

# The La Honda Voice



September 1, 2010

## New La Honda Resident – Red Shouldered Hawk

by Kathleen Dickey

We were honored this summer to witness a new resident red-shouldered hawk, *Buteo lineatus*, born in the Le Counts' Monterey Pine tree, near Woodham's Creek off of Sueño Camino. I call 'him' "Squackie". For several months we were all startled awake by the insistent kee-eee, kee-eee, kee-eee call and response of mother and child. (continued on page 4)



A juvenile Red-shouldered hawk  
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## The Face of La Honda Music -

### Lisa Kelly

by Craig Eddy

Lisa Kelly came to La Honda about fifteen years ago looking for an affordable and safe place to finish raising her kids. She had no idea this area had so many musicians, artists and writers. Lisa dabbled with piano as a child but didn't embrace music till her mid-thirties. Her father had given her a broken mandolin which she fixed, broke again and fixed again. Lisa played with the Redwood Terrace Band for awhile and eventually joined up with her daughter Andrea Craver, Olli Stoiber, Larry Weissenborn, and Jack Mullins to form the Lisa Kelly Band. Her

first CD was produced by Jack Mullins and her second project is underway at Slipperworld

studios. When asked why play in a little place



Lisa Kelly

like La Honda she says "I love the music and I enjoy being a part of this community, which is kind of a magical Mecca for artists and musicians."

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## Meet Ann Emerson

by Joe Cottonwood

You may not have met Ann Emerson, though she's been living in La Honda for a couple of years. "I'm kind of a hermit," she says.

Four and a half years ago, Ann learned that she has a rare form of cancer called malignant mastocytosis. She was given 3 to 5 years to



Ann Emerson

live. "This prognosis was very good," she says, "because now I know there's an end in sight. I'm at heart very lazy. I need to evolve. Now there's a compression of time, an intensity. I'm more selective about who I spend my time with."

Mostly, she spends her time with two old cats at her little cabin in the redwoods in a chair overlooking San Gregorio Creek, (continued on page 2)

## Meet Ann Emerson

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where she writes poetry. She calls her home Lazy Eye Ranch in honor of a lazy-eyed cat.



Besides writing poetry, Ann runs something of a hospice for old cats, usually blind ones. "I've always worked with dying animals," she says. Currently she cares for two of them, Blinky (one-eyed) and Babar. In boxes by the window are the ashes of 3 cats who have passed on: Wabisabi, Flossy, and Piccola. "When I die," Ann says, "I want my ashes mixed with theirs."

Morbid? Depressing? Not at all. Spending time with Ann is to be embraced by the clarity of her life, her spirit, all of which shines through her poems.

Born in Oakland in 1954, Ann grew up in a not-so-good neighborhood in Richmond until 1968 when it was destroyed in the rioting after the assassination of Martin Luther King. Her father was a professor of medieval musicology; her mother was a child prodigy concert pianist who at age 8 appeared in Steinway ads, but who gave it all up, as was expected in the 1950's, to raise Ann. Her mother became a reference librarian in the Richmond Library, where Ann would hang out and read everything, first children's books and then moving to the adult section.

Ann majored in Physiology at U.C. Berkeley and wanted to be a veterinarian, but the Dean of the Vet School at U.C. Davis "chewed me out, called me a hippie (I had hair down to my butt) and told me he wouldn't admit me because I was only going to drop out and have babies." This was 1975.

So instead of veterinary science, Ann studied literature in graduate school but only as an academic pursuit, never as a creative writer. In those days (and perhaps still) there was a strict boundary: You were either academic or creative, never combined.

At age 27 Ann worked with Mother Teresa in Calcutta. "She was a pistol," Ann says. "A tough cookie. A down to earth, gritty woman. She took no personal interest. To her, all that matters is your service to others."

On a wall of Ann's cabin hang the words:  
Three things in human life  
are important;  
The first is to be kind.  
The second is to be kind.  
The third is to be kind.

--Mother Teresa



*Ann Emerson(right)with friend and poet Ingrid Arnesen. This photo was taken around the time that Ann was working with Mother Teresa.*

Ann worked for 20 years in the California Employment Training Panel, an agency started by Governor Jerry Brown to retrain workers. For 15 of those years Ann visited employers, meeting CEO's, helping workers from the cubicles of Silicon Valley to the hot fields of broccoli farmers. What she learned, she says, is that "American workers work really hard."

