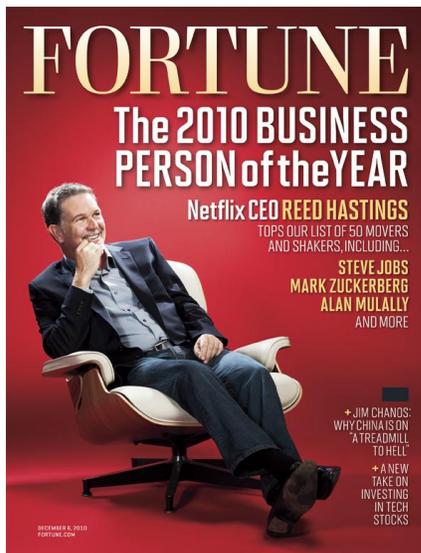


The La Honda Voice



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Reed Hastings

A recent series of posts on the La Honda message board about a former La Honda resident, Reed Hastings, Founder and CEO of Netflix, motivated the La Honda Voice to provide a few more details about his life.

In an article entitled, “Unlikely Places Where Wired Pioneers Had their Eureka! Moments,” Wired Magazine captures the instance when Reed Hastings conceived of the Netflix model. (http://www.wired.com/culture/lifestyle/multimedia/2008/03/ff_eureka?slide=2&slideView=6) The article quotes Reed Hastings discussing Canyon Video during the time that he lived in **La Honda**, California in 1997. He says, “I had a big late fee for Apollo 13. It was six weeks late, and I owed the video store \$40. I had misplaced the cassette. It was all my fault. I didn't want to tell my wife about it. And I said to myself, 'I'm going to compromise the integrity of my marriage over a late fee' ... I started thinking, 'How come movie (continued on page 4)

The Biggest Animal Bone in a Backyard in Pescadero.

(excerpted from <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/01/01/BAE31GVOPJ.DTL>) “The bone is 20 feet long and weighs about as much as a Volkswagen Beetle. It's not from a dinosaur - it's the right jawbone from an endangered blue whale, which, until a few months ago, was swimming blithely off the San Mateo County coast...Awe-inspiring and rare, the bone ordinarily would be headed for a museum or laboratory, where scientists could pore over its every greasy groove. But the final resting place for this specimen will be Pescadero Elementary School, where kids can climb on it, play on it and hopefully learn from it. (continued on page 4)



Dan Sudran with the blue whale jawbone

Every House is a Miracle — Interview with La Honda's Joe Cottonwood

(copied with permission from Coastview Magazine from <http://coastviewsmag.com/every-house-is-a-miracle>)

by Victoria Skinner

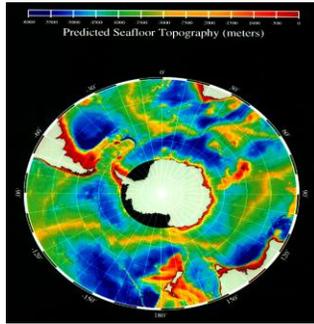
When Joe Cottonwood, longtime La Honda resident and author of nine books, came to my house for the meeting of my book club, Women Wining About Books, the club members were very excited. This was the first time in our 15-year existence that we had a “live” (continued on page 3)

Elephant Seals as Data Collectors –

Part II *by Kathleen Dickey*

Who would ever have guessed that elephant seals would (unknowingly) help map the ocean floor?

Because of the thick layers of ice at Antarctica, it has traditionally been difficult to map the ocean bottom using radar technology.



Seafloor Topography (courtesy of www.zonu.com)

Dan Costa, the professor at UCSC whom I wrote about last month, and his team have

devised satellite tags which record temperature, salinity, and pressure data wherever the animals roam.

As researchers began to analyze the data that the seals were bringing back, they discovered something curious: “The animals were diving to depths that, according to the maps, were below the sea floor”. Hmm – back to the drawing board! This led to new maps, based on the measurements brought back by the elephant seals. Just like the original radio tags, the instruments collect information for a year before being shed along with the fur in an annual molt.



