

The La Honda Voice



April 1, 2013

POST Applies for Oil Well Permits



POST says that some vegetation will need to be cleared for the development

POST has applied to drill 34 oil wells and open a small refinery in the La Honda-San Gregorio area. POST promises that the oil wells and refineries will be painted neutral brown and green colors, with recycled petroleum-based plants hiding much of the metal structures. Although many in the La Honda community are against this development, POST defended the decision by saying that oil is bad for the environment, so this is an ideal way to rid the area of this toxic material. The La Honda Guild Governing Documents state that the Guild is opposed to offshore drilling, but there is no mention about on-shore drilling, so POST said they interpreted that as a tacit acceptance of their plan. In what seems like an effort to appease the nearby residents, POST finally agreed to provide each home owner who lives within a 5 mile radius of the development two barrels of crude oil each year. Concerns were raised last year, before this project was submitted to the governing petroleum agencies, when the POST acronym was changed from Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to the Petroleum, Oil, Shale and Tar (POST) Corporation.

La Honda Celebrates

National Black and White Day

La Honda has again decided to celebrate National Black and White Day on April 1, 2013. This day commemorates the days before the world was in color, which started to occur around 1900. The world was in grayscale and sepia back then, as evidenced by old photos. Although some elderly people still look back at those days with nostalgia, most of us believe that color adds a new dimension to our vision. This edition of the La Honda Voice was created in a way, so that the reader won't see the colors until after this important day of commemoration passes.

Sam McDonald Park Renamed

In order to reverse the decline of attendance in the San Mateo County Park system, the County Board of Supervisors has renamed Sam McDonald Park to Old MacDonald Park. The change is expected to boost attendance of the 3-8 year old crowd. As one enters the park, they will hear a hidden speaker bellowing out an altered version of the childhood rhyme, singing, "Sam MacDonald worked on the Farm...ee.ii.ee.ii.oo..." The Farm, of course, is a nickname for Stanford University, where Sam McDonald worked for many years.



The adjacent petting zoo will be the first of its kind in the County to allow children to pet wildlife recently captured from the nearby area. Wild bob cats, raccoons, skunks, coyotes, rattle snakes and mountain lions will all be available for the children to touch and feed in the Petting Zoo. Many of the animals will also be available for adoption. *(continued on page 2)*

Old MacDonald Park *(continued from page 1)*

A narrow foot trail through the park, called the Trail of Tears, will be densely populated with poison oak, thistle and nettle to teach plant awareness. A nearby center will teach seminars on topics like wilderness first aid. If this strategy is successful, other local parks are sure to follow. Plans are already in work to change Memorial Park to MyL'real Park featuring a world class cosmetology school and saloon.



Most animals can be fed and even adopted in the petting zoo

La Honda Historical Society Goes Back to Roots

The La Honda Historical Society has decided to provide a series of seminars on the history of the La Honda area during its first billion years. The Historical Society President decided that too much emphasis has been placed on the last 150 years, when the actual history of the area is much longer and richer than that.

A series of weekly lectures on this vast time span will be presented over the next three years, although the President acknowledges that covering a billion years in only a 150 lectures will be difficult. The first scheduled lecture is entitled, "When La Honda was just a blob of molten rock, Part I."



Rare footage of Early La Honda

The current plan is to continue the series on the second billion years over another three year

period. This was also a fascinating and critical period in La Honda's history during which time single cell organisms first appeared. The historical society will even present actual video footage of La Honda from this time period.

Guild Directors vote to be "Real" HOA

The Cuesta La Honda Board of Directors decided last Tuesday to become what they called a "real" HOA. The Guild President said that they would rather concentrate on issues like the color of curtains and home exteriors than more complex and painful issues like landslides, wineries and water systems that have torn the Community in the past. The Guild has been pumping water straight from Reflection Lake over the past six months with the hope that the State will take over the Guild water system.



The La Honda Board is hoping we can look and act more like this model community

However, there have only been a few water quality complaints since the change, mainly tadpoles clogging faucet aerators. If all goes as planned, the Guild has agreed to let the Cuesta residents have up to a year to re-paint their homes to beige and install white curtains. The Cuesta Board of Directors is also hoping that the County will take over the roads, playground, and other amenities, so the Directors can concentrate on the more traditional HOA tasks of aesthetically shaping plants in the area and eliminating pets.



