

# The La Honda Voice



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## La Honda Overrun with COVID Refugees



*Urban masses have arrived in La Honda, hoping to escape the COVID crisis*

The increased probability of getting infected by new strains of COVID in congested urban areas and the rising crime rates there, primarily due to the ineptitude of politicians, has encouraged many people to move their families to more rural settings. For some people living in Bay Area cities, they have chosen **La Honda**, the nearest faraway place.

A line of cars and campers heading toward La Honda is now extending from highway 101 in the east and a similar line of boats and rafts is extending to the Farallon islands in the west. The single sheriff patrolling the La Honda area said that he is having a difficult time patrolling the approximately 1.2 million people now in the La Honda area.

The federal government has assured the residents of La Honda, “There is no reason to worry. These people are probably just visiting relatives. This is not a crisis.” Panic ensued in La Honda shortly after the government announcement. *(continued on page 3)*

## La Honda Post Office, Phase 2 Expansion



The La Honda Post Office will undergo significant expansion over this coming summer. The last expansion only doubled the size of the

**La Honda** Post Office, but this new expansion will be over 100 times larger. *(continued on page 2)*

## Wildlife Relocation - Reflection Lake to be Stocked with Hippos



*Hippos can be adopted by individuals if the lake becomes crowded*

A group of hippopotamuses were imported to Columbia in the 1990s to be part of the private zoo of Pablo Escobar, founder of the Medellin drug cartel. The animals escaped to the River Magdalena, where their population was estimated between 80 to 120 individual animals. The Columbia government was concerned about an uncontrolled increase in their population and their spread to other waterways, so they decided to cull the hippos to avoid a future environmental disaster.

Instead of allowing the murders of these gentle giants, the **La Honda** Guild agreed to adopt the hippos. These animals are considered a vulnerable species in sub-Saharan Africa and are even more rare in the waterways of America. A special member assessment will pay for their transportation, food and care as they are re-located to Reflection Lake. *(continued on pg.2)*

## Fire Brigade to Spray Flame Retardant on Trees



The La Honda Fire Brigade in conjunction with CalFire was given an 81-million-dollar grant as part of the Economic Stimulus Act to coat all trees in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties with a flame retardant. Although some of the retardant in remote areas can be dropped by planes, most of it will need to be hand applied to maximize efficiency. This coating activity, along with the **La Honda** chipper program, should help keep La Honda safe from future wildfires. *(continued on page 2)*

## Fire Brigade to Spray Flame Retardant on Trees (continued from page 1)



*Some birds may be sensitive to the active ingredient in the flame retardant*

The primary ingredient in the fire retardant is Pentaerythritol tetraphosphate, approved by the National Institute of Insurers and Used Car Vendors, and it isn't believed to be a major concern to wildlife. Although there have been numerous reports of birds dropping from trees immediately after application of this fire retardant, we need to be reminded that correlation does not prove causation.

The flame retardant needs to be applied at a rate of 200 to 500 square feet per gallon, so hundreds of thousands of gallons will be needed to complete the job. Unfortunately, the fire retardant washes off with water and will need to be re-applied after each rain.

## Wildlife relocation - Reflection Lake to be stocked with Hippos (continued from page 1)



*Sleepy hippo yawning at the lake...probably just needs a hug*

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at **La Honda Elementary School** (LHES) did an environmental impact study on the relocation of the hippos and concluded that the entire population of 80-120 may not be sustainable in Reflection lake, but they suggested that local residents could adopt the younger individuals until more permanent facilities are procured.

Male hippos can reach 4000 pounds, are surprisingly agile, and can run over 20 mph; their teeth can have a bite force of 2000 pounds per square inch, but that is no reason to fear them. Paper training hippos is difficult, but not impossible. Just remember to reward your hippo with a treat like watermelon when they use their pee pad properly and a firm whack on their nose with a newspaper when they miss.

Although hippos have a reputation of being unpredictable and aggressive, the LHES students surmised that most hippos are probably more like Hyacinth, the hippo in Disney's classic animated film, Fantasia, who is seen dancing and wearing a tutu. Otherwise, the students concluded, toy manufacturers would not create cute and cuddly toys of dangerous animals which could confuse and

deceive children.