Elephant seal as data collector (photo courtesy of UCSC)

When the animals surface, the tags transmit the data to a satellite system. Over four years, 57 southern elephant seals were monitored doing thousands of dives in the Antarctic Ocean.

The new maps are helping to understand some of the causes of ice sheets melting. They found, for example, that the seals were diving deep into previously undiscovered channels of relatively warm water, which could be undermining the ice and causing it to collapse.

For more information:

<http://news.ucsc.edu/2010/10/seal-maps.html>

The Face of Local Music - Nigel Webb

by Craig Eddy

Well, when it comes to the local music scene, there are only a handful of musicians that have been around La Honda as long as Nigel Webb. Nigel first came to the area in 1975. He was looking to check out the counterculture movement happening on the West Coast, and the beauty and weather of the Santa Cruz mountains appealed to him. He fooled around with guitar for a couple of years, and then on a trip to Mexico a friend loaned him a guitar and he got such a good response from people that he came home and started playing as a duo with Gary Gates. It went so well with Gary that they brought in Bobby Gates on drums and Mark Binion on Keyboards. After a couple of gigs as the Reactors, they changed the name to the Rhythm Method. Rhythm Method played all the clubs from Santa Cruz to San Francisco for just under ten years. Eventually Nigel decided he needed something besides playing for little or no money and started up the Greenpeace Benefit Concert in San Gregorio which he coordinated for several years. He still is involved in the local festival scene in La Honda and Pescadero.



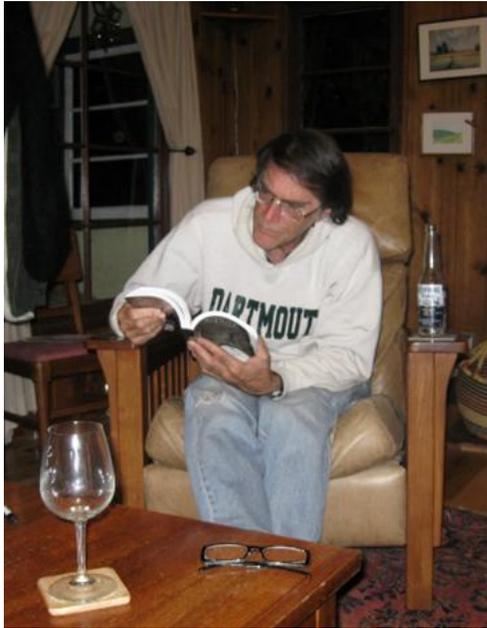
Nigel's motivation with his music has always been to help the world in a positive way. His music is groove oriented, quite danceable, and socially conscious. He incorporates Afro/Caribbean influences and creates a vibe that is infectious and fun and really gets people into the dance mood. He is also an avid collector of world beat music recordings and has an extensive collection.

These days Nigel doesn't play out that much, but his two projects bring together some of the area's best talent. Both This Way Up and the International Head Band have a few dates at the local venues each year. His favorite venue is the La Honda Fair where he can be checked out this June. I highly recommend you catch Nigel when and where you can, but be sure to bring your dancing shoes.

Interview with Joe Cottonwood

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author come to speak. And what a treat it was!



Joe Cottonwood

The book club read Cottonwood's latest novel, *Clear Heart*, which chronicles the story of Wally, a local contractor, former high school English teacher, and ex-drug addict. Wally lives in Redwood City near Costco, works on Skyline Boulevard and in Woodside, and has a love interest in Palo Alto. The local flavor makes for interesting reading in itself, but the novel has much more to recommend it.

Wally's character is compelling and complex, but very, very real. Wally has a code he lives by, which the characters in the book — Juke, his partner; Abe, the summer hire; FrogGirl, Wally's "adopted" homeless, pregnant teenager; and his entire crew — refer to as Wally's Code or Law. Somehow that code lends itself to life as well. You could do worse than to follow Wally's Laws, which include a prohibition on swearing. Law No. 12 is "Every house is a miracle."

