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Local Oil Fields Sparks Conflict Between San Gregorio and La Honda



Loma Mar and Pescadero Claim Neutrality

There are concerns that the war in Ukraine would spread, and perhaps it is now true. A conflict is growing in the South Coast region of San Mateo County.

Bellvale is a small bucolic community between the California towns of **La Honda** and San Gregorio. Although Bellvale still appears on Google maps, it really hasn't been a separate town since 1922 when the Bellvale post office closed.

But Bellvale is the center of vast oil fields, which were first tapped over a hundred years ago. Because the price of crude oil has skyrocketed, both towns of La Honda and San Gregorio are claiming Bellvale as their own to exploit its valuable oil resources. *(continued on page 2)*

Russian Operatives Spotted in Local Area



On March 13, Russian Parliament member Oleg Matveychev demanded on a Russian news program that the United States return Alaska and California's Fort Ross. (In 1867, Alaska was sold to the U.S. for \$7.2 million, and in 1841 Fort Ross was sold to John Sutter for \$30,000.) Top U.S. politicians took Matveychev's demands seriously and, in the shortest meeting in U.S. history, replied "Nyet" on official U.S. presidential letterhead. *(continued on page 2)*

China Searching for COVID Origins in La Honda Forests



The rare La Honda Pangolin

The Republic of China is still determined

to find the origins of the COVID virus which has killed over 6 million people worldwide. The military wing of the Wuhan Institute of Virology is now searching for the elusive La Honda Pangolins, which they suspect to be an intermediate host of the COVID virus. Unfortunately, most of the staff of the non-military wing of the Wuhan Institute of Virology are either missing or have suffered unexpected fatal accidents, so they are unavailable to help with the search.

The Chinese COVID team was at the **La Honda** Country Market for several hours after the last rain hoping to find COVID origin clues in the wet market there. Although the selfless volunteers from the Wuhan Institute of Virology have not yet found the intermediate host, the Institute Director, So Su Mi, did say that they have at least concluded with certainty that the origins of COVID is located at least 1000 miles from the Institute of Virology in Wuhan.

Apple Jack's Renamed to Froot Loops



Apple Jack's will be renamed Froot Loops starting on May 15, 2022. The **La Honda** saloon has been called Apple Jack's since a

promotional contract was signed in 1971 with the Kellogg's Company in Battle Creek, Michigan. *(continued on page 2)*

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Froot Loops apparel has become popular since the name change was announced

Now the Kellogg's Company wants to instead promote their Froot Loops Cereal, which was first introduced in 1963. Kellogg's honestly explained that they decided to re-promote Froot Loops because a decline in American spelling skills would confuse the word froot with fruit. Froot Loops are 44% sugar by weight, have partially

hydrogenated oils, but contain no fruit. Toucan Sam, the cereal's mascot since 1963, is now on an extended leave since he has diabetes, high cholesterol, and elevated blood pressure.

The Applejacks neon sign will be replaced soon with Froot Loops, but the sign maker software can't get the word "froot" to pass the software's spellcheck function. Some of the local biker clubs were not supportive of the name change.

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(continued from page 1) Descendants of non-Russian people who now live within Russia heard Matveychev's demands to the U.S. and similarly demanded their lands back. These groups included the Tartars, Bashkirs, and Chuvashs ethnic groups. The Kremlin responded, "Nyet, nyet, nyet."



Some people were confused because the colors of the Russian national flag is the same as the U.S. flag.

But Russian operatives have been observed surveying the Russian River area and even several Bay Area Russian bakeries

looking for land to reclaim for Mother Russia. Some of these operatives have been placing the Russian national flag along the Russian river. Most of the people along the river don't recognize the flags, which are also red, white and blue, believing it is just some kind of American patriotism.

At the Moscow Bakery in San Francisco, two other Russian operatives admitted that they are part of a special operation by Vladimir Putin to

demilitarize and liberate Russian bakeries. The operatives, Ivan Ivanovich Ivanov and Anton Antonovich Antonov, finally agreed to peacefully leave after purchasing a cabbage piroshki and Olivie salad.