## La Honda Post Office, Phase 2 Expansion (continued from page 1)



*The USPS admitted that there may be a small increase in local traffic*

Since COVID has caused many people to leave urban areas for more rural places like **La Honda**, the USPS will be moving its Sacramento Mail Processing and Distribution Center to La Honda. This will result in the need for and construction of an 180,000 square foot building and associated infrastructure.



*The state of the art La Honda facility will be the largest USPS distribution center west of the Mississippi*

The new facility will require thousands of large trucks to travel through the area. This resulted in a collaboration between the USPS and US Department of Transportation (DOT) in the straightening of many roads in the area.

A 24-hour diner will be built next to the Post Office building and a large parking lot on the other side of the building will likely be filled with long-distance truckers with truck motors running as they sleep until their shift.

The USPS agreed to try to reduce noise after midnight to minimize the impact on nearby residents and wildlife.

## Applejacks Now Full-Service Restaurant



*Applejacks now features award-winning meals at reasonable prices*

Applejacks has finally opened as a full service Contemporary American restaurant. The fixed-price meal includes a delicious frankfurter, a hot dog bun made with enriched wheat flour, and a rich assortment of condiments. A wide range of beverages are available along with the food. In 2019, Applejacks earned three Michelin stars, the highest rating given, and the same as the famous French Laundry restaurant in Yountville.

## Coronavirus Update (continued from page 1)



*Vehicles are lining up outside La Honda to escape crime and diseases in the cities*

In an unfortunate miscommunication that exacerbated the COVID-19 crisis, the World Health Organization initially thought the media reported that, “WHO was tasked with investigating the origins of the epidemic,” was just an open-ended question. Eventually, the WHO understood their task, and on March 29<sup>th</sup> the WHO provided the public a COVID-19 Origins report. Although the WHO said they had no idea where the virus came from, the public was relieved to learn that a leak from the Wuhan Institute of Virology Biohazard Level 4 lab, which was at ground-zero of the initial COVID-19 outbreak, was “extremely unlikely.” The report added that even if there was an extensive biological weapons program at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, which of course there is not, it was “extremely unlikely” the virus escaped from there either.

Instead the report believes that the COVID-19 virus passed to humans from bats through an intermediary animal. This intermediary animal hasn’t been identified, but is likely in hiding since it is now responsible for about 3 million deaths worldwide. This unidentified animal also seems to be very rare, so China has agreed to declare it an endangered species and has dedicated 10,000 Yuan to build a wildlife refuge in Wuhan to increase its population.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has stated that the COVID-19 virus is still mutating so people need to avoid contact with mutants and wash hands after playing with all intermediary animals to reduce the risk of infection. On March 29<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), reassured the public by saying that she had a “recurring feeling of impending doom.”



*Avoid contact with mutants and zombies - these folks likely forgot to wash their hands*

## Your Free Post-Apocalypse Kit

This edition of the LH Voice includes a special embedded post-apocalyptic coronavirus kit.

- **TP** - This paper has been specially coated so it can be used as reusable toilet paper. Wash in warm water after each use. Hang dry and iron at low temperature.

- **Tinder** - The paper has been tested so that it bursts into flames at 451 deg F. It can be used as tinder to start a fire for warmth, lighting, and cooking.

- **Your Will** - The paper’s wide margins can be used to write your last will and testament.

- **Emergency Food** – If you are a bookworm, suffer from pica, or had a total loss of taste and smell due to COVID-19, the *La Honda Voice* may be eaten. Boil the *LH Voice* for 30 minutes and season to taste.

## Sam McDonald Meet-and-Greet at La Honda Gardens Canceled



In a triumph of science and human achievement, Emanuel B. (Sam) McDonald is the first human to be brought back to life through a combination of cloning, growth hormone enhancement, and memory implantation. He is living back in his old cabin within the San Mateo County park

named after him. He was the grandson of slaves, but became the Superintendent of Athletic Grounds and Buildings at Stanford University. When he died in 1957, he bequeathed his 400+ acres of **La Honda** property to Stanford to be used as a park.

At the present, Sam McDonald seems a bit confused and has not agreed to be a docent for the park or give a lecture on his life, which was scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> at La Honda Gardens. A representative of San Mateo County Department of Parks, on condition of anonymity, said it seems that the more Sam McDonald learns about the modern world, the more he wants to return from where he came.

