

# The La Honda Voice



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## The New La Honda Country Market

*(excerpts from the Half Moon Bay Review)*

“...La Hondans will no longer be facing an eight-mile stretch of highway between their homes and a loaf of bread — or for that matter a deli sandwich or homemade dinner. A few newcomers to the village’s downtown area are resurrecting the defunct Pioneer Market with fresh flare. Now called “La Honda Country Market,” the squat storefront on Highway 84 at Sears Ranch Road has been transformed.

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*Susan Purnell and Glen Christensen own the new market along with Susan’s husband*

## The Fair is Coming, the Fair is Coming!

*by Craig Eddy*

Once again it's Fair time in La Honda. The crown jewel of La Honda annual events, the La Honda Country Fair and Music Festival, is coming up June 12th and 13th in the La Honda Gardens. This event has been going on in some form or another for close to 40 years. It is still a local minded event but has evolved and grown over the years. Paula Dennis, the festival coordinator, says "To me, the La Honda Fair is pretty much an institution. It has grown into an event that not only local people come to, but people from the greater Bay Area have discovered it. As an organizer, I love getting all the different people in the community involved." The original event was known as La Honda Days. *(continued on page 2)*

## The La Honda Voice Resurrected

*by Bob Dougherty*

The first edition of *The La Honda Voice* was distributed on October 12, 2004. It was created, in part, as a protest against the Cuesta La Honda Board of Directors, because I felt that they did not include the voice of the La Honda community as part of their decision-making process. I was elected to the Board later that year, and the newspaper turned from being a protest to being more of a summary of local news.

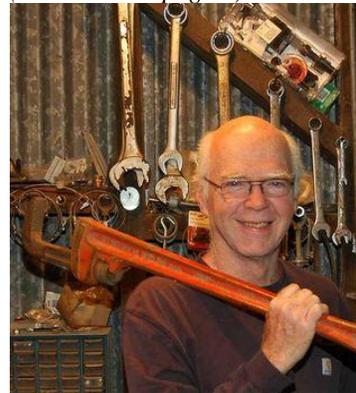
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## Meet Terry Adams

*by Joe Cottonwood*

Terry Adams will be co-editing the Literature and Poetry section of the *La Honda Voice*. Since poetry is one of the main industries in La Honda, this should be a busy beat. For those of you who've never met Terry, here's an introduction:

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*Terry Adams*

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## **The Fair is coming, the Fair is coming!** *(continued from page 1)*

Local Charlie Natske was one of the earliest involved in putting on the event. "I was first involved with The La Honda Fair in the late 70's, playing in the Mindigo String Band with Jerry Logan, Michelle LeCompte & Dave Hennigh. Since we had a PA, I ended up doing sound. In those days the fair was at the church across Hwy 84 from the post office. Seems like we did that for a few years."

In the early 90's Paula Dennis and Nancy Hewitt got together with Pam McReynolds, and Gwen O'Neil and formed the La Honda Merchant Association, got the La Honda Elementary School Foundation interested and with both organizations sponsoring the festival they were able to get the owner of the La Honda Gardens, Charlie Catania, to allow the festival to move to its present location.

Early on there was a parade with Harry Moore and the Landing Party playing from the back of a flatbed truck. However due to regulations concerning the state highway, the parade had to be nixed. The focus way back then was music but once the Merchant Association got involved it made perfect sense to have booths selling art, clothing, jewelry, etc. Profits from the fair have been donated to the La Honda Elementary School art and music programs.

The list of bands that have donated their time is quite long and it must be noted that none of the bands have ever been paid to play. They always are happy to play for the cause. One year the Glide Memorial Choir played as the owner of the cafe in town was a member. The quality of the music has always been exceptional due in part to the people that have done the sound over the years. Twisting those knobs were Charlie Natzke, John Redbeard, Will Mitchell, Perry Thorwaldson, "Bo" Putnam, and Reid Dennis. Booking the bands has been done by Nancy Hewitt, Nigel Webb, Craig Eddy and currently Jeff Ring. There are several bands playing the fair for the first time this year.

This year's event kicks off at Sullivan's Cafe with a Friday night outdoor dance party. Sully's will be hosting a Saturday patio party also after the festival shuts down for the evening. Check [www.sullivanslahonda.com](http://www.sullivanslahonda.com) for Friday night's band and Saturday will be local favorites

Lighthouse. The Fair music schedule and other information can be found at [www.la-honda-fair.com](http://www.la-honda-fair.com). Also this year the new La Honda market will be celebrating their grand opening the weekend of the fair. Be sure to check out the excellent deli.