Finally, with her illness, Ann had to quit. She can't go more than a few hours without sleep. With the clarity coming of a life-threatening illness (Ann, in her Buddhist group, doesn't use the word "terminal"), Ann came to see many of her acquaintances as shallow, concerned with shopping and shoes. She gave up her life in San Carlos and moved to a little cabin in the redwoods. Meanwhile, she joined an

experimental writing class offered to cancer patients at Stanford. Under teacher Sharon Bray, she discovered she had a calling as a poet. At last she is a creator, not an academic. And she is blossoming. Now she meets with Ellen Bass, a Santa Cruz poet, and had an inspiring encounter with the poet Jane Hirshfield.

Ann has turned to poetry with a passion. "You go for broke," she says. Her lessons from Mother Teresa ("All that matters is your service to others"), from broccoli farmers ("American workers work really hard"), and from her own trials with chemo and blood transfusions and all the medical technology that Stanford can bring to bear, have taught her this: "It's not what you do but how you do it. You do it with all your heart and all your passion."

And this: "Getting cancer was the best thing that ever happened to me."

Poet Jane Hirshfield posted a comment to Joe Cottonwood's article about Ann Emerson. She said,

*"The finished poem is perfect, more than perfect--it is devastating and gorgeous and true.  
Thank you for this story--and Ann, thank you, for your presence, your words, and your teaching"*

### **Not the Last**

by Ann Emerson

-- with gratitude to Jane Hirshfield

In this story I am an old animal  
and not sad in the way people think

about horses vanishing in the West.  
Stanford Cancer Center. The hills behind the

research lab are stitched tight with barbed wire.  
Things now are just as they said it would be:

steel devices and PKC412.  
End-stage: I am a feral horse untouched

by human hands, lithe as grasses on  
high plains. Pink gasps of lungs for air.

This isn't the last poem I will write about  
orchids on the desks of doctors from grateful

families of the dead. Here, in this closed  
room, I grow restless pricked with silver

hooks and tools. I am not sad no one  
has figured me out and I do not wonder why things

turn out as they do: my sky pouring gold through  
the window, the crack of wind setting me free.

Ann keeps a journal at the wonderful  
website [CaringBridge](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/annemerson/journal). <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/annemerson/journal>

## **Volunteer Firefighters needed for La Honda Fire Brigade**

The La Honda Fire Brigade is currently recruiting in preparation for the next fire academy offering. Volunteering as a firefighter is a great way to help out others in the community. If you are interested, or know someone else who may be interested, please visit the Brigade website at [www.lahondafire.org](http://www.lahondafire.org) or call 747-0381.

The Brigade is also holding an informational lunch BBQ on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11AM at the La Honda Fire Station so those interested can get more information and meet the firefighters and their families. Please join us--visit the Brigade website to email or call about it.

Volunteering requires no experience; all training and safety equipment is provided. Those interested simply must pass a medical exam and background check, and be able to set aside time to attend the required training and respond to emergency calls. Currently the department is seeking men and women 18 years of age and older who reside in the areas of La Honda, Loma Mar, San Gregorio, and Skylonda. There are benefits including call stipends, firefighting org membership, and tuition reimbursement. The Brigade can also offer child care reimbursement for initial academy training.

So if you are interested, visit the La Honda Fire website or give the Brigade a call!  
(from <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/23105>)

## **Lisa Kelly**

*(continued from page 1)* The Lisa Kelly Band has played the San Gregorio Store, Sullivan's, Gazos Grill, The Wine Bar in Princeton, Angelica's in Redwood City, Finn's in Santa Cruz, the ever popular La Honda Festival, and Relay For Life in Half Moon Bay. Lisa has also played the Women in the Redwoods Music Festival in La Honda and was once again on the bill for this year's event. It was held on September 4th at Sullivan's on the beautiful patio stage under, of course, the Redwoods. Lisa and band can usually be found the first Saturday of the month at The Wine Bar in Princeton. When asked why should people come out and see her band she replies that the sweet harmonies between her and her daughter are the main thing that makes this band work. LKB music is a mix of ballads, folk, and rock. And yes, the vocal work between the two women is sweet and sultry. If you haven't checked out the Lisa Kelly Band catch them this summer at one of their shows, and you just might find yourself signing up to get the new CD release that she hopes to finish up by the end of the year. Find more photos and hear Lisa's music on Myspace, CD Baby, Facebook, etc.