If the Sam McDonald cloning effort is successful, similar efforts have been commissioned to clone Marilyn Monroe for the Hollywood Museum, Mother Teresa for the Mother Teresa Museum in Florida, and Joseph Stalin for the Stalin Museum in Gori, Georgia. Bringing back these celebrities are sure to increase museum attendance after the pandemic, as visitors will get to meet and have photo-ops with celebrities. The Vatican has not formally condemned the human re-animation process, but Pope Francis said that bringing back both either saints or sinners doesn’t seem like a good idea.

## Dozens of Eucalyptus Trees Abducted Along La Honda Road



*Stumps from some of the kidnapped trees at the intersection of La Honda road and Portola road*

As reported in the last edition of the *La Honda Voice*, dozens of eucalyptus trees were stolen along **La Honda** Road near Portola Road in February. Under the cover of night, over two dozen mature eucalyptus trees were removed without any reports of unusual activities there. Nobody heard the chain saws or heavy equipment cutting down and removing the trees. One nearby resident even commented that he was so tired of hearing noisy cars racing up La Honda Road that it was nice that such a crime could have been performed in a quiet way. The Sheriff had closed La Honda road near the crime scene between 9am and 4pm for about two weeks as they investigated. Many of the trees in the area were dusted for fingerprints and woodland animals were interrogated.

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, a ransom note consisting of letters cut out from magazines was sent to the *La Honda Voice* stating, “If you ever want to see these trees again, send us \$1 billion in small bills. If we get the money in 24 hours, then we will place the trees back onto the stumps. If we don’t, then they all go into a wood chipper.” A severed eucalyptus branch was included with the ransom note to show the kidnapers meant business. A postscript at the bottom of the ransom note apologized for the delay in sending the ransom note, saying “finding a magazine nowadays is difficult, cutting and pasting letters takes a lot of time, and I’ve also been pretty busy with other volunteer commitments.”

The *La Honda Voice* promptly responded that we were a little short on cash, but asked whether the kidnapers would accept a lifetime subscription and free advertising in the *La Honda Voice* instead. There has been no response yet from the kidnapers.

Besides the loss of the beauty from these majestic trees, this grove of eucalyptus was one of the last habitats of the endangered California Koala. The San Mateo County Sheriff’s office suspect that the kidnapers are the same ones who stole 40 acres of English ivy ground cover last year. If you see anything possibly related to this crime, for example a new, unlicensed saw mill in your neighborhood, please contact the San Mateo County Sheriff.

## Etymologist Discovers Origin of Word “Ohlone”



### “Ohlone”

The indigenous people of central California were referred by the Spanish as Costeos, people of the coast. The English speakers

mispronounced the word and it ended up as Costanoan. The natives, themselves, never liked the word and it was said that they instead preferred to be called Ohlones. The word Ohlone is of disputed origin – theories speculated that it was name of a prominent village near the coast or possibly a Miwok word meaning “western people.”

The indigenous people in central California spoke about eight to twelve different languages. The Famed **La Honda** linguist, etymologist, and bartender, Lech Lexicon, is fluent in the Elvish language of Sindarin and Esperanto. After researching for twelve years along with uncountable pints of English ale, Mr. Lexicon finally discovered the origin of the word “Ohlone.” In studying previously lost transcripts from the late 1700s, it was recorded that the Ohlone were just trying to tell Sir Francis Drake and other English settlers that they wanted to be left “Alone” in English. Perhaps Sir Francis Drake wouldn’t have claimed the area for Queen Elizabeth I and history would have been much different if there was no miscommunication.

## Town of La Honda Renamed to Hondx

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names under the USGS has decided to make all cities and towns in the U.S. gender neutral. Since “la” is a feminine article in Spanish, The Board explored various approved alternatives for renaming **La Honda**, including Ze Honda, Xe Honda, and Mx Honda, but ultimately they decided to just drop the article altogether and change the feminine “a” ending of “Honda” to a “x.” The nearby town of San Gregorix name was also changed in March.



*The name Hondx has been claimed by the Honda Motor Company*

The Biden administration has allocated \$75 billion to pay for new signage for US cities and town where changes were made. The Honda Motor Company, Ltd., has a Hondx Sports Bike, and has filed a lawsuit on trademark infringement.