The La Honda Fair is a great chance to enjoy the beauty of the La Honda Gardens, socialize with friends and neighbors, support the local school, artists, and musicians. Plan to be there for the weekend and you are bound to have a great time. See ya there!!

## **The New La Honda Country Market** *(continued from page 1)*

... "It's our vision. If we're gonna do this, we need to make it a destination item," said Susan Purnell, a four-year resident of La Honda who co-signed the building lease in the fall with her husband and a friend. "People who have families, people commuting, people just coming by are gonna get something substantial and homemade they can take home in their busy lives," she added. "I think that's important — that it's the community store... Purnell recently retired from a position as spirits buyer for K&L Wine Merchants in Redwood City. Her husband, Aaron Kamil, was a shipping and receiving manager for a wine importer in Berkeley. The third leg of the business is Glen Christensen, a property owner in La Honda, and landlord to Kamil and Purnell."

(by Greg Thomas from the *Half Moon Bay Review*. This article contains excerpts and a photo from the original article located here: <http://www.halfmoonbayreview.com/articles/2010/02/24/news/doc4b8582090ec4c127771205.txt>)

The La Honda Market will be having a grand opening on June 12-13 during the weekend of the La Honda Country Fair and Music Festival. Some vendors will be represented at the store, and the La Honda Historical Society (LHHS) will present a model of the Bandit Built Store which was built in the 1960's by Eudele Towne. The model is designed to show how the store appeared in 1904. The LHHS will be borrowing the model from the San Mateo County History Museum, where it has been in storage for many years. The store acquired the name "Bandit Built" because brothers Jim and Bob Younger were member of the (Jesse) James gang and were thought to have helped build the original store.

## La Honda Voice Resurrected

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The news came primarily from external sources, especially the La Honda message board. Because of other time commitments, I stopped producing the newspaper in the middle of 2006 to concentrate on my Board duties and work.

The resurrection of *The La Honda Voice* has been much more of a group effort than the original newspaper. The current plan is to have an ongoing news blog at <http://www.lahonda.com> and distribute a monthly hard copy of the local news from the Post Office. Local writers and community members have created this edition of *The La Honda Voice*, including Joe Cottonwood, Terry Adams, Craig Eddy, Neil Panton, Thomas Krempez, Kathy Wolf, Randy Vail, Jane Sullivan, Mary Bordi, Tom Dodd and Karen Delee. Thank you all.

*The La Honda Voice* is a community paper, which is written and published entirely by volunteers. Although the news will be centered in La Honda, it may include other local news of importance. The online version can be accessed at <http://www.lahonda.com>. If you would like to be involved in *The La Honda Voice* or have other questions, suggestions or comments, please let me know at [the\\_voice@lahonda.com](mailto:the_voice@lahonda.com).

## Meet Terry Adams

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Terry Adams manages the Public Works Department for Cuesta La Honda, where he keeps the roads repaired and the water running. He bought Ken Kesey's cabin, suffered a tremendous flood that nearly destroyed the place, survived theft of his tools and theft of the cabin's historical artifacts, and rebuilt it into the showpiece that it is today.

In college in the nineteen-sixties, Terry took ROTC and studied Creative Writing, getting an M.A. at Miami University in Ohio. If you ever wonder what happens to English majors, here's one story.

After ROTC, Terry was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He served at the Strategic Air Command Headquarters in Nebraska where they have a bunker that is designed to survive a nuclear hit. His job? He was the Top Secret Control Officer. Terry was the keeper of the targeting instructions for all the

nuclear warheads that all the Air Force pilots would need if we launched a nuclear attack. He was, he says, "Postmaster of the Apocalypse." He was at the SAC headquarters while four students were shot dead at Kent State. He was there when the Top Secret command to bomb Cambodia came across his desk, and he says, "Everything remained right, normal, and calm in Omaha." He says his corner of the bunker was a quiet place, buried under 300 psi concrete. Few people wanted to visit the bombing codes - and if they did, they'd better have a darnn good reason - so Terry was rarely interrupted. He says it was a good place to play cards. Even today, 38 years later, he won't talk about what went on in that place because it's still classified information. Which indicates why Terry was a good man to be in charge of Top Secret bombing plans.

Eventually Terry decided to opt out of the destruction of civilization and left the Air Force as a Conscientious Objector in 1972. Back home in Ohio, Terry says, "My father refused to speak to me and changed the beneficiary on his life insurance from me to the United States Department of Defense." Terry decided: "It was time to move to California." He found work in Palo Alto as a Vocational Counselor. He met and befriended Vic Lovell, to whom Ken Kesey had dedicated *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. It was to be a lifelong friendship.

