirits, not a poor heater as locals believe. The investigative group also reported feeling an apparent increase in their body size while sitting in some areas of the building. However a local resident pointed out that they might have felt this way because they were sitting in the pre-school chairs that were stored at the Clubhouse.

## Rare Exotic Animals Spotted Near Applejacks

A series of rare nocturnal sightings have occurred near Applejacks Bar recently, almost all between 1:00 and 2:30AM. Last week, shortly before being arrested for drunk in public, a local resident claimed to have seen a dodo bird riding a pink hedgehog. More recently, a visitor told a local sheriff that he saw a platypus playing chess with a leprechaun. (The La Honda Voice later learned that the man was discovered sticking his ignition key into a tree in an apparent case of mistaken identity.) Eminent zoologists from several international universities, the Smithsonian Institute, and other renowned institutes of natural history have arrived in La Honda hoping to substantiate these sightings.

Coincidental, but probably unrelated, a sighting of Neil Young occurred near the same location last year.

## LH Public Works Employee selling "elixir of life"

A La Honda Public Works employee has been ordered by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to stop bottling water from the new filter treatment plant as an *elixir vitae* (elixir of life).

The water, being sold online and through mail-order, is claimed to prevent rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, lumbago, consumption, toothache, sprains, swellings, frost bites, bruises, sore throat, bites of insects and reptiles, and 112 other illnesses and problems.

The unidentified public works employee however argued, "It must work - I don't have any of these problems." After a thorough physical examination of the

employee, The FDA reluctantly had to agree, and is now processing an application to legally sell this "magical" water.



"Magical" Water from the New Treatment Plant

## LH Pool Attracts Arctic Wildlife

We may know that Reflection Lake attracts many species of migratory birds, but the La Honda pool now seems to be attracting a stranger and even more diverse variety of animals.

It is unclear how the pool can stay so cold during the summer months, although some scientists speculate a kind of natural cooling process similar to what occurs in the ice caves used by American Indians to store food.



Noisy Penguins at the Cuesta Pool Saturday Evening

Last year was also the first to require full wet suits in the pool.

At first the pool became home to just a few exotic arctic migratory birds, like the arctic tern, but lately creatures from the coldest regions of the word have begun to arrive by busload. Twenty-six non-native animal species have already been counted in the pool area or tundra adjacent to the pool.

A polar bear refusing to abandon an ice floe in the pool has shut it down to humans since last Wednesday. Pool personnel are able to charge the larger animals admission each day, but they are unable to forcibly evict these creatures each evening because they are protected by law.

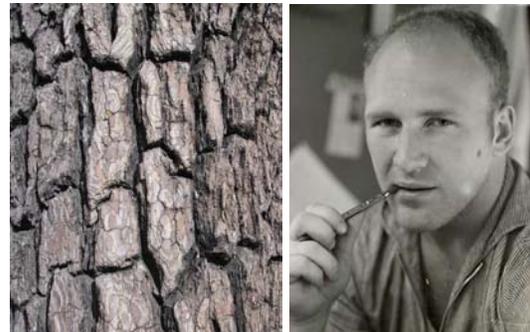
Many nearby residents have been unable to sleep because of the almost constant noise from the pool area. A formal party Saturday evening at the pool hosted by a group of Emperor penguins was especially rowdy, and the sheriffs were unable to act on the complaints because of the animal's protected status.

## **Image of Kesey found in La Honda Gardens**

An image of Ken Kesey has spontaneously formed on the bark of a tree near La Honda Gardens, on the same property that an image of Big Foot shaking hands with Space Aliens was discovered just last year. That image was sold for \$225,000 on eBay to an anonymous collector of Sasquatch memorabilia.

The owner of the tree conceded that squinting a bit and drinking a 40 oz bottle of King Cobra malt liquor while looking cross-eyed at the bark enhances the ability to see the image.

Busloads of pilgrims have begun to arrive in wonderment and devotion. Appraisers are still assessing the value of this image.



Notice the eerie similarity to image on bark (left) and photograph of Ken Kesey (right)

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