## “Share the Love” Signs Sparks Goodwill



Anyone driving the roads around the La Honda area would likely have seen the signs

saying, “Share the Love” – apparently these are altered signs that originally said “Share the Road.”

The International Union of Sex Workers (IUSW) organized a campaign to change these signs in an effort to promote peace in the world through changes in local communities. The response in the La Honda area to these signs has been favorable and the IUSW has decided to hold its 2021 annual conference at the **La Honda** Playbowl area.

In order to reduce costs, the local community has enthusiastically supported the conference - volunteering to act as valets for the attendees, barbecuing, and even allowing attendees to stay at their private homes during the conference. Although women, in general, are 30% more likely than men to volunteer, 90% of the over 15,000 volunteers for this conference were men. The difference is inexplicable, but could be attributed to more flexible work schedules. Hopefully this increase in male volunteers is the beginning of a lasting trend.

## Troutmere Update

Historic Troutmere near **La Honda** has long been a destination in the Bay Area where families could go and be guaranteed a fish. The name Troutmere is the concatenation of two words – “trout” and “mere.” Trout is the common English name for a number of species of freshwater fish belonging to the family Salmonidae. Mere is a transliteration of a Ohlone word meaning fish swimming in a circle because their tank is so small.



*Troutmere will soon be stocked with the San Francisco piranha, the largest species of piranha*

Although Troutmere has historically stocked trout for obvious reasons, they recently responded to requests to stock other fish species. In response to one of these requests from the Adrenal Adventure Club, Troutmere was recently stocked with San Francisco

piranha, an aggressive fish from the San Francisco River basin in Brazil. The USDA said that they inadvertently provided a permit for importing these fish because they believed they were native to the San Francisco area. To alleviate any safety concerns, Troutmere employed piranha expert “Four Fingers” Francisco as a consultant.

A Troutmere wading pool was built to give children an opportunity to be close to exotic marine life, including stonefish, lionfish, box jellyfish, blue-ringed octopuses, and moray eels. (Liability waivers are required to be signed by a parent) A restaurant at the Troutmere facility features puffer fish burgers, prepared by a locally famous short order cook.



*Troutmere's temporary location*

Some of the above changes

were made, but Troutmere is still awaiting license and permit approvals from both the State of California and San Mateo county. Troutmere has temporarily moved to a new location, and hope you will still stop by when you are in the neighborhood. More information can be found here:

<http://troutmere.co.za/>

## Local Cow to Inherit \$420 million

A cow has inherited \$420 million from a **La Honda** man, Beaufort “Bo” Vine, who has a ranch on the coast. Although the man’s wife and two children are disputing the will, it appears that the man has legally left his oceanside property and other assets to his favorite cow, “Baby Back” Bessie. Bessie was granted a restraining order against the wife when she threatened to turn Bessie into ground chuck after the reading of the will.



*Bessie leading her extended family to the reading of the will*

Bessie was recently in the news for being spotted at a barbeque catered by Steven’s Steakhouse, which she vehemently denies.

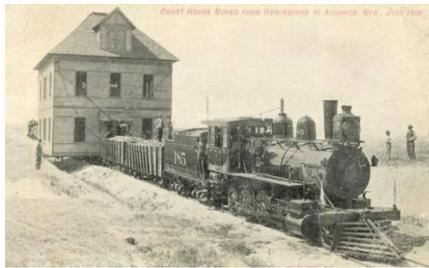
Contact Bob Dougherty at [voice@lahonda.com](mailto:voice@lahonda.com) for any questions or comments

## La Honda Resident Discovers Lost Town of Bellvale



*Bellvale can still be found on Google maps*

Bellvale was once a town between **La Honda** and San Gregorio, which mysteriously disappeared in 1922. The small community had a school and a post office. Its disappearance has been compared to the lost colony of Roanoke Island, the first English settlement in the New World, found abandoned without a trace of the colonists in 1590.



*Pranksters moved the town by train under the cover of night*

A careful search of train records show that the whole town was moved to near Warwick, New York under the cover of night. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1922, practical jokesters from La Honda moved Bellvale as part of an elaborate and secretive prank.