Terry set up a car and motorcycle repair business, then a handyman business, then became a licensed contractor running a couple of crews, then tried fixing up and reselling houses, then became a manager in the Maintenance Department at Stanford University, and eventually wound up right here in La Honda managing the Public Works Department.



*Terry Adams lives in Ken Kesey's former home*

When financial and legal circumstances forced Ken Kesey to sell the old cabin in La Honda where Kesey, Neal Cassady, Merry Pranksters, and the Hell's Angels all hung out, Vic Lovell advised Kesey that Terry Adams would be the perfect keeper of his legacy. After years of neglect, vandalism, misuse and squatters, the cabin was a wreck. And then right after Terry bought it, in February 1998, a flood nearly washed it away. The water, Terry says, ran "two feet deep through the house, knocked two walls out of the back room, pushed the front wall 4 inches off the foundation, and left a foot of silt throughout. It took away the bridge, ripped out the water and gas lines – the 250 gallon propane tank has never been found."

The flood left Terry and his wife, Eva, homeless for 18 months. What had been planned as a ten-year rehab was, in desperation, completed in two years. Terry says, "By 2000, we restored it to museum quality with a new, raised foundation and a freeway-rated bridge as the driveway. We numbered and reinstalled each piece of the old pine paneling and reinforced the framing to seismic standards." The entire rehab is a story in itself to be told another day. (Also for another day - [Limey Kay](#) did some masonry on the Kesey cabin during the Merry Prankster era, a story that involves all the basic food groups: drugs, alcohol, guns, Hells Angels... Stay tuned.)

All this time, Terry was a writer. He's no academic in an ivory tower. His hands are callused; beneath his nails are mud and grease. His poems, meanwhile, are as polished as his cabinets and have been published in many magazines. Now Terry has a book of poetry called [Adam's Ribs](#), and it's a dandy. He's accessible; he's humane; he has that twinkle in the eye. He can write about love and death, dump trucks, and the male scrotum - all with wisdom and grace.

Terry is co-host of Lit Nite, and you can hear him read some of his work on the last Wednesday of every month, starting 7 p.m. at Sullivan's. For more photos and for samples of Terry's poetry, go to <http://clearheartblog.blogspot.com/2008/08/terry-adams.html> and <http://clearheartblog.blogspot.com/2008/10/poem-by-terry-adams.html>

## Ham it Up June 26th & 27th!

*By Neal Panton*

Let's face it, ham radio operators provide a vital service in storms, power outages, road closures, earthquakes and other emergencies. Amateur operators have proven their worth in disasters like Katrina, Haiti and even the recent telephone outage in San Jose. Especially important in rural and isolated areas like ours, having an amateur radio license, or even listening in on local ham bands can be a life saver.

June 26th and 27th, 2010, our local ham radio club, SC4ARC, will be hosting an annual event at La Honda Gardens. Called Field Day, it is a national event designed to give radio operators experience in communicating in a real disaster. Literally set up in a field, off the grid and very quickly, we'll attempt to contact as many other hams as possible around the nation in a 24 hour period. We also have a lot of fun!  
**GET ON THE AIR!!**

An important part of Field Day is the opportunity for members of the community to "get on the air" and try their hand at operating an amateur radio. You do not need a license to participate and all ages are welcome. Our "GOTA" station this year will also offer demos of digital modes using computers, "fox hunting", low power radios and other hobbies associated with ham radio.

Visit our booth at the Fair and we'll be happy to provide more information. You can also visit our website <http://www.sc4arc.org/>



## The Amgen Tour of La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District

by Randy Vail

Of all the obscure country roads in California, Butano Cutoff, connecting Pescadero Creek Road to Cloverdale Road, is certainly one. This year it was part of the route of one the biggest races in the country, the Amgen Tour of California, a world class bike race featuring elite riders from across the globe, among them seven-time Tour de France winner, Lance Armstrong. Butano Cutoff Road was already famous however, due to the fact it is also the home of Pescadero High & Middle Schools. This convergence was manifested on Tuesday, May 18th when the entire student population turned out to cheer on the riders as they made their way from San Francisco to Santa Cruz, going by our school along the scenic Butano Cutoff Road.