Other Russian spies were reported to be moving south toward what they believed was a safe house called Apple Jack's in **La Honda**. They had heard through their official, although perhaps unclear, communication channels that Apple Jack's was serving White Russians. However, they feared a trap when they called for directions and were told that Apple Jack's was just past the Fire Station, the one displaying a Ukrainian flag, on the other side of the street.

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La Honda says that Bellvale is physically closer and has more historic ties to it. San Gregorio claims the founding Bell family as its own and says Bellvale is in their Zip Code.



La Honda had great concerns when San Gregorio prayed to their patron saint to intercede

The government of San Gregorio called this conflict a "special military operation," but it seems to be turning into much more than that. For now, both sides agreed to only use manually loaded water guns and four-inch water balloons to minimize civilian casualties, but even under these conditions there is the possibility of hypothermia on a cold night. La Honda recently declared that the conflict had escalated when they learned that San Gregorio residents prayed to Saint Gregory, patron saint of musicians and singers, to intercede on their behalf.

There are now rumors that Pescadero is smuggling SpyraTwo autoloading water guns into San Gregorio. There are further rumors that **La Honda** is acquiring Nerf N-Strike Elite Rapidstrike CS-18 Blasters through an arms dealer in Loma Mar.

In response to the conflict, world leaders have expressed concerns. Pope Francis said, "I hope the diplomatic process will help avoid armed conflict." The Dalai Lama said, "I have been deeply saddened by the conflict in Bellvale." China's President Xi Jinping declared China's neutrality on the conflict. Former President Donald Trump said he would build a pipeline from Bellvale to refineries in Richmond, California.

Fog Imported for La Honda Redwoods

Coastal fog in California has decreased significantly over the past hundred years according to a study conducted by scientists at the University of California, Berkeley. The fog in the coastal areas has decreased by about three hours a day, which is endangering the redwood trees and associated ecosystems dependent on the fog. This issue is expected to worsen as the number and durations of droughts increase.



Condensed fog will be transported to the La Honda area in special tanker trucks

San Mateo County has recently arranged to purchase 50,000 gallons of condensed fog from Humboldt County each week to re-vaporize over local forests near **La Honda**. Redwood forests in Humboldt County thrive in the abundant coastal fog there. A \$4.7 million Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has determined that any deleterious effects from the reduction in fog in Humboldt County would be offset by the beneficial effects in San Mateo County. San Mateo County has been exporting its own fog for the past six years to Sonoma County, and the money raised from this will help offset the cost of purchasing the Humboldt fog.



A 2005 attempt to produce fog using fog machines killed 160 acres of old-growth redwoods

In 2005, San Mateo County bought 500 high-capacity fog machines for a 3-year trial run to test its beneficial impact on the nearby redwoods. The cost of the fog machines, fog juice, electrical upgrades and power was approximately \$3.2 million. After the first year, 160 acres of old growth redwood forest had died. A \$1.7 million study determined that the deaths were because fog from these machines is propylene glycol, which is harmful to plants. About half of the forest fog machines had also been stolen in late October, and the study was terminated.

In 2011, another trial to increase coastal fog was attempted by placing numerous blocks of dry ice around the redwood forest floor. The sublimating

carbon dioxide fog from the dry ice was expected to help the local forest. However, deer mistook these blocks for water and many deer were found attached to the dry ice blocks by their tongues. Some of the deer required years of therapy to remove the resulting lips.

The current fog trial has not yet started because the first tanker load of condensed fog from Humboldt County was contaminated with components of marijuana smoke. Once started, the trial period will be six months. If there are no measurable improvements on the forest after the trial period, the redwood forest will be logged and planted with pampas grass and scotch broom, which have proven to thrive here.

Pigeon Point renamed Peregrine Point Lighthouse



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The Pigeon Point Lighthouse has been renamed to Peregrine Point Lighthouse. The name change was made after an advertising agency was hired by the California Department of Parks to find ways to raise more funds for the lighthouse's restoration. The agency determined that people liked peregrine falcons much more than common pigeons. Falcons are often described as noble creatures, whereas pigeons are described as rats with wings. Peregrine falcons are also the world's fastest animal, reaching speeds up to 200 mph.



