

# Heaven's Ranch

(In Spanish is Rancho Cielo)

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Dear Readers,

I promised you some time ago that if you didn't contribute to Heaven's Ranch you would be subjected to stories about my kids and I have no intention of letting you down. So, I want to share with you a brief summary of our first trip to a local snowplay area. After an easy 90-minute drive to Wrightwood made easier by playing Spy Kids 2 on the minivan DVD player, we arrived at a highly unorganized "hill" and were asked to pay \$20 per person for the privilege of waiting in line (or should I say crowd) while holding a giant inertube to slide down a "hill" then wait in line at the bottom to get towed back up by a rope with hooks on it. This experience gets 1 star out of a possible 4 and that's just because we didn't have to travel a winding road with tire chains to get there.

-Sandra Spencer

## Book Club

Is there any interest in starting or participating in a community book club? Is there already a Rancho Cielo Book Club that I just haven't been invited to? Bookworms, please e-mail me at [Sandra.Spencer@cox.net](mailto:Sandra.Spencer@cox.net).

## Win a Trip

I didn't win the Oroweat Sweepstakes trip to Italy but I still haven't given up. Aveeno (skin care products) is also giving away a trip for two to the Winter Games. Visit [aveeno.com](http://aveeno.com) for details. Yes, you have to enter a bunch of personal shopping preferences and you

will probably get marketing e-mail from them for 5 years, but if you actually win the trip it will be a small price to pay.

## Got Bags?

Trader Joe's is promoting re-use of their brown bags by raffling off one \$25 Trader Joe gift card each month. Just bring in your used bags when you shop and ask the cashier for a raffle ticket. You can enter every time you shop. Hey, it's no trip to the Olympics in Italy but it's better than nothing.

## New Year's Resolutions

The Top 10 Resolutions according to Money magazine:

30% Spend more time with family and friends

19% Get healthier

18% Manage money better

17% Pursue enjoyable activities

12% Improve career

.005% Enter contests to win a trip to the Olympics in Italy. (Just kidding.)

## The Grocery Game

Remember the movie "The Crying Game?" Well, this is nothing like that. According to January's Money magazine, there is a new online service which scours the Sunday circulars and studies grocery trends so you don't have to. A subscription is \$10 for eight weeks but you can get a four-week trial for just a dollar. The site provides you with a weekly list of products on sale at your local supermarket, cross-referenced with the coupons in your Sunday circulars. Go to [www.thegrocerygame.com](http://www.thegrocerygame.com) for details.

**For Sale**

2001 Nissan MPV Van with only 19,900 miles. Excellent condition, retired parent no longer drives. Only \$10,499. Contact Corinne or Dan Loskot at 589-8826.

Wrought iron pot rack. Oval shape, pretty big, simple design. Contact Sandra Spencer at 713-9088.

**Wanted**

Family helper wanted in our Rancho Cielo home. Duties include light chores, office help and occasional childcare for 1 child. Must be over 12 years old. We offer flexible hours. You choose 2-6 shifts per week. Good hourly rate depending on experience. Please call the Loskots at 949-589-8826, or 632-0055

**Community Bulletin Board**

Babysitter. Contact Charlotte Cregg at 858-0969.

**Home Financing. Contact Carrina Moore, Franklin Financial at 599-6421 for competitive rates.**

Home Loans. Contact Alan Neilson, ReQuest Home Loans at 888-6484 or aneilson@requesthomeloans.com

Mortgage. Contact Doug Davidson at Special Interest Financing. 459-6214

Ornamental Iron. Contact Deby Rennon, Star Ornamental Iron Work, at 829-8810.

PartyLite Candles and Gifts. Contact The Candle Sanddal Sisters, Suzy and Sandy Sanddal at 858-7661.

Piano Lessons, Beginning and Intermediate. Contact Ctefanie (sounds like "Stephanie") Brohmer at 480-2382.

Real Estate. Contact Len Malena of Zip Realty, Inc. 949-459-6752 or Lmalena@ziprealty.com or WWW.ZIPREALTY.COM

Tutor (Math). Contact Eric Lake at 589-2540 \$15.00 per hour

Treasured Moments Photography. Contact Carol Bridges at 714-321-8942 or www.photographybytreasuredmoments.com

**Your Neighbors Recommend...**

Jim, The Installer, outdoor television and speaker installation, (949) 829-9477  
-Tammy Sorsabal (*Via Del Lago*)

Quite Cool, whole house fans, installed by Dana Stevenson Electric, (951) 492-2060  
-Carolyn Bradshaw (*Via Del Lago*)

Matt Ziemba, Handyman/Odd Jobs, (714) 271-2450  
-Carolyn Bradshaw (*Via Del Lago*)

Anthony Appliances, appliance repairs, (949) 837-4998  
- Kerry de Raad (*Via Del Lago*)

Ignacio Ramirez, interior painter, (714) 376-9699  
-Sandra Spencer (*Via Del Lago*)

***To list your business or service here, or to recommend a person or company, please contact me at Sandra.Spencer@cox.net. This column will be included monthly.***