The characterization is what makes this book truly special. "Everyone knows a Juke," according to Cottonwood. Juke is described by Opal, Wally's love interest, as, "lanky, awkward like an overgrown kid, tongue-tied in the presence of unfamiliar women, nearly indecent wearing boots and cut off shorts, no shirt with

red chest hair and vibrant tattoos. Not cute but ... irresistibly sexy: strong, wild with the hint of danger, a stallion in need of a bridle." Juke, apparently, has a hard time not seducing women, including Wally's now-deceased wife.

Juke also has a hard time not swearing, but Wally doesn't allow any foul language on his work sites, so Juke's language is peppered with forkin' this and forkin' that. He is indignant if anyone else tries to swear. For example, Abe, Opal's 18-year-old son who has been accepted to Princeton, is hired onto the crew for the summer. Abe tries to swear and Juke tells him: "Shut the fork up! You want to embarrass your forkin' crew? We're a team here. You never swear. I don't care if you drop a forkin' wall on your toe, before you say "gosh darn" — before you even think it — you say "Request permission to swear, sir!" Got that?"

Abe, renamed Princeton by the crew, is the main focus of the novel. Cottonwood says, "The book didn't start out being about Abe, but he ended up being the main character." He progresses from a geeky, awkward teenager, who buckles under the weight of the sacks of concrete that are thrown at him the first day on the job, to a man proud of his work, self-confident and a guide to others.

Another great part of the book is the description of the inner workings of a job site, and in particular a job called the K-palace being built in the Palo Alto hills — from the frustrations encountered with temperamental clients and the race to finish the job with pride to the Friday afternoon ritual of belt sander races. Who would have thought that a book about contractors would make such fascinating reading?

Cottonwood, a former contractor himself, says the story is a little autobiographical. When asked if Opal is modeled after his wife, he laughs and says, "My wife never lets me write about her."

Clear Heart can be found at San Gregorio Store and online at Amazon.com. Or you can go to Lit Night at Sullivan's Restaurant in La Honda, on the last Wednesday of every month, and pick the book up from the author himself. He is almost always there.

Sandbags

Because of the recent storms, sandbags have been made available for residents of unincorporated areas of San Mateo County, the sandbag pickup location is the La Honda Corporation Yard, 59 Entrada Way, La Honda – (650) 747-0341



Biggest Animal Bone (continued from page 1)

Teachers plan to develop an entire curriculum around the whale bone, from reading to art to learning about the vast ocean just down the road. The public will get to enjoy the whale bone, too. The bone will be placed in front of the school, at 620 North St., amid the artichoke fields and bed-and-breakfast inns.

The tale of the whale began Oct. 2, when a deceased blue whale washed onto Bean Hollow State Beach just south of Pescadero. The whale, 80 feet long and pregnant, had apparently died after crashing into a ship. It's no minor event when an endangered marine mammal turns up dead on a local beach. Half a dozen agencies claim some form of ownership of the remains, for research, education or protection. But no one was more interested than Sudran, who was overcome with an Ahab-like obsession with the decomposing whale...

Sudran has built a career on hands-on science instruction for kids. He won a Jefferson Award in 2009 for founding Mission Science Workshop, a nonprofit science lab in San Francisco's Mission District. He's been collecting bones for 20 years, and saw the jawbone of a blue whale as the holy grail...Sudran got permission from myriad agencies to remove the remnants of the whale, not an easy task considering their rarity. The last blue whale to turn up in Pescadero was in 1979, and only one or two blue whales a year wash up on the

California shore, according to the Aquatic Mammals Journal..."

Reed Hastings (continued from page 1)

rentals don't work like a health club, where, whether you use it a lot or a little, you get the same charge?" Soon after Reed Hastings came up with a working business model for his idea and Netflix was started.