The local pigeons have filed a formal complaint to the California Department of Parks about the lighthouse name change

The logic seemed to make sense - both pigeons and peregrine falcons have been sighted in the area. Pigeons are prey species for peregrine falcons and the National Society of Violence Against Pigeons boycotted the name change. However, the name change occurred and did seem to work - donations increased by 30% after the change. Six peregrine falcon pairs were just relocated to Peregrine Point and the Pigeons for Justice Group filed a restraining order against the falcons.

Log Cabin Ranch and Camp Glenwood Combine – Will Soon Open for Local Children



Applications for Camp Compton are now being accepted

Log Cabin Ranch and Camp Glenwood near La Honda have combined and will be open to local children starting in June as a resident camp. Log Cabin Ranch is run by the San Francisco Office of Education and was originally designed to house and educate young violent criminals. It opened in the 1950s, but it was shut down after teens repeatedly walked away from the facility. Camp Glenwood Detention Facility is less than a quarter mile away from Log Cabin Ranch and is run by the San Mateo County Office of Education. It similarly was intended to bring high risk teenagers to a calming environment and teach them an alternative to crime.

The Counties of San Francisco and San Mateo have teamed up to combine and convert these camps into a single resident camp for **La Honda** and other local children, age 6 to 16 years old. This combined camp, now called Camp Compton, will be based on the themes of community, friendship, and loyalty.



The staff at camp Compton are all former campers

A partial list of Camp

activities includes: Arts & Crafts (e.g., Beginning Graffiti, Teardrop Needle-Tattoos), Campfire Sing-a-Longs (including classic songs by Public Enemy, Eminem, and The Notorious B.I.G.), Intro to Important Life Choices (e.g., advantages and disadvantages of joining Crips, MS-13, or the Olympic Club), Practical Finance (e.g., fencing, laundering, and offshore accounts), and Firearm Safety.

One unique feature of Camp Compton is that the entire staff will be made up of former Log Cabin Ranch and Camp Glenwood campers. The new director of Camp Compton, Bondar “Creep” Crizznel, was at Log Cabin Ranch multiple times in the 1990s. He has been incarcerated at Pelican Bay State Prison for the past twelve years, but he is expected to be released before Camp starts in June.

If you are interested in sending your children to Camp Compton, complete and submit your application and signed release of liability waiver (for any death, injury, loss, or *other* damage to your child). No cell phones or other communication will be allowed while Camp is in session. Camp promises to be an unforgettable experience for your child.

Cuesta Slide Committee New Recommendations

In February, a (hopefully) permanent fix was made to the **La Honda** Scenic Drive slide. This area has had multiple slide issues for over the past 20 years. It was previously repaired, but it has recently needed additional repairs. This time Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley were there to celebrate the slide repairs with the Cuesta La Honda Slide Committee and other town members.



The Electric Slide by Marcia Griffiths is one of the choices the Cuesta Slide Committee is considering for the greatest slide song

The Cuesta Slide Committee decided not to disband after the landslide repairs, but instead they decided to address other slide issues in the community.

The last Slide Committee meeting recommended the best option for a new slide in the Cuesta playground area. The next Slide Committee meeting will determine if a slide guitar is better than a twelve-string or bass guitar. The following meeting will debate and determine the greatest slide song ever - contenders are The Electric Slide by Marcia Griffiths, The Cha-Cha Slide by Mr C, and the Toosie Slide by Drake. Future topics include slide prevention on nearby roads during heavy rains.

La Honda Turning Green - 100% Carbon Neutral Power Expected by 2024!

The La Honda Power Group has been working tirelessly over the past couple years to provide safe and reliable power for the La Honda area. Power has been an issue for many small California communities, like **La Honda**, after numerous power blackouts by PG&E due to fire concerns and storms. The Ukrainian conflict has also raised widespread concerns about the future accessibility of affordable energy.



The reactors were designed to be in aesthetic harmony with the environment

After evaluating numerous options for local power generation, the La Honda Power Group was able to find an option that has zero greenhouse emissions, requires less land than other green options, can withstand Russian artillery shelling, and produces only a small amount of waste products. Several members of the La Honda community have already volunteered to store this waste product in their unused spare bedrooms until permanent facilities are found.