Equipped with cowbells, signs, and exuberant teen enthusiasm, the students got to experience the rolling bicycle parade that is the Tour of California. About the time a helicopter was sighted to the east over Pescadero Creek road, an impressive regiment of CHP motorcycles followed by CHP cars, all with sirens blaring, zoomed past the school. Then came the entourage of cars, a lead group of cyclists, and yet more cars - featuring thousands of dollars worth of bike racks. Finally, the main cluster of dozens of cyclists, including Lance and his Radio Shack team, whizzed by, again followed by the armada of support vehicles. It was a truly exciting event for students and staff, and we hope it becomes an annual event. To find out more about the Tour of California and Pescadero High & Middle Schools, check out:

<http://www.amgentourofcalifornia.com/> and <http://www.lhpusd.net/>



*The lead bikers as they come through La Honda*



*Students lining up at Pescadero High School awaiting the Amgen bikers to arrive*

## Watershed Management Plan nears Release

By Neal Panton

The long awaited San Gregorio Watershed Management Plan has almost completed review and will likely be released in time for the La Honda Fair (June 12th/13th). The Plan is the result of a State grant awarded to SGERC, our local citizen watershed group and several partners. The Watershed Management Plan provides a fairly comprehensive understanding of current conditions in the watershed and makes recommendations for future actions that may improve the environment.

We are fortunate in this area to enjoy a relatively healthy stream system and natural environment. There are still areas in which improvement would benefit both the community and wildlife.

Come to the La Honda Fair and visit SGERC's booth. Learn more about our watershed and how you can participate in protecting and enhancing our beautiful area.

## Congratulations LHES!

La Honda ranked 8 out of 10 in the API Statewide Ranking. "The API Statewide Rank ranges from 1 to 10. A rank of 10, for example, means that the school's API fell into the top 10% of all schools in the state with a comparable grade range." ( From <http://mercurynews.greatschools.org/modperl/achievement/ca/6894#api> )

## **Pescadero Public Radio Service and KPDO-FM**

*Pescadero Public Radio Service was founded in 1994 in order to develop a community-based radio station for Pescadero and outlying communities. The story of PPRS and KPDO was written by Celeste Worden, who was substitute teacher for the language arts students of Pescadero Middle School. Celeste explains she was having great difficulty getting her students to write even the most basic assignments until she had an idea...*

“...As we topped the rise of the bridge, the Bay clear of fog in the distance, my son and I literally fighting over the push-button radio controls, I had an epiphany: if this is what they want, even my own literate and intelligent son, then I would find a way to make it work for me... in my classroom.

[...]

We would make a mock station, complete with station staffing, program hour, DJ's, sales creatures, the works. The kids would develop their program philosophy, target market, write copy, select music, determine advertising prices and guidelines: the works, just like real people.

[...]

I knew I had a hit and set about writing down as many of the details as I could imagine for Monday's presentation to the class. And they went for it, lock stock and microphone. We began immediately: I divided the class according to their interests into Programming, Sales, and Technical staff. They chose a Station Manager, who took himself very seriously right out the gate. I outlined the concept of a 'program hour': we had to decide how many minutes were devoted to music, news and advertising. [...]

Now Programming had to decide what they were going to play. Pescadero is a mostly rural community with a large Hispanic population, hence the bi-lingual emphasis of our programming. But there was the Rap thing, and then the Country thing, and there were a few Alternative Rockers and Metal Heads in the group as well.

[...]

Now came the biggest carrot I could have found. I made a phone call one day to a young Hispanic jockey at the biggest Rap station in the Bay Area, Chui Gomez, knowing that he was the closest thing to a "Hero" my students had. Relaying the events of the past few weeks, and my history in radio, I begged him to come all the

way to Pescadero and listen to the kids' work. He agreed, without hesitation, and earned my eternal gratitude and respect.

[...]Chui Gomez was expected within the next 15 minutes. They were as nervous as newlyweds. When he arrived, they couldn't even speak, but just stared as this star, this 30-something, scruffy-faced, round-bellied homeboy who had driven more than 2 hours to listen to their radio broadcast.

And he did. He listened without interrupting for the first 20 minutes, then stopped the tape.

"Who wrote this copy," he asked.

I pointed to the kids, looking strangely tongue-tied.

He looked at them and asked again, "Who wrote this copy?"

"They did, the students," I answered, proudly.

He paused, looking from me to them, and finally said, "That's some of the best copywriting I've ever heard."

I swear, a nuclear bomb could have gone off and they wouldn't have budged.

[...]

On February 23, 2010, in an emergency meeting of the PPRS board, Daniel Roberts of Pirate Cat Radio was offered the newly created board position of Station Manager for KPDO...I look forward to the successful flowering of a lifelong dream: a station that gives purpose and voice to the youth of Pescadero and beyond, that supports the migrant workers who toil in the fields of California's coastline and for whom radio is a vital lifeline, and that provides access to the people of Pescadero to a community-building medium of exchange for the free flow of ideas and culture."