This is the first of a series featuring local musicians and musical events around the La Honda area. If you would like to be considered for this please email me at [craig.eddy@yahoo.com](mailto:craig.eddy@yahoo.com)

## **Red Shouldered Hawks**

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Little – known fact: When they are only five days old, nestling Red-shouldered Hawks can shoot their poop over the edge of their nest!

By the time they are four or five weeks old, red-shouldered hawks are full-sized. In raptors fledging is called “branching”, and it is a slower process than for other birds.

The young hawks are very aggressive competitors with their siblings for morsels of food that their parents bring back to the nest. “They use the nest as a kind of springboard to practice leaping while flapping wildly—and for now, uselessly—in the air. This flight practice in the nest quickly evolves into short bursts of flight from the nest to a branch. And then to another branch. And another. And then to

another tree. And then they sit. Sit. Sit. Sit. Sit. Beg for food. Sit.”\*

At first we thought that this hawk in **La Honda** was the more common Red-tailed hawk, but mature red-shoulders not only are well named (see drawing below), but also have a striped black and white underside of tail. They tend to live near rivers and creeks, and their call is distinctive. Wing span 3 – 3 – ½ feet. The females are larger than the males.



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Red-shouldered hawks have an unusual distribution – the east coast of North America and California. They don't migrate.

They hunt by dropping on prey from perch in canopy, and also may hunt from the ground to catch mammals in burrows, hopping after them when they come out.

They eat rodents, small mammals, crayfish, birds, reptiles. Great horned owls prey on young hawks – but then again, hawks also prey on baby great horned owls. Crows and red-shouldered hawks chase each other, but sometimes join forces to drive great horned owls out of their territory.

Websites:

[http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Red-shouldered\\_Hawk/id](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Red-shouldered_Hawk/id)

Golden Gate Raptor Observatory:

\*<http://www.parksconservancy.org/our-work/ggro/e-ventures/ggro-e-ventures.html>  
[http://www.localbirds.com/birds\\_sfbay.html](http://www.localbirds.com/birds_sfbay.html)

## Coastal Cleanup Day – Saturday, September 25th, 9am-12noon

by Neil Panton



This year it's "BYO!" - Bring Your Own buckets, gloves and water bottles.

In an effort to cut down on the amount of trash generated on Cleanup Day, this year we're encouraging volunteers to bring their own buckets, gloves, water bottles etc. There will be plenty of supplies for folks to use if they don't have their own, but anything you can bring that is reusable will reduce the amount of trash utilized in our cleanup effort.

San Gregorio Environmental Resource Center (SGERC) will be site captains once again at San Gregorio State Beach. Parking is free for all volunteers. Come clean up the beach in the morning, then stay and enjoy it in the afternoon! There are many other cleanup locations too, if you prefer. Go to [flowstobay.org](http://flowstobay.org) for more information about the event and other cleanup sites.

Your school can get involved too. Friday, September 24th is a perfect opportunity for schools to involve their students in a cleanup event of their own. Once again, check [flowstobay.org](http://flowstobay.org) for info on this.

Planning for the event is easy. Either download a waiver form ahead of time or sign in at the site Saturday morning. Dress in layers since the weather is always unpredictable. Wear sunscreen and sturdy boots, bring a pair of gloves and anything else you can think of that will make for a fun and safe day. We'll have a brief safety talk before heading out so we can protect ourselves as well as the environment while cleaning up. Volunteers are provided with a data card to keep track of items collected. This allows the organizers to track the trends in trash

(just made that up - pretty catchy!) so that resources can be directed at areas that need the most help.

This event gains in popularity each year. I believe the reason is the immediate reward and satisfaction volunteers get from seeing a beautiful area restored to a litter free environment. It becomes almost addictive to pick up trash when we see it - the results are immediately apparent! San Gregorio State Beach offers many opportunities for cleanup since it stretches long distances in either direction. The large parking area and entrance also need cleaning up, and for the intrepid, the parking area across the highway is usually pretty well littered.