The water vapor from the cooling towers will mimic fog and will help the redwoods thrive

The Power Group recently had plans for this option approved by all the necessary agencies required to begin construction. Funds needed to start the project was available through Federal, State, and local COVID stimulus money. The Federal government said that they were willing to print more money, if needed, to complete the project. The Power Group has completed a safety checklist and an Experimental Impact Report (EIR) for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Other approved permits included seismic, geologic, and CYA radiation accident protocols. The power plant is based on a proven hybrid design used by the Three Mile Island and Chernobyl reactors. Because of the concern about diminishing energy sources due to the Ukraine conflict, the project was fast-tracked without requiring community input or a comprehensive safety plan.

The endangered bullfrogs at Reflection Lake almost delayed the start of construction, scheduled

for the end of April, but these frogs will be relocated to a bullfrog sanctuary in Loma Mar. The frogs will also be fairly compensated for this inconvenience.



The head of plant security wants to assure the public that the reactor is completely safe

The completed reactor will produce about 1000 MW of power, which will provide enough excess energy to pay to resurface the tennis courts, procure additional sharp-turn road signs for upper Cuesta, and install sensor-controlled traffic lights throughout the town.

Cuesta Resort to Open in 2025

In conjunction with La Honda's new power plant, The Cuesta **La Honda** Board of Directors has approved building a world-class resort complex near the number three reactor. The resort will include 24-hour restaurants, bars, night clubs, Ohlone casinos, fitness facilities, spas, and shops. The resort grounds will also have a sports stadium, race car track, and entertainment arena. A Cuesta Sub-Committee concluded that there should be very little increase in traffic, noise, or additional light from these activities. The planned opening for the resort complex is 2025.

Reactor walking tours, beginning from inside the casino, will occur daily and be free to elementary school groups. The Resort will be called Simpson Resort, and Cuesta has obtained the licensing rights to paint a giant Homer on each of the cooling towers.

Reflection Lake, which will become a cooling pond for the reactors, will perform a dual function as a large hot spring with a swim-up bar. The water will be maintained at a perfect 99 deg F (The EIR stated 99deg C, but that is likely wrong). Reflection Lake water will exhibit a continuous enchanting blue glow due to the Cherenkov effect. A beach around the lake will be created with white sand imported from Maitra beach in Bora Bora.

The Guild swimming pool will be converted into a sewage treatment plant aeration pool. 24 large fans will be powerful enough to blow the sewage vapors to the other side of Skyline Boulevard. A test was conducted in November of last year at Reflection Lake to determine if odors from a sewage treatment plant would be bothersome to nearby homes. Although many nearby residents did complain, noted behavioral psychiatrist, Ellie E. Essiepool, M.D., Ph.D., B.F.D., said that a well-documented learning process called habituation should make these odors less annoying after several months.

La Honda Windmill Converted into a Fourplex



The historic La Honda windmill will soon be converted into a fourplex

The iconic windmill in **La Honda** will be made into a fourplex in July 2022. San Mateo County laws which took

effect on January 1, 2020 has encouraged the creation of additional Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) construction. Although the windmill remodel was still required to have fire suppression sprinklers and be fully ADA accessible, other laws have loosened restrictions to help with the housing shortage in the County.

The windmill will have two units upstairs and two downstairs. Living space will be tight, especially since one of the downstairs units will have a formal dining room, but the plan has been reviewed and approved by the County. There are over 800 requests for new ADUs in the La Honda area expected to be approved by May 2022.

The windmill will still provide backup power for the town of La Honda if the nuclear power plant, scheduled to go online in 2024, is undergoing routine maintenance or has a core meltdown.

The County has allowed more building waivers and variants in ADUs compared to the past, even allowing single stall outhouses to be converted into small apartments. There are some concerns about increased traffic on Highway 84 because of the increased housing, but November ballot Measure F, if approved, will fund an additional two lanes in each direction between Highway 280 and Highway 1.