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La Honda Granted \$20 Million in Urban Renewal Funds.

La Honda was given a \$20 million grant by the California Urban Renewal Agency to “green” the downtown area without La Honda even applying for such a grant. The La Honda Guild, who was assigned to administer the funds, originally had planned to return them, but instead decided to keep them in the hopes of getting more next year.



La Honda expects to have one of the largest Bristlecone pine forests in another 600 years

The Guild Directors held an emergency meeting to quickly distribute the funds and provide a long-term plan for the downtown area as required by the grant. The Cuesta Board decided to replace 400 acres of predominantly oaks, douglas firs and redwoods with bristlecone pines. Since these pines can grow for more than 4000 years, the Board agreed that this would constitute a long-term plan.

The Guild is hoping that by using, instead of returning, these funds the Community may get more next year. Perhaps, exclaimed one excited Board member, we will receive enough money next year to install traffic signals and construct a double lane highway between Skyline Blvd. and Highway 1.

Holland Demands Windmill Back

The Netherlands Historical and Archaeological Institute, in conjunction with the Dutch government, has sent a demand letter to the town of La Honda to return the windmill back to its rightful home in Holland. The windmill, claimed to be a historic landmark stolen by the Germans in World War II, was dismantled and re-shaped into wooden shoes and secretly taken out of the Netherlands. The Dutch say that they have spent countless hours searching for the lost windmill.



windmill crates with German beer

The windmills assemblers later admitted that they replaced the contents of some of the

Because the re-assembly instructions were encrypted using a German Enigma cipher machine, which was not available on eBay when the windmill was secretly brought to La Honda, the windmill was rebuilt from memory, looking slightly different than the original windmill. Attorneys for the owners of the windmill are reviewing the claim, but plan on appealing the demand at the World Court. Tensions are high between the US and Dutch governments over the situation, and North Korea and Iran has called for restraint on both sides. A similar situation occurred last year when the English Heritage Foundation claimed that the ivy in the area was stolen from a plant nursery in London in 1911. La Honda won the resulting lawsuit and now celebrates La Honda Ivy Day each year.



If assembled properly, this is what the windmill would have looked like

Most Birds in Reflection Lake Lost

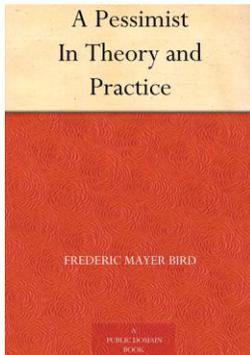
A survey taken of the birds in Reflection Lake over the past 9 months discovered that 86% of the birds at the Lake are there because they are lost. The lone exceptions are the coots (who don't have the sharpest beaks in the aviary, if you know what I mean). Most birds say that they are at the Lake because of malfunctioning GPS devices. Some are also awaiting special order batteries for their GPS devices from the La Honda Country Market. An egret at the Lake reluctantly admitted that many birds now are so reliant on GPS technology, they couldn't migrate without it.

Local Camp Renamed Back to Camp Optimist



An announcement was made last week that the Pessimist Youth Camp was being renamed back to Optimist Youth Camp. For the past four years, the Camp had its name changed to reflect the state of the US economy and lack of hope for many in this Country. The Camp Director announced that despite the negative impact that the name changing to Camp Pessimistic had on enrollment, she felt compelled to ensure the Camp name reflected the true economic reality to both campers and their parents.

Activities over the past few years mirrored the feelings of despair and hopelessness. Most of the Camp buildings were painted black and a stoic philosophy was taught to the campers, saying that it is best to be indifferent to what happens to you in life since there isn't a damn thing you can do about it.



Many of the previous Camp texts had to be discarded and replaced

The campers seem to accept the recent name change of the Camp, although some parents say they still feel nostalgic for the activities and philosophy of the Pessimist Youth Camp.

Kesey Fakes Death Second Time!

Ken Kesey – ever the prankster – has done it again. After he was caught in 1965 for marijuana possession, he fled to Mexico and faked his own death. He convinced his friends to leave his truck by a cliffside road near Eureka, California with a

suicide note. Eventually, he returned from Mexico and was arrested.