As seen in the photo on page 1, Reed Hastings was awarded the Fortune magazine 2010 Business Person of the Year. "...This year Reed Hastings has thrown his company's muscle behind delivering television and movies over the Internet, risking his \$2-billion-in-sales DVD-by-mail business. The result: a company that has grown from a gnat to a giant. His catalog is expanding -- this summer Netflix got streaming rights to movies from Paramount, MGM, and Lionsgate -- as are subscribers (up 5 million in the U.S., while cable companies are seeing net defections)...In the fall Netflix began its push outside the U.S. (hello, Canada!), and the rest of the world awaits the Netflix treatment from Hastings. Against a backdrop of soaring revenue and customers, international expansion, and the bankruptcy of bitter rival Blockbuster, Netflix stock has gone supersonic since January, rising more than 200%. Hastings used to be an interesting entrepreneur with an uncertain future. Now it's clear the kid definitely stays in the picture. ..."



The story of Netflix shows how a good idea can turn into a multi-billion dollar enterprise. Congratulations to former La Honda resident Reed Hastings.

Heavy Rain Floods Road, Topples Trees

(excerpt from http://www.hmbreview.com/articles/2010/12/29/news/breaking_news/doc4d1b970a8f4d1239720371.txt) dated 12/29/10

“Torrents of rain over Tuesday night flooded Pescadero Creek Road along with causing other minor problems on Coastside streets. San Mateo County road crews cordoned off both directions of traffic on Pescadero Creek Road at about 6 a.m. after local residents reported about a foot and a half of water overflowing onto the street...drivers can still access Pescadero through Gazos Creek and Stage roads...County roads officials say they anticipated many road problems from the stormy weather on Tuesday; however they say they have received surprisingly



few service calls.”

Pescadero Creek

(from <http://caseforourenvironment.org/category/reports-and-resources/>)

San Mateo Co.: Reports of Mountain Lion Sightings Double in 2010

(excerpted from http://www.mercurynews.com/portlet/article/html/fragments/print_article.jsp?articleId=16809028&siteId=568)

“The number of mountain lion sightings reported in San Mateo County has more than doubled this year compared to 2009, a county sheriff’s spokesman said. Deputies were called out to investigate reports of sightings 35 times in 2010, compared to 14 times in 2009, sheriff’s spokesman Lt. Ray Lunny said. The majority of the sightings were reported in communities like Woodside, **La Honda**, Portola Valley and Emerald Hills that overlap with large tracts of forested foothills including the San Francisco State Fish and Game Refuge and other open spaces.

However, a spike in sightings doesn’t necessarily mean that more of the cats are roaming around. “A lot of alleged sightings turn out not to be mountain lions at all,” state Department of Fish and Game spokeswoman Dana Michaels said. “We’ve had bobcats, dogs, even domestic

housecats be mistaken for mountain lions.”



...Department biologist Kasie Barnes said there are no official data showing that the number of mountain lions has increased in San Mateo County. In fact, she said, the most recent statistics show that the opposite is true statewide. ...Of the 35 sightings recorded in San Mateo County by the sheriff’s office in 2010, DFG officials were called to 16 and verified the presence of mountain lions just once. In February, two brothers hiking in Pescadero Creek County Park reported fighting off two aggressive mountain lions by shouting and swinging a stick in a standoff that lasted several minutes. Game wardens confirmed the report and deemed both cats a threat to public safety. The park was shut down for three days while wardens, a professional tracker and trained hounds attempted to hunt and kill the aggressive cats. They were not located, and the park reopened once officials announced they were confident the animals had moved beyond its boundaries. ...” (more info at <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/outposts/2010/02/hikers-mountain-lion-park-closure.html>)

Tips on how to discourage mountain lions from approaching homes, families, pets and livestock can be found at the Department of Fish and Game’s website www.dfg.ca.gov/keepmewild.

