

# *The La Honda Voice*

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Friday, December 17, 2004

## **Animals in Disaster Benefit ~ Holiday Craft Sale**

"Just a little note to let you all know Coastside Veterinary Clinic is sponsoring and hosting a Holiday Craft Sale to benefit Animals in Disaster, a local group of volunteers who rescue pets in the event of emergency!

Where: **Coastside Vet Clinic**, 8865 La Honda Road (Hwy 84) in La Honda Center... adjacent the post office & Re/Max office.

When: **Saturday Dec. 18, 2004 10 am - 6 pm**

What: Handmade crafts and holiday treats for people and pets." From Karen Schaff (Message #5591)

## **The "Meet the Candidates" Event**

"I just got back from "Meet the Candidates" at the school [for the Cuesta BoD election]. I'm sitting here listening to Jane's Addiction and pondering over some of the things I heard. This event was a very good idea! I would highly recommend that the Cuesta Board adopt a policy to do this every year. I admire the members of current administration who showed up. You have gained my respect for doing so. While I did not, have much to say, knowing that most

folks don't care for my extreme positions on guild matters, I could see that others needed this event. I felt like a lot of healing took place." from John K (message #5595)

## **Local Events**

1. La Honda House - Christmas in Spain with Master **Flamenco Guitarist Roberto Campo** on 12/18 from 6-8pm
2. Applejacks - **T & Co** on Fri 12/17 .
3. Applejacks - **Seconds on End** on Sat 12/18

## **The Voice Editor Fired**

The upper management of *The Voice* were compelled to fire their Chief Editor after several grammatical and spelling errors in the last issue were called to their attention. This position is now open; interested applicants should provide their resume to The Voice. There is no pay or benefits, but plenty of last minute work. Please excuse any spelling or grammatical errors until a new editor is found - the current editor is still trying to figure out how to use his spell checker.

## **History of La Honda, Part III**

Here is a continuation of the highlights from "A History of La Honda" by

**Werner (Bud) Foss.** (Thank you Mary Bordi for introducing me to Bud Foss and thanks again to Charlie Catania for getting me started with this history.) This section contains excerpts from the section entitled:

### **Old La Honda The First Post Office**

"George Carter (1862) was the first person to settle at Old La Honda, where he built a small home...On April 19, 1873, the La Honda people petitioned for a Post Office at Old La Honda...the Knight stage line was given the mail contract on June 7, 1873, so a Post Office was established at La Honda Junction. Andrew Sausman was made Postmaster on October 18<sup>th</sup> 1873...During the big 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration of 1877, William Sears announced he would move his store to the old bear pit, three quarters of a mile up the La Honda creek...This move placed the La Honda store and Post Office where it is today."



*An 1893 letter to Carlos Falancon*

### **The Saloon and Bonzani's Lodge**

"The Keiffer brothers, Armond and George, built a saloon, cottages and dance hall at Old La Honda on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893...the Old La Honda site was deserted for a time. In 1912, Frank Cavalli bought it from Tacoma Mills and

rebuilt the site for Bonzani, a Porto Rican, who opened it under the name "Bonzani's Lodge." Bonzani made good with his lodge until it burned down, netting a total loss. Cavalli rebuilt the lodge for Bonzani, but two weeks after its big opening, he (Bonzani) dropped dead in a San Francisco phone booth of a heart attack...Tony Fodera then took over the lodge...After two successful seasons in business, he decided it was time to quit. He planted 36 sticks of dynamite hooked up with wire to blow up the lodge to collect insurance. Thanks to faulty wiring, the charge did not go off. Antone Fodera's intention was exposed, and with the sticks of dynamite as evidence against him, he pleaded guilty and was given six months sentence. The Catholic Church holds its Sunday services at Bonzani's Lodge for the La Honda congregation. It is the only remnant today of Old La Honda."



*Bonzani Lodge in 1920s*

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