*Photo of KPDO from sfgate.com*

*The excerpts above came from a March 1, 2010 article by Celeste Worden provided by Randy Vail. Go to [www.kpdo.org](http://www.kpdo.org) for additional information on the station.*

## **The La Honda Historical Society**

*By Bob Dougherty*

The La Honda Historical Society (LHHS) normally meets the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at Sullivans Restaurant, although the meeting this month will be on June 3.

I will try to summarize what has been happening at the Historical Society meetings. Usually there is a guest speaker who is knowledgeable in some area of La Honda's history. The Historical Society is also working on getting a California Historical marker placed where the Bandit Built store used to be. We are starting to work with the other local Historical Societies to exchange photos and information.

Recently, I met with Ken Fisher, who is the local logging expert (although better known as a financial guru). Neil Panton met with the descendants of the Bells (from Bellvale) and passed on photos, including the post office and school. I will be printing these for the next LHHS meeting.

Most recently **Sheri Olliges** wrote an extensively researched and fun to read article, entitled "**The Islam Redwood Shrine**," which is about the Shriners in La Honda. Here is an excerpt from her article,

"...Mr. William Crocker, one of the Shriners' many illustrious members, brought some fellow Shriners down from San Francisco to view the property. Many made the trip with horses, but he had a Panhard Levassor horseless carriage. It was from Paris and it had a chain drive. At the beginning of the return trip he insisted on being the first to leave so he could make a run for it and his automobile wouldn't spook the horses. He went first but stopped about a mile up the road. When the other members passed by in their carriages they saw his chauffeur lying in the mud replacing a broken link in the chain. This spot on the road was commemorated with a sign on a nearby pole, and has been known ever since as Crocker's Curve..."

The membership prepared for a big celebration. If newspaper accounts are to be believed, 3,000 members arrived in 700 vehicles to attend the dedication ceremony on August 24, 1924. They erected a monument commemorating their encampment and built tent cabins for the women and children near

the present-day Park cement bridge.... It was reported thousands of Shriners and their family members continued to attend the annual gathering on held on a summer weekend...

The Shriners acknowledged Hooper's request that no commercial development be allowed, but nevertheless made plans for a 500 acre golf course. They also planned a "Slate Creek Subdivision" in 1927. It was surveyed for 254 quarter-acre cabin sites and an all-year round road to the Page Mill site on Slate Creek. The lots, with a price ranging in price from \$275.00 to \$650.00, were to be leased to members for 25 years. Additional fees ranging from \$1,500.00 to \$3,750.00 for maintenance and upkeep were to be divided among the lot owners. With word that many private cabins were to be built at the Shrine Grove, Pacific Gas & Electric Company extended electric lines all the way down the road in September 1929. But only one cabin was built - by a plumber...

It was a beautiful place, but the danger of forest fires was ever present. Islam park employees and local residents fought fires in August and October of 1931 with bucket brigades. It took five hours of hard dangerous work to hold the October fire in check until the first county truck arrived five hours later...

A few more years passed with no reports of forest fires, but the September 1936 fires made up for that. The first was relatively small, all things being relative. Weekend deer hunters were suspected. It started at the confluence of Oil and Pescadero creeks, about 2 miles south of the Grove border and burned east toward the old Carmichael mill and 150 adjoining acres. Men from the Santa Cruz Lumber Company and loggers in the area put it out. The second fire that month, discovered at dawn, was much bigger. It became the "first disaster call in San Mateo County's history: ten blasts on the horn at firehouses through the county." Five hundred men were sent to the scene. More than 1,000 acres burned in the first four hours. The smoke blanketed the city of Santa Cruz and was seen as far north as Redwood City. It started barely a mile south of the Grove on Spring Valley's property and spread both north and south from there threatening their headquarters from two sides. A County crew of more than 800 men needed a week to put the fire out. It was

reported that 7,000 acres of timber burned. Eight years later more than 600 acres of slash and felled logs burned to the west of the Grove on Western Shore and Stanford lands. Loggers and County firefighters fought with back fires and fire roads. Of the 10 million feet of felled redwood lumber, they reported only 1,000 feet was lost.

Perhaps it was the effects of the 1929 Stock Market Crash, or the forest fires, but those quarter-acre parcels didn't sell. Perhaps it was the completion of the Pacific Coast Highway in the 1930's, or the anticipation of the Golden Gate Bridge completion in 1937 that sent some of the discretionary money to the newest destinations — the Redwood Empire in Marin County and the Russian River area. Interest in the Grove dropped. The Shriners' membership dropped too in the mid-40's; they said it was due to the sacrifices of war. They had to dip into their endowment funds to keep their hospitals running. Perhaps it was a combination of all these factors. A Temple publication gave the sad news: "The Islam Redwoods Shrine will be completely closed on and after April 1, 1942 due to a limited budget". It was no April Fool's joke..."

