

# Pacheco Progress Cinco

## The Hollister in Dos Mil Ocho Regress Report

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### CHICAGO DENVER AND COLUMBUS DELCARED NUCLEAR DEATHZONES

In a stunning turn of events, The cities of Chicago, Denver and Columbus have been declared “Nuclear Deathzones of Fiery Hell” by the Atomic Badness Committee. Levels of radiation are believed to be so high that even placing a number one next to the name of any of these cities may cause fatal radiation poisoning.

“We’re not sure how it happened, but we do know that the levels of radiation present will turn the listed cities into a post-apocalyptic doom scenario worthy of the lesser fiction of Harlan Ellison.” said ABC chairman Garris Chica.

While details are sketchy, much like Columbus chances of actually winning the WorldCon bid, a group of dedicated Americans headquartered halfway between the Silicon Valley and America’s Main Vein, I-5, had been studying the effects of years of Atomic testing on Urban areas. While Chicago was found to have a reading of 50k Rads, Denver was discovered to have a reading of ‘only’ 30k Rads, making exposure to it slightly less deadly.

“To be honest, we didn’t test Columbus.” Chica said, “We just kinda assumed ince we really didn’t wanna go all the way out there.”

The Bid Committees for the 2008 WorldCons seem uneffected. Hunkered down in a bunker twenty-floors below the savage Downtown bloodsports that have risen since the irradiated fall of law, the Chicago committee has gone about their business, produced a zine that will make Geiger counters wig-out and has said they have no plans on slowing regardless of the

Road Warrior-like conditions.

“We’re hoping that one of the roving gangs of the Damned will build a Thunderdome-like structure that we can use for programming.

Denver, meanwhile, has responded by burrowing deep into the mountains on which it rests and has announced that their position being so high above sea level has left them completely free from serious radiation effects.

“Aside from giant bugs, we’re completely fine.” said one Bidcomm member.

When the Headquarters for Columbus in 2008 were visited, there was found a sign on the door saying that they were napping and only to wake them once they win the 2008 WorldCon site selection vote at Anaheim. It is unknown whether or not such delusions were caused by the radiation poisoning or not.

Meanwhile, Chair-



man Chica announced the cities likely to cause your skin to melt on a five minute visit. Heading that list was Hollister, California, home of Casa de Fruta. The Chairman said that there was a nearly zero percent chance that anyone visiting Hollister would ever be exposed to the evil gamma and the recently discovered Iota radiation that is constantly emitted by the cities of Chicago, Columbus and Denver.

The President when asked for comment simply said “the fact that three American cities have been decalred Nuculer Hellholes overlooks the fact that much of the rest fo the country is only mildly glowing.

His staff then answered questioned from reporters. It is believed that the Administration will launch an investigation into how to pin this on either Gay Marriage or Stem-Cell Research.

# Regress Report Recipe Round-Up by Robert Hole

## Casa de Macaroni and Cheese Dinner

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## Casa de Fruitie Pizza

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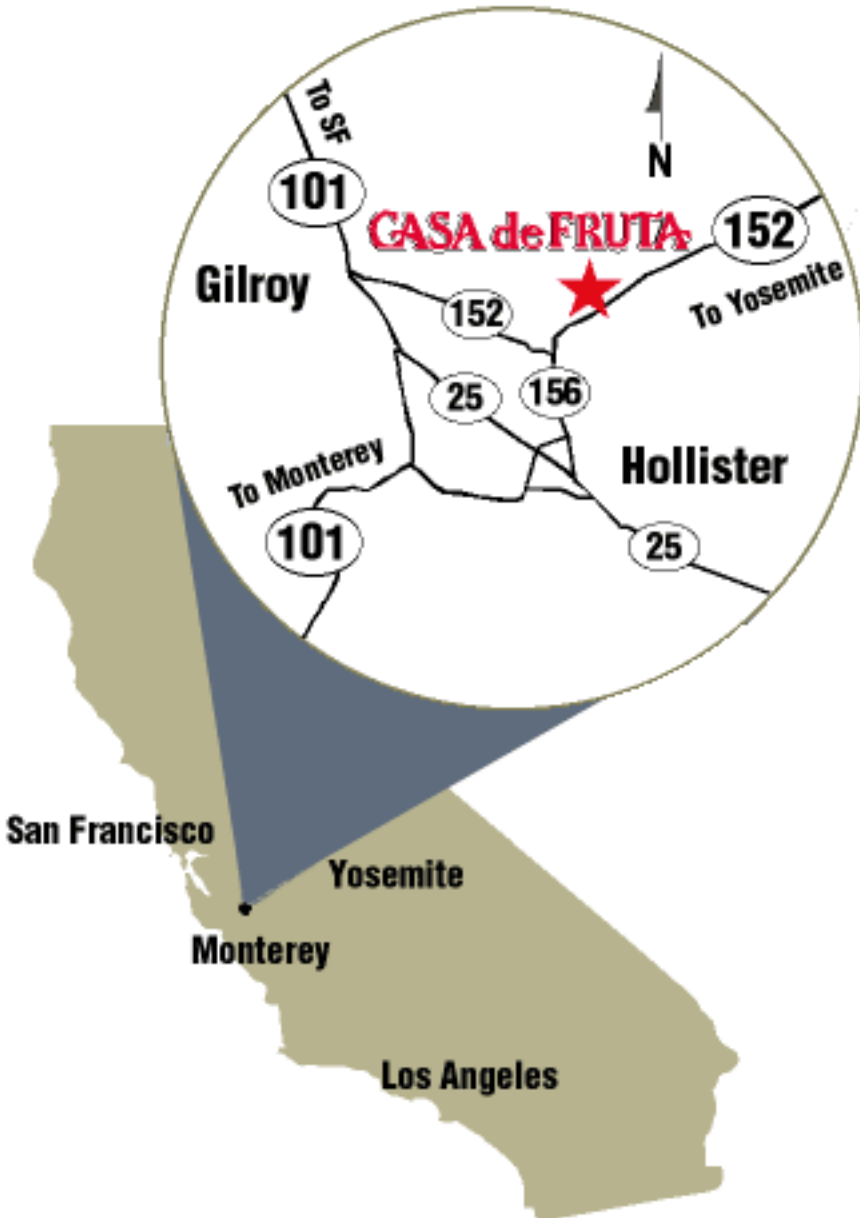
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### Did You Know...?