Please join us on the 25th. We'll have refreshments and small prizes for the most unusual items found, most trash collected, and most innovative BYO item. Hope to see you there!



### The CLHG Swimming Pool

will be staffed by lifeguards  
Monday-Friday, 2pm until 6pm  
Saturday and Sunday, noon-6pm,  
through September  
Weather permitting  
(pool phone 747-9411)



(clhg pool photo from HMB Review)

## Act protects farmland from growth pressure

“Farmers and land-conservation experts credit the Williamson Act with preventing more farmland from being lost to development. B.J. Burns grows pumpkins, squash and flowers on 140 acres around the San Mateo County coastal town of **Pescadero**, where his father and grandfather before him farmed on nearby land...thousands of farmers statewide--are united in their belief that the Williamson Act has helped protect California's rich crop and grazing land by giving farmers and ranchers tax benefits that help them remain in business...the program now protects 16.5 million acres of agricultural land, much of it having scenic open space and wildlife



value...Under the Williamson Act, counties may enter into voluntary contracts with farmers and ranchers who agree to keep their land undeveloped for 10 or 20 years in return for being taxed at a lower rate. In the past, the state has repaid counties for a portion of the tax revenue they lose by taxing farm and ranch properties at a rate below what that land would be taxed if at the same rate as nearby, non-agricultural properties...Because Gov. Schwarzenegger eliminated almost all of the Williamson Act "subvention" funding for counties participating in the program last year and plans to do the same in the current proposed budget, there is great concern in the agricultural community about the effect this would have on farmers' financial future..." (excerpt from the California Farm Bureau Federation. By Susan Sward, <http://www.cfbf.com/agalert/AgAlertStory.cfm?ID=1598&ck=9C19A2AA1D84E04B0BD4BC888792BD1E>)

## Candidates file for election

(excerpt from the HMB Review, by Lily Bixler) "...La Honda-Pescadero School District board president Andy Wilson and appointed incumbent Connie Sarabia won't face opposition because no other candidates filed for the position...."

## Two inmates fail escape attempt from juvenile facility

(excerpt from SF examiner, by Mike Aldax, <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/Two-inmates-fail-escape-attempt-from-juvenile-facility-100783224.html>) "The game of hide-and-seek eluded two young men who botched an attempt to escape a minimum-security juvenile detention facility in San Mateo County on Saturday, authorities said. The juveniles were serving time in the Log Cabin Ranch youth detention facility in **La Honda** when they escaped sometime before 4 p.m., the county sheriff said. Sheriff deputies went on the hunt after consulting facility staffers. One sheriff, Deputy Robert Willett, found the juveniles on a dirt road that runs parallel to Alpine Road, adjacent to the Dimas Ranch, authorities said. Willett exited his patrol car and ordered the escapees to halt. One complied while the other fled — running down a hill, across a creek and 50 yards down a trail... Willett eyed the path in which he fled, followed it, and eventually found the juvenile on a trail — hiding behind a tree, the sheriff said...One escapee earned his way into the detention center for possession of a concealed weapon and the other for assault with a deadly weapon, authorities said."

## Rainbow rodeo steers to La Honda

(excerpt from HMB review, by Lily Bixler, <http://www.hmbreview.com/articles/2010/08/18/community/doc4c6c1e687355a486915333.txt>) "Amid rainbow flags, cross-dressing rodeo queens and a synchronized horse drill to the tune of Beyoncé's "All the Single Ladies," the Best Buck in the Bay kicked off its 18th year in **La Honda**...The Bay Area gay rodeo chapter made changes to the event after failing to scrape together the funds for last year's event. In previous years, attendees stayed in Half Moon Bay hotels and ventured up to San Francisco for a Saturday night ball. This year the event organizers opened up a nearby camping ground and brought in a big dance floor for the ball. With the addition of a mechanical bull and other vendors, the rodeo took on a "festival feel" distinct from other years...People travel near - and sometimes far - to take part in gay rodeos... Besides being LGBT-friendly, the rodeo is similar to others. One difference: men and women compete in all of the events. There are also some campy additions, like "goat dressing," "steer decorating" and "wild drag racing..."