Another Recent Firsthand Lion Sighting

(excerpted from the La Honda Message Board - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/24295>) dated 12/31/10

“I just got back from an exciting hike. I saw a mountain lion in the meadow on my way up to the Hiker’s Hut and decided it was not a good idea to walk by it again on the way down by myself. So I used my cell phone to call the ranger station to pick me up in their truck, since they’re only 10 minutes away. ..This was a huge cat with a long tail and light colored chest. I blew my whistle at it and waved my arms. It just sat down (like a cat) and calmly looked at me. There were a couple deer nearby that it was more interested in.”

Half Moon Bay Power Station Blamed for Outage

(excerpted from http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_16898061 on 12/19/10) “An equipment failure at PG&E's Half Moon Bay substation was blamed for causing a power outage that affected thousands of customers in western San Mateo County on Saturday night, a spokesman said. The outage began just before 7 p.m. and cut service to 4,445 customers in Half Moon Bay, Pescadero, San Gregorio, **La Honda** and Sky Londa, PG&E spokesman J.D. Guidi said. Crews successfully worked to re-power the coastal communities throughout the evening, Guidi said, and all customers had their power back on by about 9:50 p.m. “



Unrelated, but interesting, photo

Coastside Public Access Television – Release RFP

(excerpted from <http://smcnews.wordpress.com/2010/12/15/the-county-of-san-mateo-and-the-city-of-half-moon-bay-exploring-new-options-for-coastside-public-access-television-%E2%80%93-release-rfp/>)

“The County of San Mateo (County), in partnership with the City of Half Moon Bay (City) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 to explore new options for public access television on the Coastside...PEG programming consists mainly of locally produced programming or programming of interest to the region. Mid-Coast Television, Inc. (MCTV) has been the designated Public, Education, and Government (PEG) access provider for the City of Half Moon Bay and the San Mateo County coastside unincorporated areas of El Granada, **La Honda**, Montara, Moss Beach, Pescadero, and Princeton. MCTV's operating agreements with the County and the City expire in September of 2011. In



October 2010, Comcast completed upgrades to the cable infrastructure

that serves the County unincorporated coastal areas and the City. The upgrades allow for an improved level of service and link the cable fiber on the bayside to these coastal areas...”

Peninsula Arts Council - Call for Artists

(excerpted from http://www.mercurynews.com/san-mateo-county/ci_16983357?nclick_check=1)

“The Peninsula Arts Council has announced a call for artists to produce cover artwork for a brochure and map guide to highlight artists and unique cultural offerings on the coast. The new guide will be geared toward locals and tourists interested in art, food, wine and nature along Highway 1 between Pacifica and Pescadero.

The competition is open only to San Mateo County artists. The grand prize winner will receive an award of \$250 for the artwork best capturing the abundance of art, nature and cultural attractions along the coast. The grand prize winner also will receive publicity and exposure of their winning work, including a reception at Little House in Menlo Park and art featured on the Peninsula Arts Council website as well as having the art featured on nearly 10,000 brochures.

The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Jan. 14. The entry fee is \$10 for one artwork, \$25 for up to three artworks or \$50 for up to 10 artworks. Artwork must be in color, preferably in a vertical format. All digital files must have a minimum resolution of 800 by 600 pixels, with a maximum file size of 4MB in the JPEG format. Entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form.

The Peninsula Arts Council is at 10 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont. Artwork can be brought in between noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. If you have questions, e-mail info@peninsulaartscouncil.org. Call 650-591-2101 or visit www.peninsulaartscouncil.org.”

School Districts Shuffle Board

Members

(excerpted from http://www.hmbreview.com/articles/2010/12/10/news/breaking_news/doc4d029d08f0c13184376999.prt)

“Elected board trustees for the Coastside’s two public school districts made a series of leadership appointments and introduced new members during their respective public meetings on Thursday night... On the South Coast, the **La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District** formally thanked outgoing member Heather McAvoy for her years of serving on the board. The school district lacked any candidates to replace McAvoy’s seat during the November election, leaving it up to the school board to select a member of the community to the position.