Go to [www.lahondahistorical.org](http://www.lahondahistorical.org) for the whole article

### **Rattlesnakes and Mountain Lions**

There have already been **rattlesnake** sightings in the La Honda area, including in Cuesta. **Tom Dodd** posted this on the La Honda message board about rattlesnake bites:

"... Unlike neurotoxins, hemotoxin envenomations becomes quickly apparent; the area around the wound swells at a rapid rate. Discoloration and pain are also experienced shortly after being bitten. Professional medical attention should be sought immediately, especially when the victim is a child. The smaller the victim the less time it takes for the venom to spread. Although it is commonly believed that baby or young rattlesnakes deliver more concentrated venom and are thus more dangerous, this idea is not supported by scientific evidence. The amount of venom delivered is a much more important indicator of the bite's danger than the venom's concentration, and since larger (older) snakes can deliver much more venom, larger rattlesnakes should always be considered more dangerous even though many bites from adult snakes are "dry".

A horse was also recently killed near La Honda Road. The wounds on the body (gashes) were consistent with a **mountain lion** attack.

### **Pescadero migrants drank well water with dangerous levels of nitrates**

*(excerpts from the San Mateo County Times)*

More than two dozen farmworkers and their families are looking for new places to live after being evicted from their Pescadero homes because their water source is contaminated by nitrates.

" Families living at two labor camps in rural Pescadero have been drinking unhealthy levels of nitrate-contaminated water for years, possibly even a decade, a San Mateo County Times investigation has found. About 50 people — 28 farmworkers and their families — were evicted from their barracks and trailers south of Pescadero on May 14 after county health officials discovered they were drinking and cooking with nitrate-tainted water more than six times the public health limit. Another camp with at least 25 residents was closed on May 18 for identical reasons. The families are tenants of "Red" Marchi, their employer and owner of Marchi's Central Farm. The farm grows 300 acres of Brussels sprouts, leeks and other vegetables in and around Pescadero. Nitrates are linked to blue baby syndrome, which cuts off oxygen to essential organs in infants. It can also affect pregnant women and immunocompromised adults...Nitrates have tainted Pescadero's drinking water for years. The county installed a well to serve central Pescadero in the early 1980s after the groundwater wells at the local elementary school and under several homes developed serious nitrate problems. A byproduct of nitrogen fertilizer and leaky septic tanks, nitrates seep into groundwater and stay there for decades, even forever...Marchi's Central Farm also has a long history of housing safety violations, county records show.

( From Julia Scott, San Mateo County Times, for the full article go to:

[http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/nationalbreaking/ci\\_15119587?source=email](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/nationalbreaking/ci_15119587?source=email) )



*Living quarters for farm workers at Marchi Central Farm ( photo by JOHN GREEN )*

## Crime Watch

### Driver evades deputies, caught later

“A driver was speeding up and slowing... on Highway 84 near La Honda. San Mateo County Sheriff’s deputies flashed their sirens to pull over the car, but the driver didn’t stop at several pullouts along the road. The driver made an obscene gesture toward the deputies and turned onto Peek-a-Boo Lane and sped off to evade pursuit. ..At the end of the street, they saw the car parked at a home, and they knocked on the door. A man answered and told them that the car belonged to his daughter... She admitted to drinking at a La Honda bar prior to driving home. She was cited for evading police.”  
( from May 13, 2010 by Mark Noack  
<http://www.hmbreview.com/articles/2010/05/13/news/doc4beaf3773d0e8322900378.txt> )

### Three men arrested for single DUI

“San Mateo County Sheriff’s deputies at Apple Jack’s in La Honda reported being heckled by bar patrons... The law officers came out to the bar based on reports of a loud dirt bike blaring down the highway. When they found the bike owner, he admitted that he had been drinking and said he wouldn’t pass a Breathalyzer test. While deputies were questioning the motorcycle rider, other people at the bar reportedly began getting in the way... In the end, deputies took all three men to jail.”  
( from May 13, 2010 by Mark Noack  
<http://www.hmbreview.com/articles/2010/05/13/news/doc4beaf22e82d60908279539.txt> )