### Ken Kesey's Bathroom (blog entry)

(excerpt from

<http://someoccasionalthoughts.blogspot.com/2010/08/ken-kesey-s-bathroom.html>)

"I lived at two locations in **La Honda**, but the first is the one I want to describe here... There was an old roadside bar and restaurant called Boots and Saddle Lodge that was on the highway. I lived in one of the three cabins that were adjacent to the bar. These used to be for vacation rentals but now had longer term tenants. The area had a rustic rural feel even though we were so close to civilization... Sometimes Boots and Saddle had an edgy feel to it. It was one of those classic roadhouse bars where there were many local regulars. The owner, Dan Irhazy, became a friend of mine and he hired our developing jazz band to play there on a few occasions. One night there was a particularly large turnout there and Dan was very happy. He walked around the bar singing, "I'm Back in the Saddle Again." I'm saddened that Dan died a number of years ago. He was a real character. Someone should have written a book.



Speaking of writing books, another interesting thing I want to mention is that Ken Kesey was the most famous resident in **La Honda's** history. I lived there after he had moved to Oregon, but the memories of the years when he had his famous parties were part of the local lore. Kesey's cabin was about a quarter mile from where I lived and I met the couple who lived there. They owned a Finnish Sauna in San Francisco and one day they invited a couple of friends and me to visit their cabin... I'm glad I needed to "go" while I was there. The bathroom had been preserved just as it was when Kesey lived there. There was graffiti and art all over the walls. This bathroom had walls that are hard to describe. Kesey had written on it himself. And bathroom visitors such as the Hell's Angels had added their two cents. The Warlocks (who became the Grateful Dead) were visitors there, too. It's no surprise there was some very psychedelic art that was painted on those walls. I don't know what the moral of this story is...always use the bathroom?"



### Bike Stop in La Honda (blog entry)

(excerpt from

<http://calandmarks.wordpress.com/2010/08/16/a-great-200k-but-a-sad-day/>

"**La Honda** is a wide spot on Highway 84. There are a couple of bars, a gas station, and some kind of camping/lodge. Our *controle* was at the La Honda Country Market, which had a large banner proudly announcing that it was under new, local management! The sandwiches in the case looked good but I wasn't that hungry, so I just had a couple of cookies, which were just great! The downside of using this market as a *controle* is that they do not have a restroom for their customers. However, the bar/restaurant across the parking lot was supposed to have one, so I strolled over.

My policy regarding using a restroom at a commercial establishment is that you need to buy something in exchange for using the facilities. I didn't want food. I also didn't think that having a beer and a bump was a good idea, since I didn't really know what was ahead except that there was some climbing, so I asked the barkeep for a glass of chocolate milk. She looked at me like Nick the Bartender looked at Clarence in "It's a Wonderful Life" when he asked for hot mulled wine. However, she saw that I was riding my bicycle, so she knew that I had some loose screws. I told her that I was going to use the restroom and would be right back. Well, there was only one restroom and it seemed like there was a convention in town, so it took me about 30 minutes to get in and out. I went back into the bar, where I gulped down the chocolate milk (whole milk mixed with Hershey's syrup... YUM!) and headed out..."

## **South Coast receives \$2.2 million school improvement funding**

(excerpt from the HMB review, by Lily Bixler, [http://www.hmbreview.com/articles/2010/08/25/news/breaking\\_news/doc4c75af688e375240811867.txt](http://www.hmbreview.com/articles/2010/08/25/news/breaking_news/doc4c75af688e375240811867.txt))

“The California State Board of Education approved funding for **La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District** yesterday after a nearly month-long delay that forced the South Coast school district back to school without \$2.2 million in federal School Improvement Grant funding. “(The funding) means we’ll be launching a huge improvement effort for our students over the next three years,” said La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District Superintendent Amy Wooliever, who said the district heard the news yesterday afternoon over a streamed video of the state board’s meeting.... The U.S. Department of Education awarded California nearly \$416 million to disperse to school districts in amounts ranging from \$50,000 to \$2 million for schools that persistently underachieve. Pescadero Elementary and Middle School was deemed one of these schools.”