*Bellvale Farms Creamery in Warwick, New York is all that remains of the original town*

All that is left now from the original town is Bellvale Farms Creamery. Unfortunately, here is no record of how surprised the town folk were when they woke up in a different state. La Hondans have always been pranksters.

## Guild Reveals Plan to Heat New Pool with Spent Fuel Rods

In an effort to minimize Guild assessment increases, the La Honda Board of Directors approved a plan to convert the Guild Club House into an indoor pool. Spent nuclear fuel rods from both the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station and the Diablo Canyon Power Plant will be shipped to **La Honda** and stored underwater as part of the Guild's new community pool project. The light and heat emanating from underwater fuel rods would also

keep down the utility costs of the Club House. The Club House is built with cinder blocks, which would also help prevent radioactivity escaping in the unlikely event of an accident.



*The pool will stay warm year-round at no cost to Guild members*

The spent fuel rods were rejected by 12 states, so the Guild was lucky to seize this opportunity. The Guild signed a long-

term storage commitment with the US Department of Energy (DOE) to keep the uranium spent rods until they are safe, which is about 10,000 years.

## US Open to be held at La Honda Courts



*The La Honda tennis Courts and Art Center is a perfect location for the US Open*

The US Open is traditionally held at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York, but COVID restrictions has enabled the **La Honda** Guild to bid as an alternate location. In 2019, 737,872 fans came to the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center during the two weeks of the main draw. This year even more people are expected to attend. Local residents will direct traffic and the La Honda Country market has agreed to extend their hours during the event.

Last October, La Honda hosted the Grand National Rodeo, one of the largest rodeo events in the United States, at the La Honda horse rink. This was the first time that that the event was held outside of the Cow Palace in Daly City since 1941. The event was expected to be canceled because of ongoing COVID concerns, but the La Honda Board had negotiated with the county and assured them that all horses would wear N95 face masks. The event was a success.

The Guild has already submitted a proposal to host the water ski world championship next year on Reflection Lake. Along with water skiing slalom and trick & jump events, the Reflection Lake hippos will enable a new event this year where skiers will need to maneuver around a natural obstacle course.

## La Honda Approves Log Cabin Corrections Facility Re-Opening



La Honda residents have decided not to take a NIMBY attitude and instead have encouraged the

Log Cabin Corrections Facility to be re-opened to house the criminally insane. The corrections facility was opened in the 1950s as a working ranch, but it was shut down in 2018 after repeated incidences of delinquent teens walking away from the facility.

California sociologists and psychiatrists met with lawmakers and decided that criminally insane inmates won't walk away from their facilities and commit additional unspeakable crimes if they feel that they can be trusted. Post-modern psychosocial theories predict that this method should be wildly successful. The key stakeholder in the decision, the criminally insane themselves, also agree that this is the right step toward rehabilitation.



*Warden "Eyeball" admits that sometimes the inmates do need "tough love"*

The inmates brought from around the

country will be part of a five-year experiment to see if treating the criminally insane like family will encourage them to re-integrate into society. Although some of these inmates are mass murderers, terrorists, and cannibals, this experiment will test the hypothesis that anyone can be rehabilitated if given a loving environment. Approved inmate activities will include painting and gardening. The inmates have already suggested other activities, such as knife sharpening and Krav Maga. These additional activities are still under consideration.

## La Honda Windmill May be Clever Forgery

Windmill tours of the Bay Area would always include the Murphy windmills in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, the Altamont Pass windmills, and the La Honda Hoogstraten windmill in Creekside Village. But the **La Honda** windmill, a popular tourist attraction and a past contender for one of the seven wonders of the modern world, may be a forgery. The people of La Honda are shocked and dismayed at the allegations.

Windmill expert Lucas Verbij discovered that the

La Honda Hoogstraten windmill, claimed to be one of the original Kinderdijk windmills built around 1738 and moved to La Honda over fifty years ago, had discrepancies that needed to be resolved. The Kinderdijk windmills were a different size, color, shape, and made of stone. The Hoogstraten windmill was signed by Sven Kinderdijk, but the investigation revealed that the signature, made with a black Sharpie marker, could be a forgery. Besides these discrepancies, it is still possible that the La Honda windmill is an original Kinderdijk.