The school board unanimously appointed Robert McCahon, a 52-year-old Pescadero real estate broker and middle school parent who had expressed his interest in a letter to the district... The board appointed Andy Wilson for a second term as board president and Kathy Crane to serve as clerk.”



South Coast Schools get Money for Summer Math

(excerpted from http://www.hmbreview.com/articles/2010/12/20/news/breaking_news/doc4d0fc3755ffe6196078629.txt)

“The Silicon Valley Community Foundation has given \$31,000 to the **La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District** to provide support for a four-week intensive summer math program. The program is in its third year and will help 87 rising seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-graders whose math scores are below grade level. The program is one of several funded in San Mateo County and part of nearly \$900,000 in grants from the community foundation that specifically target improvement in middle-school math performance. ...”

Loma Mar Residents Stop for School Improvement - Volunteers Build New Bus Stop

(excerpted from http://fwix.com/sfbay/share/33a51f1ad1/loma_mar_residents_stop_for_school_improvement)

“... a new bus-stop enclosure at the intersection of Loma Mar and Pescadero Creek roads. Several local residents have donated time and money to the project, and volunteers finished the enclosure over the weekend. ...A local man with a tractor demolished the old building while donations rolled in. New Leaf Community Markets and Peninsula Custom Homes donated money to the project. Big Creek Lumber cut prices for the wood. Half Moon Bay roofer Norm Armstrong gave Martins some shingles to finish the project. Martins estimates the whole thing cost less than \$1,000. Volunteers gathered in the rain last week to put on the finishing touches.

The bus stop serves about 10 students on their way to **La Honda-Pescadero Unified Schools District** Superintendent Amy Wooliever said she was thankful parents in the area took on the task themselves.

New Well Supplying Some Families on Pescadero Farm

(excerpted from <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2010/12/15/state/n090052S59.DTL&type=printable>)

“Families working on a Pescadero farm have a new drinking water source more than six months after health officials found their well water was contaminated. The San Mateo County Times reports that a new well is now supplying water to about 25 people at Marchi’s Central Farm. County health officials approved the well last week. Another 50 people living on the farm are still using potable water brought in from Santa Cruz, as farm owner Natalino Marchi awaits the county’s approval for a nitrate treatment system he has installed. San Mateo County health officials found in May that the migrant workers’ water was tainted with nitrates at six times the health limit...”

Pescadero Dump Collects Waste, Loses Money

(excerpted from <http://www.hmbreview.com/articles/2010/12/23/news/doc4d13b7b173043359024468.prt>)

“Garbage isn’t the only thing being dumped at the Pescadero Transfer Station — the trash yard is also a money pit. Owned and funded by San Mateo County, the drop-off station operated at an \$183,000 loss last year, and county Public Works officials have signaled that the Pescadero community must somehow pay for that shortfall in the future.

Lacking any regular trash service, South Coast residents for decades have lugged their waste to the transfer station on Bean Hollow Road, where the trash and recyclables are collected by Allied Waste garbage trucks and then hauled over to the Ox Mountain landfill near Half Moon Bay...Having the lowest dump prices around has reportedly made the Pescadero garbage station a bargain destination for contractors across the Peninsula...The cost for the cheap transfer station has been subsidized by the county for decades. ...Along with their worries about the cost, Pescadero residents also expressed concerns that some people would choose to dump their garbage in open fields or farmland instead of paying more at the local transfer station...”