## **County inspectors fine Marchi for inaction \$6,400 penalty levied; more fines could be coming**

(excerpt from the HMB review, by Mark Noack, <http://www.hmbreview.com/articles/2010/08/18/news/doc4c6c108789545729833722.txt>)

“San Mateo County health inspectors have fined **Pescadero** farmer Natalino Marchi because of what they say is a lack of progress in addressing contaminated water on his property. The South Coast farmer was fined \$6,400 last week for failing to send reports to county officials detailing how he intends to establish a clean water source for his farm. Those fines could be just the beginning. Officials with the county Department of Environmental Health are warning they are considering legal action against the farm owner for further violating state health standards. In April, health inspectors discovered the water being piped into homes at the Marchi farms was tainted with toxic nitrates — a known carcinogen that can deplete oxygen levels in blood...”

## **Eradication of Purple Loosestrife from Reflection Lake**

(excerpt from letter written by Sally Bachman, from: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/22945>)

“San Mateo County Resource Conservation



District  
[www.sanmateorcd.org](http://www.sanmateorcd.org))  
received a grant contract for eradication of Purple Loosestrife from Reflection Lake, which is one of 2 places where the plant has been found in San Mateo County. Kellyx will be working with the Guild (and anyone who wants to join with the Guild) on an eradication plan that

will try to eradicate the remaining plants mechanically. ...The reasons why our PL infestation is not worse a) the spraying that has occurred and b) the hard work of Liz Chapman. Since 2005, Liz has been clipping the flower bracts of PL plants around Reflection Lake so that they will not form the seedheads and millions of seeds for which the plants are famous. Anyone interested in joining the Guild and the Resource Conservation District in formulating the new Purple Loosestrife eradication plan should contact me [Sally Bachman]. “

## **New iPhone App by Cuesta Resident**

(from the La Honda message board: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/22992>) “I thought people might be interested in the iPhone App I wrote...”

...Here's the link to Lone Moose Software. <http://lonemoosesoftware.com/products/feel-good-tracker>. Please let me know any questions, concerns, or suggestions.  
Sincerely, Dave Crane”

The app, “Records the activities that make you feel good with the intuitive Feel Good Tracker. The activity log and star rating system help you focus on your positive activities and inspire you to take control of your own happiness.”

## Yoga Club Begins

(from the La Honda Message Board:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/23039>)

"We will start this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Please bring your yoga mat, a \$10 suggested donation for the teacher, and a flashlight to get home or to your car safely afterwards. This class is open to all levels; beginners welcome. Limited to 20 people, or at the teacher's discretion. You will need to sign a waiver the first time. The daytime class will likely start on Monday, Aug. 13, due to Labor Day next Monday. We will start at 2 or 4; if you have a preference, please email me... Thank you for your patience; the response and interest in yoga was much greater than I anticipated, and it has been challenging trying to coordinate the clubhouse, teachers, and members.

Kathryn Ryan"

(Go to link above to contact Kathryn Ryan)

## Introduction to Nichiren Buddhism

(from the La Honda Message Board:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaHonda/message/23094>)

"On Sunday, September 26th, 4-5 pm, an introduction to Nichiren Buddhism will be held in **La Honda**. If you have heard a little, and want to learn more, or, if you haven't heard anything, but are curious, please join us! Families welcome! For more information, contact: Celia Gagnon - 650-787-8095

<http://www.sgi-usa.org/>

*"Buddhism is a philosophy with the aim of empowering people. Its central premise is that each person has the innate capacity to triumph in any circumstances in which they find themselves, to surmount any source of suffering, transforming it into a source of growth and strength. It is a philosophy established on the conviction that there exist within the lives of each of us at each moment inexhaustible reserves of courage, wisdom, compassion and creative energy... Buddhism is the shared pledge to work together for the happiness of people, to free them from suffering". - SGI Quarterly, Jan 2010"*

## Local Radio Fund Raiser for Educational Radio, KPDO 89.3 fm

(for more details go to:

<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1736997847/pescadero-youth-radio-project?pos=3&ref=recently-launched>)

"Funds raised will be used to help KPDO 89.3fm build an educational radio studio for **Pescadero** high and middle school students looking to produce community radio content.

\* Students will be able to edit audio and produce radio shows on a professional level.

\* Students will prepare questions for recorded interviews that are appropriate for the focus of their story

\* Students will learn the purpose and attributes of news radio production

\* After completion of the elective, students will have the rare opportunity to host radio shows of their own..."