### Murder trial for La Honda camp escapee

“Two years ago in July, 16-year-old Adrian Sedano escaped from a remote San Mateo County-run juvenile probation camp in the wooded hills near La Honda. That wasn’t an unusual occurrence at low-security Camp Glenwood, which had averaged about one walk-away case per month since 2006, according to a later grand jury report. But Sedano’s departure became notable about a month later when he was arrested and accused of fatally stabbing 23-year-old Ramon Buenrostro in Redwood City... Since Sedano’s arrest, probation officials say they have implemented more stringent screening of youths sent to the 49-year-old Camp Glenwood and instructed staff to intervene early when a juvenile shows signs of thinking escape. There have only been two or three walk-aways from the facility over the past year, said Chief Probation Officer Stuart Forrest, who was hired in April 2009... Less than two weeks after Buenrostro’s

death, the presiding judge of San Mateo County Superior Court ordered a three-month ban on sending youth offenders to Camp Glenwood until officials could improve security. County officials ultimately decided against building a \$930,000 fence at the camp. The civil grand jury later backed that decision, saying a fence would “change the culture” of the honor camp...”  
“Excerpted from a 5/1/10 article by Shawn Bishop, A Daily News Staff Writer at:  
[http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci\\_14996480?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_14996480?nclick_check=1) “

### “All of a Sudden the Cow Popped Up”...DUI

“Prosecutors say a La Honda man driving on La Honda Road ... was intoxicated when he slammed into a cow, wrecking his vehicle and leading to his arrest. David Hennigh 54, told authorities he was driving eastbound on State Route 84 shortly after midnight April 20 when he claimed, “all of a sudden the cow popped up,” said Assistant District Attorney Karen Guidotti. Officers responding to calls of the crash reported finding Hennigh inside a totaled car, alongside some hashish and marijuana. His blood alcohol content was .11, Guidotti said... Hennigh wasn’t injured in the collision but the fate of the cow is a little less clear. Guidotti said her office was not notified if the incident was fatal.”  
(Excerpted from a San Mateo Journal article by Michelle Durand. The full article is here:  
[http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article\\_preview.php?id=129784&title=Holy](http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=129784&title=Holy) )

## Infection

*by Thomas Krempez*

I feel like a zombie  
Infecting brains left and right  
I spit venom like African cobras  
But with a more painful bite

My words stuck in your minds  
More dangerous than swine Flu virus  
More poisonous than arsenic  
More powerful than Osiris

Like Martin Luther King  
I too have a dream  
But just like politicians  
My goals aren't what they seem

I lay down verdicts verbally  
I'll judge you worse than Judy  
I've read the works of the Great John Locke  
I know my civic duty

So people all over the world  
On the edges of your seats  
My propaganda self-actualizes  
Let's bring the riot to the streets

## Obituaries



### Domenico Wesley Tognetti

**March 9, 1917 – April 17, 2010**

“Wesley Tognetti passed away peacefully at the age of 93. ... He was active in the formation of the La Honda Volunteer Fire Brigade and acted as their first captain. He was also chairman of the La Honda Junior Rodeo and participated in other early La Honda Day activities.” This obituary was posted in the HMB Review , <http://www.hmbreview.com/articles/2010/05/03/obituaries/doc4bd8871919e30739121860.txt> Wes also ran the oil wells in the La Honda area for many years.

### Paddy Colgan's Obituary and Memorial Shin-Dig

A potluck celebration of his life will be held on June 5, 2010 at La Honda Gardens.

“It is a potluck, so bring something good to share. Some vegetarian dishes might be nice, ... BYOB, and Bring Your Own Plates/Cups/Forks Etc....Please bring photos, we will have a computer slide show as well as a place to hang up any pictures you might want to share. We will have a scanner on-site for people to copy ones they like to take home... We are inviting people to say a few words if they are so moved. If think you might be interested in saying something please let me know so we can make plans.” <http://stormthoughts.com/philosophy/so-long-paddy-colgan/> ( for reservation information go to the La Honda message board:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/22154> )

### La Honda in the Census

“San Mateo County has the second-highest mail census participation rate in California as of early May, according to an update which shows the results mimic the turnout of the last count a decade ago.

[...]

The county’s efforts focused this year on 19 hard-to-count communities, deemed so based on socio-economic factors like age, education levels and public assistance. Eighteen of the areas — the La Honda/Pescadero region will be included in September — showed an 8 percent increase from the 2000 census, according to the figures provided by Census Coordinator Margot Grant.

[...]

While the census update was positive in participation figures, the review also highlighted areas that need fixing for 2020. Coastal communities like La Honda, El Granada and Moss Beach were misclassified which caused approximately 3,0000 census forms being returned to sender. The problem was left unresolved for weeks because postal workers didn’t know who to contact. The mistake is why the data for that region isn’t yet included in the participation rate. [...]