PG&E Provides Perks to its Valued La Honda Customers

PG&E apologized for the numerous power outages last year by offering exclusive perks to its customers in La Honda. (One offering per customer) They include:

1) 100-watt hair dryer – save power and never worry

about over-drying your hair

2) A class A fire extinguisher and emergency water supply (i.e., a gallon of Crystal Geyser water)

3) Emergency light and gas igniter (i.e., a Bic lighter)

4) A mylar balloon that says, “I love PG&E” Let it go in a major city and make a wish.

For each gift: please include \$9.95 for shipping and for the CEO Golden Parachute relief fund.



According to PG&E, one of the most popular gifts is the “I love PG&E” mylar balloon

PG&E wanted to apologize for the power being out about 10% of the total time this past year, but also wanted to congratulate and thank its customers for reducing power usage by about 10% over the same period.

PG&E also wanted to remind its **La Honda** customers that power may need to be shut off if it gets too windy, too calm, too dry, or too wet. PG&E said that power may occasionally be shut off in the coming months in solidarity with Ukraine.

PG&E has sophisticated computer models to accurately determine the conditions that would increase the likelihood of a dangerous fire. However, when power is out at the PG&E forecast center, meteorologists there will use a backup method of the weather using the I Ching divination method.



The I Ching divination method has proven to be as accurate as computer weather modeling.

PG&E says remember that to keep your family and home safe from fire, home insurers recommend: a 100-yard clearance of all flammable materials near your house; a sprinkler system and reservoir tank that can sustain 1000 gal/min of water for 30 minutes; a house made entirely of bricks or stone; and spending the majority of your time in another state that has fewer trees. If you can't meet all these requirements than be ready to change your homeowner's insurance to the California “Fair” Plan, with the slogan, “Half the coverage at double the price.”

La Honda Fire Brigade Amends Annual Pancake Breakfast Menu

Supporting the La Honda Fire Brigade's Annual Benefit Breakfast is a great way to help our local volunteer firefighters, but the Fire Brigade decided to amend their menu this year.



An angry mob attempted to cancel the LHES spaghetti dinner

Demonstrations organized by the Italian Cultural Appropriation Police occurred when **La Honda** Elementary School served spaghetti at their annual fundraising dinner. The Appropriation Police demanded that either Italian chefs be flown in for the event or the food be made in Italy and delivered to the event. Grubhub, Doordash and Uber Eats agreed to deliver it, but wouldn't guarantee it would still be hot when it arrived. Because of these complications with the LHES event, the Fire Brigade decided to eliminate all culturally appropriated items from their annual pancake breakfast menu.

The original Fire Brigade breakfast menu included pancakes, bacon, eggs, coffee, and orange juice. However, pancakes were created about 600 B.C.E. in ancient Greece; Chinese were curing pork bellies with salt (bacon) about 1500 B.C.E.; sausages were mentioned in the texts of ancient Mesopotamia (now Iraq); fowl were domesticated for eggs in Egypt about 1400 B.C.E.; and coffee was first mentioned in the mid-15th century in Yemen. Orange juice was developed in the U.S. for the troops in World War II, so its inclusion seemed safe. The La Honda Fire Brigade decided to eliminate all these culturally appropriated foods to avoid possible protests from Greece, China, Iraq, Egypt and Yemen.



The Fire Brigade agreed to change the menu to just orange juice and buffalo wings

The La Honda Fire Brigade searched for breakfast item alternatives, but few foods passed the appropriation test. Peanut butter, chocolate chip cookies and buffalo wings seemed to be safe choices,

but they were also unusual breakfast items. The La Honda Fire Brigade finally decided to just have orange juice and buffalo wings at their fundraising breakfast this year.

The Fire Brigade decided that if someone tried to burn down their building in some unforeseen appropriation protest, at least the Fire Brigade were right there to extinguish the fire...

...But then the Fire Brigade learned that the first fire brigade was created by Caesar Augustus in 23B.C.E. in Rome...now they wondered: is the Brigade itself cultural appropriation?

Sheriff's Blotter Fight Outside Apple Jack's

Two people, Alec O'Hall and Paddy O'Furniture, were involved in multiple altercations outside of **Apple Jack's** last Saturday. The San Mateo County sheriffs' report states:

At eleven o'clock, Alec said that Applejacks is a single word, as shown on its Facebook page, and Paddy said it is two words, as shown painted on the front of the building. After fighting for ten minutes, they agreed to disagree, went back inside, and ordered another beer.