*Amaryllis belladonna*

## Cemetery in Pescadero, California Awaits Arrival of Naked Ladies

(excerpt from

<http://californiapublicrecordsearch.org/201/cemetery-in-pescadero-california-awaits-arrival-of-naked-ladies/>)

"On the north side of the little town of **Pescadero**, California... lays a quaint hillside cemetery with a patchwork of family plots. Although there have been several burials in the last decade or so, most of the tombstones date back to the 20th century – and a weathered few are from the 1800s. Local resident Edward Weeks' grandfather once owned the land on which the cemetery is now situated. Mr. Weeks said, "The first burial was in 1871." He went on to explain, "There are actually two cemeteries on the hill, Mt. Hope, and St. Anthony's Catholic." Faded road signs indicate which is where... In slow summer, the funnel shaped *Amaryllis belladonna* plant (popularly known as the Naked Lady), blooms forth, and adorns the cemetery in vibrant pink. The lustrous and cheerful flowers are easily visible from the historic community church at the edge of town." [editor's comment: sorry if there was any disappointment]



## La Honda Motorcyclists Informal Gathering

Sullivan's  
Thursday, September 16, 7:00 PM

A couple of us La Hondans who like motorcycles were talking about bikes in general, interesting bikes we'd seen in town, etc., and we thought it might be nice to get together with whoever's interested in La Honda to see who rides what, what you're interested in, projects you're working on, skills you have or can recommend, training DVDs you'd share, bikes or parts you're selling, trips you've taken... Bring bike, pictures, stories.

Stop by and join us for food, drink, and talk. Sullivan's will be offering their great Thursday night \$10 specials.

Scott - 2007 Gas Gas 250, 1985 BMW R100R-ish

Andre - 2002 Montessa Cota, 2004 Suzuki DL650, 1976 BMW R75/6



### The La Honda Voice

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Volunteer to help keep the Community informed:  
Contact Bob Dougherty at 747-0102 or  
the\_voice@lahonda.com

## Letter to the Editor

(The letter and associated poem was sent in response to the article in the August edition entitled, "Housekeeper Sentenced for ID Theft")

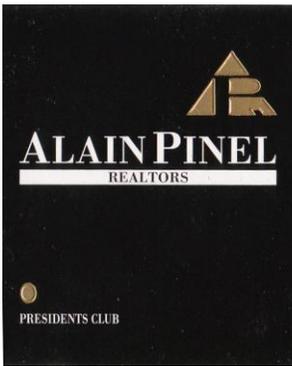
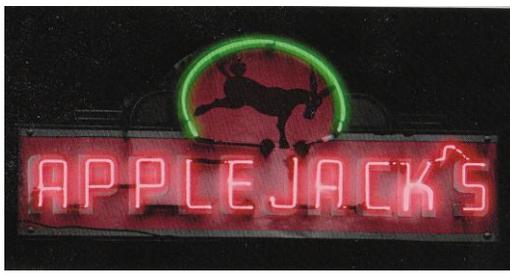
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spawns suspicion  
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people to cry in their pillows  
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and headaches  
Before you repeat  
a story - ask yourself

Is it true  
Is it fair  
Is it necessary?  
If not, shut up  
*Wall Street Journal - 1981*

When I read the article regarding Terri Vorris this advice seemed appropriate. Would you cash a neighbors paycheck for them? Would you give a neighbor a ride if asked? That's what Terri is guilty of, being too kind to someone as criminal as Heather Bond and her boyfriend Ken (I don't know his last name). Heather and Ken are career criminals who tricked Terri into their evil schemes of forgery and theft. Somehow it has all been turned around to seem like she herself is a thief or a perpetrator of crime, when in fact she cooperated to prosecute them. Somehow the Half Moon Bay Review and the courts have managed to make it seem like Terri purposefully set up her clients to intentionally cause them harm, this is not the truth. The payroll check she was asked to cash was actually a forgery made by Ken, which she had no knowledge of. When she was asked for a ride, it was actually a setup so that this Ken guy could rob Terri's clients information. The other way Ken and Heather got Fred and Vicki's personal information was from a lap top they left on the curb for recycling, not from Terri. Terri never received any financial gain from this and was an unknowing and unwilling accomplice, she was manipulated and victimized by them. Then the HMB Review prints her picture on the front page calling her the ring leader of a crime scheme. Get it right people! Especially if you're going to ruin someone's life, their reputation, and hurt their family. I know Terri well and she has worked for my family for years and she is a very trustworthy, honest, kind, generous, unselfish person as well as a loving wife and mother of two young children. It is shocking and cruel to say she is anything else, as well as untrue. As far as I know I thought that the truth still matters so I felt compelled to send this in hopes that you will print it (and this) in The La Honda Voice so that everybody who saw the lies in that previous article can know the truth. What if it was you, and your family, and your town? You would hope for the same thing, for the truth to be known, that's all. After all, if that article is not liable slander and just freedom of speech, opposing sides should have an equal voice.