This is a summary of a longer story that should be read in its entirety ([http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article\\_preview.php?id=131515](http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=131515)

### American Journey: Pescadero, CA

There is a newly minted BOOMERANG CD/Download called "The Dirt on Food".

“Several local kids -- Saffron Bowman, Caroline Graham, Roddie and Ian Cardamone, Laura Metrulas, Clodagh Hussey, Hayley & Natalie Strohm -- present the stories...the CD covers a wide range of aspects of the food industry -- from the rise in organic, to food factories and genetic modification... On their AMERICAN JOURNEY, Toby and Gramps grab a bowl of soup in Pescadero, California, then get a personal tour of a nearby organic herb farm (Jacobs Farm)...Downloads (\$8) will be available at our website ([www.boomkids.com](http://www.boomkids.com) <<http://www.boomkids.com>> ) shortly, and CDs (\$10) hopefully at local stores.”

You can hear the Pescadero section here:

[http://www.boomkids.com/transfers/03\\_AmJourneyPescadero.mp3](http://www.boomkids.com/transfers/03_AmJourneyPescadero.mp3).

( posted by David Strohm at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/22123> )

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



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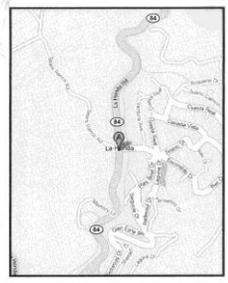
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**About La Honda Pottery**  
 Tom and Devora Bratton have been producing hand thrown custom ceramics at their home studio in La Honda since 1972. Their large scale pieces, planters, urns, one of a kind sculptural fountains, and garden furniture have been selling locally and internationally through designer showrooms for many years. Designers and landscape professionals have sought them out to execute their design "wish list" into unique, custom pieces for their clients. La Honda pottery also produces hand thrown, high fired table and functional ware. Email: [lhpottery@att.net](mailto:lhpottery@att.net) online: [lahondapottery.com](http://lahondapottery.com)



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Look forward to seeing you soon, 8865 La Honda Road 747-9220

We take reservations and book gatherings.

Without stating who, could we put in: Sullivan's has the best of the west Fish and Chips, Calamari, crispy fried prawns and the best \$ 10.00 specials anywhere around.



### Calendar Details

- 1 Jun 2010 - Bookmobile at LH Market at 2-3pm
- 2 Jun 2010 - LH Guild Board Meeting at Clubhouse at 7:30pm
- 3 Jun 2010 - La Honda Historical Society at Sullivans at 7pm
- 4 Jun 2010
- 5 Jun 2010 - Paddy Colgan's Memorial Shin-Dig at La Honda Gardens  
Pie Ranch Barn Dance at Pie Ranch at 6pm
- 6 Jun 2010 - Fleamarket for the LH Ed Foundation at LHES 10-3
- 7 Jun 2010
- 8 Jun 2010 – Bookmobile at LHES at 12:15 to 1:15pm
- 9 Jun 2010
- 10 Jun 2010
- 11 Jun 2010
- 12 Jun 2010 - La Honda Fair and Music Festival at La Honda Park
- 13 Jun 2010 - La Honda Fair and Music Festival at La Honda Park
- 14 Jun 2010 – Flag Day
- 15 Jun 2010
- 16 Jun 2010 - LH Guild Board Meeting at Clubhouse at 7:30pm
- 17 Jun 2010
- 18 Jun 2010
- 19 Jun 2010
- 20 Jun 2010 – Father's Day
- 21 Jun 2010
- 22 Jun 2010
- 23 Jun 2010
- 24 Jun 2010
- 25 Jun 2010
- 26 Jun 2010 - Field Day - Ham Radio at La Honda Gardens start at noon
- 27 Jun 2010 - Field Day - Ham Radio at La Honda Gardens ends at noon
- 28 Jun 2010
- 29 Jun 2010 - Bookmobile at LH Market at 2-3pm
- 30 Jun 2010 - Lit Night at Sullivans at 7pm

#### 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.

# La Honda Events Calendar

calendar@lahonda.com, US Holidays

Jun 2010 (Pacific Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Grand Opening of	31 Memorial Day	1 Bookmobile @ LH	2 LH Guild Board	3 La Honda Historical	4	5 Paddy Colgan's Pie Ranch Barn Dance
6 Fleamarket for the LH	7	8 Bookmobile @ LHES at	9	10	11	12 La Honda Fair and
13 La Honda Fair and	14 Flag Day	15	16 LH Guild Board	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26 Field Day - Ham Radio
27 Field Day - Ham Radio	28	29 Bookmobile at LH	30 Lit Night @ Sullivans	1	2	3