At midnight, Alec said that there is no apostrophe in the word Apple Jacks, as shown on its Facebook page, and

Paddy said there is an apostrophe, as shown painted on the front of the building. After fighting for ten minutes, they agreed to disagree, went back inside, and ordered another beer.

At one o'clock, Alec said that the apostrophe means it is really named Apple Jack's Inn and showed Paddy the Apple Jack's Instagram account to prove it. Paddy said that must be a mistake because it has never been an inn, and he had always heard it called Apple Jack's Saloon. After fighting for ten minutes, they both decided to look up at the building façade for an answer. They soon forgot why they were looking up, so they went inside and ordered another beer.

The sheriff decided not to arrest them since they forgot they had even been in a fight. A few years ago they were arrested in a similar situation arguing whether the town's annual festival was the La Honda Fair or La Honda Faire.

Human-Mountain Lion Interaction Study Update

- On Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7pm, the MidPen Board of Directors received a progress report on the first year of a five-year research study to understand factors that influence human-mountain lion interactions and to develop a management plan to reduce human-mountain lion conflicts.



The study began with the assumption that stuffed and real animals differences are minor

Recently, one director, two conflict arbitrators and three mountain lion negotiators went missing near **La Honda**. The local mountain lions were suspected in their disappearances and were immediately contacted. The attorney representing the local mountain lion community responded that it is rude to call during dinner.

There is a fear that this interaction study may end like a human-grizzly bear interaction study in 2019. That study was intended to interview grizzly bears about their diminishing food supply and habitat. After a crew of six went missing in Alaska, future interactions were deemed non-productive. The grizzly bears were accused of acting like wild animals, and the study was cancelled.

Alternate “Lit” Night Begins on 4/20?

A new, alternate “lit” night may be starting in La Honda to celebrate altered states. **La Honda** has a long history of being “lit,” at least as far back as the 1960s when Ken Kesey, hippies, and the Hells Angels were here doing acid tests and smoking marijuana. Attendees to the “lit” night meeting will be checked at the door to ensure that they have above 0.08 %



alcohol, 5 ng/ml of THC in their blood, or cannot form a coherent sentence.

The new group wants to study the effects recreational drugs have on creativity

The first meeting is planned to start at 4:20pm on April 20th. To encourage attendance, this meeting will have free fried mozzarella sticks, chicken wings, fudge brownies and mile high nachos. The first

speaker will be a nutritionist discussing reducing triglycerides in the blood.

The club president, Taylor Spliff, forgot who the second and third speakers were, but believed that the second speaker was going to talk something about memory loss and marijuana. Ms. Spliff seemed unaware that there was already a Lit Night in La Honda.

Fern Eradication Program Continues

The Fern Eradication Program aims to remove all ferns in the **La Honda** area by the end of July 2022. Ferns have been crowding out the beautiful English ivy in many areas. Last year the Monsanto corporation donated 10,000 gallons of glyphosate-based herbicide to rid the area of ferns, but then decided to delay the delivery until after all its herbicide lawsuits were settled. In response, the volunteers of the area have selflessly decided to eradicate ferns by hand.



The ferns are clogging gutters and choking out the ivy.

English ivy is an evergreen perennial that can be either a ground cover or can climb 100 feet up trees. Ferns are primitive plants (over 300 million years ago) that should be replaced by the more highly-evolved ivy. This plant can make your home look like a classic ivy-league school and may even tempt you to talk with an English accent. Ivy also provides a perfect environment for endangered Norway rats, roof rats, and the recently introduced nutria. Wasps thrive in an ivy landscape.



Your home can look like an ivy league college

A ceremony at the end of July will celebrate the eradication of all fern species in Cuesta. Fernwood Drive will also be re-named Ivywood Drive. An effort is now underway, sponsored by the National Lumber Association (NLA), to help eradicate redwoods in the area. The NLA cautions us that we need to prepare for global warming by planting things like desert sage, yucca, palms, tumbleweeds, and various cacti.