

**\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\***

**“PIONEER FAMILY OF THE YEAR”**

*GOLETA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HONOR LOCAL FAMILY*

JAY AND MARILYN TORREY TO BE NAMED “PIONEER FAMILY OF THE YEAR 200D, THIS SUNDAY AT A RECEPTION AT THE STOW HOUSE GROUNDS, GOLETA.

The honor is given to a local family who have been an important part of of Goleta/ Santa Barbara History. The Stow House/ Rancho La Patera is a 5-acre museum/ gardens dedicated to the history of Goleta and agriculture in Santa Barbara County.

The Torrey family arrived in Santa Barbara in 1949 and opened “Mission Hardware.” At one time they owned three “Mission Hardware” locations. The final (Goleta) location has recently closed, allowing the couple to retire. They have been VERY active in the community: PTA, Chamber of Commerce, Friendship Force, 4H, and much more. The couple was also founders of Goleta Community Bank. Jay Torrey is a former Marine and received a Purple Heart after the Korean War.

The Torreys name will be added to a plaque at the Stow House Visitors Center, showcasing the names of previous “ Pioneer Families.”

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PRESS, members of the Goleta Valley Historical Society, and those invited by the family.

SUNDAY, October 1, 2006  
4:00 pm (wine reception)  
304 N Los Carneros Road  
Goleta, California

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**\*\* Photos of the event will be available after the event\*\***