Hollister and the surrounding area is home to fine wine-making? Among the fine wines you can find there are Fortino Winery (<http://www.fortinowinery.com>) which does an excellent Charbono, Hecker Pass Winery (<http://heckerpasswinery.com>) which has a lovely Syrah and a pretty good Ruby Port, and there's always Kirigin Cellars (<http://www.kirigincellars.com/>) which is good if you've already drank enough of the first two (though I like the Vino di Moca and they do great vinegar). Can you name three wineries in Chicago or Denver? Well, can you? Yeah, I didn't you think you could.



We here at Pacheco Progress know that you have options when it comes to your WorldCon Site Selection voting. Why, you could vote for Chicago and spend the hottest weekend of the summer in the most humid place on Earth swatting away flies that will try and carry-off your children. Or you could choose Denver where you'll have to remember your oxygen mask and maybe even be forced to sit in the hotel bar and watch a Denver Broncos game. Or you could choose Columbus...well, you could in theory, anyways. But we're here to let you know that there is another choice, a place where a guy used to flip cups, where an American Bison roams his tiny enclosure, where fruits and berries are as freely available and in your face as Porn and Pestulence are in any of those three other cities.

That place is Hollister.

The Casa de WorldCon committee, with members in California, Oregon, Nebraska, Wales, Kentucky, and Wisconsin, hopes that you'll vote Casa de WorldCon Numero Uno on your ballot at Anaheim in August. We can't offer you the giant convention center or massive number of rooms required to house fandom, but the little things are all you'll need...hopefully.

# Hollister in 2008:

## A bid for *Casa de Worldcon*

<http://hollister2008.livejournal.com>

Hollister? Casa de what? What is this crazytalk?

- There's this whole bidding process by which organizations campaign to hold a [Worldcon](#) at their site. This year at [L.A.con IV](#), Chicago, Columbus and Denver are bidding to win the 2008 Worldcon.
- Bidding and voting is regulated by the [World Science Fiction Society](#) (an unincorporated literary society that holds the Worldcon trademarks)
- These regulations are only important if you intend to win. If you intend to lose, break at least one to ensure you're ineligible
- There is a grand tradition of hoax bids, bids that don't qualify and can't win but are fun and silly
- Some people get offended by hoax bids. We call them *easy targets*
- There are two major routes between Los Angeles and the SF Bay Area. One takes you right past [Casa de Fruta](#) on CA Highway 152
- Casa de Fruta is a major California landmark.
- Casa de Fruta has a 14 room hotel (Casa de Inn), a 300-space RV park (Casa de RV) and a conference center (without a cute name)
- 2008 is the centennial of Casa de Fruta
- You see where this is going, don't you?

Would you like to be a part of the most memorable bid for a Worldcon in years? You can support us in several ways.

## Join Hollister in 2008

Pre-Supporting Membership:	\$10
I'm a Nut! (Friend of the Bid):	\$20
BidCom Member:	\$30
Pre-Opposing Membership:	\$40

What do these membership levels get you? Pre-support gets you the satisfaction of helping with a great hoax. "I'm a Nut!" also gets your name on the *Casa de Worldcon* Wall of Fame at our bid party at L.A.con IV. BidCom membership gets your name in our program book ad (if we sell enough memberships to pay for a party *and* a program book ad) and the opportunity to help with the party. Pre-opposing gets your name on the *Casa de Worldcon* Wall of Shame at the party.

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Pre-Sup (\$10)       Nut (\$20)       BidCom (\$30)       Pre-Op (\$40)

Hand-deliver your registration to Andy Trembley, Kevin Roche or Chris Garcia  
"Hollister in 2008" is a committee of the *Bay Area Science Fiction Society*  
"We do these things not because they are easy, but because they are weird!"