*A side-by-side comparison of an original Kinderdijk windmill (l) and the La Honda windmill (r) show that they are almost indistinguishable.*

Lucas Verbij didn't definitively claim that the windmill is a forgery, and admitted that the structure is a magnificent windmill regardless. Mr. Verbij has also been commissioned to determine whether the La Honda Hoogstraten windmill is from the western coast of the Netherlands, Holland, or was constructed by the Dutch.

## CalTrans to Triple All Road Signs



*Think you are seeing triple – the duplicate signs are just the way CalTrans says they care.*

You may have noticed when you are heading over the hill, just outside of town, there are three signs for a single turnout.

This tripling of signs was a pilot program to increase traffic safety. A \$12 million study was done by Behemoth Sign Company, a CalTrans supplier, and it was determined that additional signage increases driver awareness.

Over the past year many people have driven much less and may have developed brain-fog due to the isolation. Caltrans has been granted the 151 million dollars needed to triple all traffic signs in the State.

If this change doesn't significantly decrease accidents, then the number of duplicate signs may be increased.

## Town Water Issue Solved, Enabling New Construction

One of the largest concerns for **La Honda** was solved after the Guild Public Works found a significant water source just a couple feet underground and only 100 yards from the La Honda drinking water treatment plant. Adequate access to usable water has been a concern for years for many in the area.



*The water seems exceptionally pure with residual chlorine*

The Public Works crew was digging near a Guild road when water began to spontaneously sprout from the hole. The amount of water coming from this artesian spring should be enough to support at least another 100 customers.

The water from this spring also appears suitable for human consumption - it was tested and found to be exceptionally pure, with a low mineral content and even a residual amount of sodium hypochlorite (chlorine), which is not usually found in nature. With news of this new water source, both the Guild and San Mateo County has approved the construction of a six-story apartment building, several single-family buildings, and the Cuesta Real hotel and RV Park.



*The new Cuesta Real hotel and RV Park was approved and construction has been completed.*

However, Public Works is still investigating a serious leak in the La Honda Guild water distribution system. The leak has not been found, but it was detected just after the artesian spring was discovered. The leak is estimated to be equivalent to about 100 customers, which makes the discovery of this additional spring water even more important.

## La Honda Music and Yoga unite



Musical performance and Yoga are the two most popular activities in La Honda. A new activity, Muga, involves the merging of playing musical instruments while in various yoga positions. The results are unique – inadvertent notes and unsteady rhythms sometimes result, similar to avant-garde jazz.

The types of music commonly performed include jazz, rock, bluegrass, classical and heavy metal. The types of yoga performed at the same time include

Bikram, Hatha, Vinyasa, Kundalini, and Anusara. The musical genre and types of yoga can be mixed and matched in novel ways. One local band, Yogadeth, performs Death Metal music while maintaining a deep meditative state. Some proficient Muga performers can play the French horn or tuba while in advanced Ashtanga Yoga positions.



*Ashtanga is advanced yoga, but perfect for combining with playing a tuba*

Muga is unique to La Honda, and

students from around the world come to learn the skills and discipline from our Mugas (Musical yogis). As the world tries to catch up with La Honda's unique skills, many local Mugas are already simultaneously integrating other skills, like blindfolded chainsaw juggling, into their complex routines.

## POST Approves 100 Year Plan, includes re-introduction of Grizzlies and Wolves

Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) finished their 100-year development plan. Such long-term plans may seem unusual, but they are becoming more common as companies consider on-going sustainability and strategic advantages.



*Wolves and grizzlies often frolic together in the local meadows*

In 10 years, POST plans to acquire 90% of the land west of Highway 280 between San Francisco and Santa Cruz. The short-term plan includes planting wild flowers and releasing forty grey wolves and twenty-one grizzly bears in the La Honda area. Both of these animals are indigenous to California, but both species were made extinct by human activities before 1900. Some of the bears were given to POST for relocation because they were aggressive and were tagged to be euthanized, but POST believes that cognitive behavioral therapy, possible in conjunction with medical intervention, can reduce their aggressive behavior.

In 25 years POST plans to acquire 90% of the land west of the Mississippi. In 50 years, POST plans to acquire 90% of the land of the free world. In 75 years, POST plans to acquire 90% of the land mass of the Earth. Within 100 years, Planetary Open Space Trust (POST) hopes to own 90% of the habitable planets in the Milky Way Galaxy.