

Heaven's Ranch

(In Spanish is Rancho Cielo)

Rancho Cielo Homeowner's Association Newsletter Supplement

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Happy Holidays! Here's wishing you all a very happy holiday season and a healthy, prosperous 2005. I hope to get a lot of classified ads from people trying to get rid of old stuff to make room for the new stuff Santa brings. If you don't celebrate Christmas, maybe your New Year's resolution is to clean out your garage or closets. Send me an e-mail at Sandra.Spencer@cox.net and I'll be happy to list your "previously owned" items in January's issue.

December's Community Event

There isn't one. I think we all have enough to do in December so I didn't schedule any events but hey, thanks to those of you who show up to the ones I do plan.

Our U.S. Soldiers Overseas

As a follow up to last month's story about hosting Marines for the holidays, I'd like to offer another opportunity to lift the spirits of those who can't be with their loved ones. The following is copied from OperationDearAbby.net, where you can send e-mail to the men and women in the military defending American freedom worldwide.

"In 1967, Sgt. Billy Thompson wrote Abigail Van Buren asking for a Christmas present for our servicemembers -- "Just a letter from home," American citizens have been sending their best wishes to the troops every holiday season. "Operation Dear Abby," has brought joy to hundreds of thousands of U.S. military personnel deployed away from home around the

world.

Concerns about regular mail delivery have prompted the military to suspend the letter-writing campaign...

However, Dear Abby, the U.S. Department of Defense, and the U.S. Department of the Navy's *LifeLines2000* Services Network in association with SPAWAR SCC (National Capital Region) is providing this private and secure online resource that will allow you to send a Sailor, Marine, Soldier, Airman, or Coast Guardsman a holiday greeting or message of support."

So next time you are at Amazon.com ordering gifts for the people on your list, take a few extra minutes and let a stranger know you care by going to OperationDearAbby.net. I'm sure your messages will be appreciated.

And The Winner Is....

Danya McLucas (*Via del Lago*) and her friend, Amanda McCarthy won a pumpkin and bragging rights at the FAIEHOCCO! (That's the chili cook-off.) We had 8 delicious recipes to sample and they were all very good, very different and mostly very spicy! Congratulations!

Mud Wrestling In RSM?

Longtime Rancho Cielo resident Bob Lake (*Camino del Cielo*) is co-owner of a new wrestling club for kids which has nothing to do with mud. I just wrote that to get your attention. **Wrestling Camps of America** will open soon in RSM

where they will have a wrestling gear store and a warehouse-sized, state-of-the-art wrestling room. The club is coached by Ukrainian born Valentin Kalika (visit www.vkwrestling.com) and sessions are currently going on at Santa Margarita Catholic High School. Boys ages 6 years through high school may attend. Wrestling is a great sport for all sizes and shapes of kids. Call Bob Lake for more information at home 589-2540 or cell 254-7023.

From Someone Who Knows

By Debbie Wheeler

Remodeling is at its highest and continues to grow. Why such interest? 'Home' is no longer four walls with a roof, it has become a 'lifestyle'. We have home offices, home theatres, commercial appliances for the home and the list goes on. So where does that leave a "Rancho Cielo" homeowner who wants to protect, increase and enjoy their largest investment? With no other choice but to 'remodel'. Why now? Every homeowner wants to net the highest when it's time to sell. However, most homeowners don't care to invest in their home for someone else to enjoy. In today's market, where the supply is greater than the demand, the few homes that are selling represent the minority of well done upgraded homes who have received top dollar. Does every remodel net the maximum \$\$\$? No, replacing and changing alone does not increase a homes value, 'emotional appeal' does. An 'emotional home' has maximized its potential in function, character, comfort, and lifestyle in key areas that add value. If you're investing in your home make your \$\$\$ work for you, it's worth it in the long run! For a free consultation call Debbie Wheeler today at Interior/x (949) 683-5057. I have helped your neighbors

maximize their investments with beautiful interiors and I can help you too. Why remodel now? Why not?

Just For Fun

How to Not Gain Too Much Weight During The Holidays Tip #1. I heard somewhere that wearing tight shoes makes us eat less. Makes sense: if your feet hurt, you aren't walking through the buffet line every 15 minutes, you are sitting on a chair admiring your expensive shoes and worrying that the store won't take them back...worrying burns LOTS of calories. Tip #2. Don't eat anything at a party that you can make at home yourself and for heaven's sake, do not eat carrot sticks, celery sticks or salad! You can save up to 100 calories by just staying away from the vegetables! That gives you room for one bite of something with chocolate. Your choice.

Free Classified Ads

Little Tikes outdoor toddler stuff including a climbing cube with slide, turtle sandbox with lid, hardsided pool with slide and picnic table. I can e-mail you pictures. Sandra.Spencer@cox.net. Or call 713-9088.

Does your student need math help? Santa Margarita Catholic High School student Eric Lake is available to tutor your student in math or science. He is currently in Pre-Calculus Honors and Physics. He can help in any math area up to Pre-Cal. If you need just a one-time session to help with a test or something longer term, please call Eric at home 589-2540 or his cell 350-7820. \$15.00 per hour.

Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!