Planting the Seeds for a Wine Country

(excerpted from <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/bay-area/2010/12/planting-seeds-wine-country>)

“On the steep, picturesque hills near La Honda, Rex Geitner is trying to help turn San Mateo County into a household name for wine lovers. Geitner is the vice president of winemaking for Clos de la Tech, the private winery owned by Cypress Semiconductor CEO T.J. Rodgers, who recently won the county’s approval for a major expansion of the wine-making operation...San Mateo County has great growth potential, as wineries have already shown that the local climate produces a quality product, said Geitner, who is also the current president of the San Mateo County Farm Bureau. Wine grapes could be a new crop for struggling Peninsula farmers, he said. ...Clos de la Tech is poised to continue that growth after winning a nine-year battle for approval to expand from 25 acres of vineyards to 62 acres. Nearby residents had voiced concern over potential erosion and damage to the local

water supply, so Rodgers agreed to work with the county to set up monitoring of the watershed. However, some are still concerned that those details haven’t been finalized yet, said David Ehrhardt, president of the Cuesta La Honda Guild. “Hopefully everyone will do their job, but I think we feel we have to keep an eye on things,” Ehrhardt said.”



Cuesta Update with Clos de la Tech

(excerpted from <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/24170>) From Peter Bohacek’s unofficial summary of the Cuesta La Honda Board of Directors Meeting “The Letter of Decision from the 11/30 hearing published by the San Mateo BoS omitted one decision. This was brought to their attention and a new Revised Letter of Decision was published on 12/14/10. This added a section in the ordinance for the Planned Unit Development (PUD) that was approved.

Section 13. Prohibition of Commercial Agriculture in Woodhams Creek Watershed. Commercial agriculture by the owners and successors of the property governed by this PUD ordinance is prohibited within the Woodhams Watershed. [This applies to the land that contains [Cuesta La Honda]Tunnels Springs and was swapped to Mr. Wyman.]



SMC Sheriff’s Report

DUI on 12/09/10
8700 block of La Honda Road, La Honda

“A male subject was arrested and booked into the county jail for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. He told Deputies that he had been drinking at Apple Jacks Bar and then drove home. He missed the driveway and ran into a power pole.”

Open Space Trails Access

(excerpted from a message board post - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/24111>)

"I work for the Open Space District (MROSD) and based on the information I have received, I don't expect La Honda OS to be opened to the public in the next 5 years. MROSD has switched gears and dedicated money and personnel on Mt. Umunhum clean up, restoration and public access plan.

see: http://www.openspace.org/plans_projects/mt_umunhum.asp

Many people are aware that MROSD spends the majority of their budget on land acquisition and debt service (MROSD continues to borrow money to support land purchase which creates debt that needs to be paid) this is still the goal and will continue for the foreseeable future. Currently around 62% of the public land managed by MROSD is closed to the public. If people want MROSD to change their direction they need to become involved. If people are happy with the direction MROSD is taking then let them know that also.

Larry Hassett is the Board Representative for the La Honda area - http://www.openspace.org/about_us/board_of_directors.asp"



Pescadero Barn Dance Caller keeps Everyone Moving

(excerpted from http://www.mercurynews.com/san-mateo-county/ci_16785385?source=rss&nclick_check=1)

"The best moments of a barn dance are when a meltdown feels imminent. Children screech and clap their hands as the band plays double-time and couples race to keep up and the barn becomes a writhing, sweaty mess of laughing

dancers. It's the controlled chaos of the monthly barn dance at Pescadero's Pie Ranch that has carried its reputation to the four corners of the Bay Area. But those in the know attribute the event's overwhelming success to the man who brings it all together: barn dance caller Andy Wilson. . . Only he's laughing along with everyone else. "It's fun. You go spend three hours and you're smiling so much that the muscles on your face hurt," said Wilson, who is 48 and lives in the rural hamlet of **La Honda** with his wife and toddler.

Pie Ranch co-founder Nancy Vail said Wilson has done more to popularize beginners' barn dancing than anyone. "It's an art and he's got it down. He does an incredible job of bringing together groups of people who have no idea how to do contra dancing, and they end up cracking up and having a wonderful time," said Vail, who also plays fiddle at her own barn dances with her band, the County Line Pickers.