Thank You  
Juliana Veneziano, one La Honda Voice hoping to be heard



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**Rootlessness addressed in El Granada resident's new book**

(excerpt from the HMB Review, by Stacy Trevenon)  
 "Diane Lee Moomey is very clear about her "gypsy childhood" due to her dad's frequent job transfers. "Home was the house of the moment," she said. Somewhere in her 20s, she began to feel that something, somewhere, was missing. "Like a piece of dandelion fluff," she said. "Wanting something, but not sure what it was." Diane Moomey stands in the door of her El Granada home with a copy of her recently published book "Place." That unidentified longing came out in poetry and artwork, with images of a home or little houses of clay. About three years ago, she took up painting with watercolor, and began developing an occupation in gardening, garden creation, and coaching clients in how to live with the land...A collection of poetry, essays and reminiscences, "...Place..." addresses what Moomey sees as a cultural void: a rootlessness, caused when people shift so often they have no chance to develop connections to homes and neighborhoods...Moomey makes her own place in El Granada, where she moved after having lived in **La Honda** since 1984. She honed her voice as a writer through involvement with CoastWriters, a group of Coastside writers who gather each month at one member's home to read their work...For information on Moomey or her books, visit [www.moomz.com](http://www.moomz.com)."

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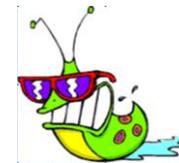
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214 Redwood Dr	2 bd/2 ba	1,950 sq ft	12,750	\$575,000
89 Redwood Trail	4 bd/3.5 ba	3 cottages	16,910	\$550,000
1 Memory Ln	3 bd/2 ba	1,500 sq ft	10,000	\$525,000
150 Back Rd	6 bd/3 ba	4,400 sq ft	6 acres	\$499,000
235 Redwood Dr	vacant lot	n/a	21,500	\$195,000

# September 2010 La Honda Events Calendar



calendar@lahonda.com, US Holidays

Sep 2010 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 2pm - Lighthouse @	30	31	1 7:30pm - Cuesta BOD	2 Bookmobile	3 7pm - Bundy Brown @ 9:30pm - TBA @AJ's	4 10am - Women in the 9:30pm - Ron-E-Lee & The
5 4pm - Bonedrivrs @AJ's	6 Labor Day	7	8	9 7pm - LH Historical Society	10 7pm - Saxyman and the	11 Patriot Day 7pm - Lisa Kelly
12 Lighthouse @ Sullivan's	13	14	15 7:30pm - Cuesta BOD	16 7pm - La Honda	17 7pm - Bundy Brown @ 9:30pm - Knowmatik Souls	18 7pm - This Way Up @ 9:30pm - Saxyman and the
19 4pm The Plain High Saxyman and the Lads @ 11am - Firehouse Info BBQ	20	21	22	23	24 7pm - TBA @ Sullivan's 9:30pm - DB Walker @AJ's	25 9am - Coastal Cleanup Day 7pm - Lighthouse @ 9:30pm - Medicated Funk
26 Jim Moore @ AJ's 4pm - Nichiren Buddhism	27	28	29 7pm - Lit Night @ Sullivans	30	1 7pm - Saxyman and the 9:30pm - Catfish Boys @	2 7pm - TBA @ Sullivan's 9:30pm - Stan Erhart Band

**Note: Events and times on this calendar are subject to change. For some events, additional information is available from the calendar at lahonda.com**