This time Kesey has been living since 2001 with Neal Cassady and Timothy Leary at a remote Mexican coastal community. Kesey said he returned because he was upset that so many people were misspelling the name of his bus as Furthur, and he wanted to clear that up. The correct name of Ken Kesey's bus is Further, but Tom Wolfe called the bus Furthur in his book, *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test*, which has been oft repeated.



Ken and his bus, Further

Ken Kesey said that in 2001 that he wanted some time to relax in Mexico, and has now returned with a sequel to *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Kesey said that he hasn't decided yet whether he will live in Pleasant Hill, Oregon or La Honda, California, when he returns.

Ms. La Honda Green Thumb: Growing Moss on a Roof

Question: Ms. Green Thumb, how can I grow that beautiful thick moss on my roof like my neighbor?

Answer: This question is asked almost as often as how can I grow that plant I see near the side of the road with those beautiful yellow flowers, but I'll cover French Broom some other time.



Getting that beautiful verdant green roof may be easier than you think (continued on next page)

Moss on Roof *continued from previous page*

The first thing to do to grow moss on a small roof (e.g., outhouse) is mix 2 cups of buttermilk or plain yogurt with a cup of chopped up moss you stole from your neighbor and paint the mixture onto the surface of the roof. You will have to multiply the recipe for larger roofs. You may get mold at first, but you should have moss and several County complaints about the smell by the sixth week. Keep the roof moist and in the shade. If the roof doesn't get a lot of shade, rotate the house, to maximize the North facing side of the roof. After your roof is destroyed by the moss in 3-5 years, replace the roof and repeat the procedure above.

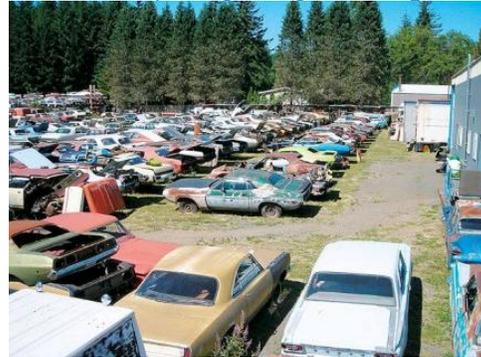
North Korean Invasion of La Honda?



Dennis Rodman whispers that all preparations are in place for the La Honda invasion

A document recently posted to the wiki-leaks website describes a plan, apparently created by North Korean leader Kim Jong-um, to invade the United States starting at La Honda, California. The plan reveals that he will secretly deploy 500,000 of his troops on leaky fishing boats to eventually land at San Gregorio Beach. The soldiers, along with Dennis Rodman, will then be disguised as motorcycle enthusiasts until they all arrive at Apple Jacks Saloon. The report said that they are hoping to blend in with the locals until they are ready to attack. One patron at Apple Jacks Saloon was awoken and asked if he was concerned about the report, but his only comment was to tell them that they shouldn't use the bathroom unless they buy a drink. Kim Jong-um picked La Honda as his starting point because in his native Korean dialect the transliteration of the words "la-hon-da" means "Kim is chubby boy." Intelligence reports claim that Kim Jong-um has been inconsolable since Hostess went out of business.

School Recycling Program Expanded



The LHES wrecking yard is now more popular than could be imagined

The La Honda Elementary School (LHES) has expanded their recycling program from just paper, glass and plastic to now include old automobiles. The idea proposed at the last La Honda/Pescadero Unified School District Board meeting declared that an auto wrecking yard could raise money for the School while providing a unique environment for the students to play games like Hide and Go Seek. Many in the Community seem agreeable to the idea, hoping to find an easy way to get rid of that 1971 Chevy Vega which has been melting into nature for the past 30 years. The students will also be able to sign up for electives on iron oxidation and spontaneous combustion. All children will be given a free tetanus shot on the first day of school in the Fall.

La Honda Firehouse and Crabshack

The La Honda Fire Brigade's Crab Cioppino Fundraiser Dinner has been so successful that the Fire Brigade volunteers have opened a year-round restaurant next to the Fire House to help raise money for the community's volunteer fire department. The Fire Brigade Chief believes this is an elegant solution to a shortage of funds for new equipment, but warned that the new restaurant may occasionally need to close as the volunteers respond to emergency calls.



The planned entrance to the new Fire Brigade Restaurant