To find out where Andy Wilson will appear next, visit <http://greengrango.org/AndyCaller.html>." (Note that Andy Wilson is also the School Board President)

Local History - The Proposed Annexation of Pescadero

(mentioned in <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/24349> and the text is from <http://www.newspaperabstracts.com/>)

The following description was from the San Mateo County Gazette dated February 23 1861:

The Proposed Annexation of Pescadero to San Mateo County:

"In addition to the petition, a bill was also presented in the Senate, embracing the necessary details, which was referred to the proper committee. The people of San Mateo county would gladly welcome the addition of this thriving district of country within their boundary, if for no reason than to afford a greatly desired accommodation to their fellow citizens and neighbors. In a material point of view, however, our county would be greatly the gainer. A large amount of valuable taxable property, personal and real estate would be added, and above all, several hundreds in population, of that class of people that compose the bone and sinew of the nation, we mean farmers, would be added to San Mateo county."

Blog of the Coast Highway

(This blog was noted at these posts - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/24347> and [24348](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/24348))

The blog is located at:

<http://coastroad.wordpress.com/> and written by an Anneliese, who said, "...I do a blog on the Coast Road, as I research the history of coastal culture and transportation in California..."

A review of, "A Separate Place:" is located on the blog:

<http://coastroad.wordpress.com/2009/08/08/a-separate-peace-charles-moore-text/>

In the review of the book, she comments:

"Wallace Stegner writes the blurb on the back of the dust jacket, "A Separate Place is a book that will speak most eloquently to those who know La Honda and the redwood pockets on the Pacific side of the Santa Cruz Mountains. But it will speak to almost anyone who remembers real places and who resents the plastic nowheres we too often make them into. Everyone should know a piece of earth as Mr. Jones knows his – historically, scenically, meteorologically, humanly. Everybody should love one place as much as he loves his."

...[and] Charles [Jones] writes, "I wondered then, as I still do, how such a place could exist just 20 miles from the crowded San Francisco Peninsula and only 50 miles from The City itself."

Pegi Young Keeps on Rockin' as Musician, Neil's wife

(excerpted from <http://www.bostonherald.com/entertainment/music/general/view.bg?articleid=1301561>)

'Pegi Young knows she is fortunate.' "Because of who I am and who I'm married to, I've had enormous opportunities to do things that another musician - especially a woman of my age, coming out of the blue - would not normally have," she said by phone from her **La Honda**, Calif., ranch. Young, 58, is the wife of rock legend Neil Young. After gaining experience singing backup for her husband, she's now on a solo tour that comes Thursday to Johnny D's in Somerville, where she'll open for revered British guitarist Bert Jansch, best known as the founder of Pentangle. Young put out her self-titled debut CD in 2007 and returned this year with the bluesy, soft-rocking "Foul Deeds."... Young has played music nonprofessionally for years, but her primary roles were as wife and mother. She also co-founded The Bridge School, a famous San Francisco Bay Area school for children with severe speech and physical impairment. (The Youngs' son, Ben, has cerebral palsy.)..."



Pegi Young

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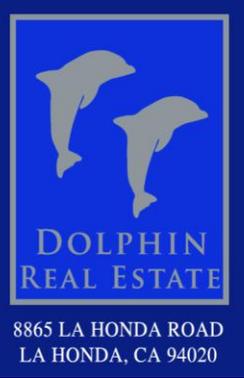
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
			7pm - Lit Night @ Sullivans	7pm - Dan Newitt @ Alice's	New Year's Eve 9:30pm - 11 Walls @ AJ's 9:	New Year's Day 9:30pm - DB Walker @AJ's
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			7:30am - Cuesta BOD		9am - Cello Joe @ AJ's	9:30am - Bundy Browne @
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				7pm - LH Historical Society	9:30pm - Michael B and	9:30pm - Saxyman and the
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Martin Luther King, Jr's Day			7:30am - Cuesta BOD		9:30pm - Jim Moore's	9:30pm - Second Story @
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			7pm - Lit Night @ Sullivans		9:30pm - Joshua Stacey @	9:30pm - Pathetic Honey @
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			Groundhog Day 7:30am - Cuesta BOD		9:30am - The Linda	9:30am - DB Walker @ AJ's

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