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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER



Fellow Laderians,

I am a huge fan of Josh and Irene Vecchione, fixtures on the Ladera Ranch scene since the first shovel of dirt was turned over. Most people know the sweet, lovely couple, shown here, as owners of Toy Town, which closed recently. But a growing legion of residents have come to know them as the founders of Ladera Performing Arts

> (LPA), a non-profit theatrical production company for Ladera Ranch children ranging in ages 4 through 16 years.

We did a cover feature on LPA in last month's issue on its production of Shrek, and there's a story on page 12 about the upcoming production of The Sound of Music, involving over 140 of our kids who have been rehearsing their parts since March. Watch for more features on LPA as we plan to lobby LARMAC and others to build a community center for these and other activities.

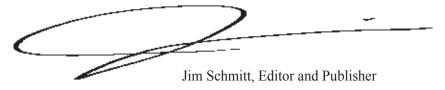
LPA partners with the Ladera Ranch Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization created to raise funds for the local public schools. Through this partnership, portions of the ticket proceeds from six previous productions has already raised over \$50,000 for Ladera Ranch public schools. Can you believe that!

LARMAC spends over \$1 million per year on sports activities. These are wonderful activities that teach our children good sportsmanship, being a team player, how to make strategic decisions, good health and fitness regimens and so on. I can't think of a U.S. President who didn't participate in team sports. And virtually all of the senior executives at my old company, Westinghouse, did so too.

But not everyone wants to participate in sports. Learning how to perform on stage in front of a live audience teaches our youths poise, stage presence, how to overcome stage fright, discipline, scene production (that's how Harrison Ford started), and team building as well.

Ladera Times Feature Editor Amy Spurgeon-Hoffman is working on a feature for next month's Ladera Times and she'll be echoing many of the same sentiments with more detail. If you've read her features, you know Amy tells it like it is.

How do we build and pay for a community center? Well, we could start right now by upping the monthly HOA fees by \$5 per household. Some people will squawk, but it's more than we spend for a bucket of stale popcorn at the movie theater. With somewhere around 6,000 to 7,000 dues-payment households, this would raise a halfmillion a year while we find a location and draw up plans. As for me, I'm certain someday I'll be saying, I knew that Academy Award winner when . . . thanks to Josh and Irene Vecchione.





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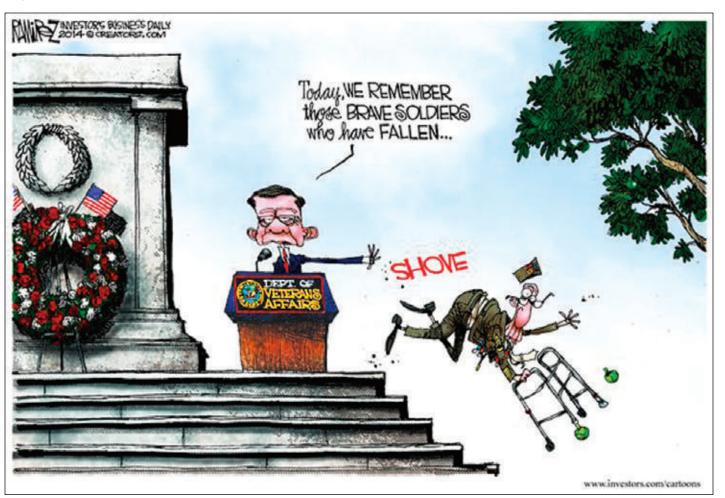
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# **Letters to the Editor**

Dear Editor,

I do believe that the Ladera times should not be a battle ground for liberals vs conserva- new cars driving around our tives, but should concentrate on Ladera issues, like why artificial turf is not allowed in this semi-desert area, or solutions to bringing back family activities are canceled for liability issues, or provide options to solve the traffic issues.

Lets focus on the good people of Ladera and what they could do to make this community even better.

But all that aside, am I the only one that saw the stock market go up by more than 30% last year, or see our home values go up by more than 20% are extreme, but I also think

over the last few years?

Or am I the only one that notices all the very expensive community?

I know there are always exceptions, but it looks like most of us are doing much better now than when Obama first took office.

And am I the only one that remembers when President Reagan tripled the national debt and then it was balanced under President Clinton?

Sure Congress is incompetent, but has both sides completely lost the art of compromise?

Yes, I agree that taxes

healthcare for everyone is a great idea. It just needs the right compromise between the parties to help make it feasible.

> We don't want or need another issue like we have with our ailing Social Security system. Extreme views to the right or the left will lead us nowhere. listen to anything I had to say.

Paul Reid Ladera Ranch

Dear Jim.

I hope you will let an outsider have a say in your LT. My wife and I met you in your office a few years ago. You told me you had worked for Westinghouse back East and that you moved to LR to be close to family.

Let's fast forward to the present. We have just returned from an extended stay in LR.

I was able to read the March. April, and May issue's. I must say I was pleasantly surprised to see that there are conservatives in LR.

I could make a case for your being so misguided, however I am sure you would not

Thank **God** for men like David Frazer who suggested that you take your views to the East Coast, believe me we had just as soon you stay where you are. A good reporter reports the news and keeps his personal opinions to himself

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**How Do You Get to Carnegie Hall** – Ladera Ranch was well represented at the ends of April when the San Juan Hills High School choir performed school," said Julie Hampson, a parent chaperone. at Carnegie Hall in New York City. "This is especially

exciting because it is the first time our high school has participated in a choir trip as we are a very young The choir teacher is Victor De La Cruz.

## Ladera's Capazin Thornton Authors **Book on Living Every Day in Victory**

Author Capazin Thornton, shown here, of Ladera Ranch, has released VIC-TORY 10 Keys to Living in Victory Every Day, a compelling non-fiction book that challenges readers to regain joyful dominion over life's circumstances.

Rich in wise nuggets, simple relatable life illustrations. and Bible promises, this book Living in Victory Every provides steps to help readers Day is available in both papress through to triumph and a state of lightheartedness.

"Principles begin with having and showing reverence to the Lord of heaven and earth and end," she said, "with a synergy of prayer, praise, thanksgiving and victory confessions that readers can use to begin each day on a strong victory note."

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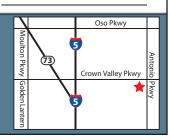




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# 5th District Orange County **Supervisor Pat Bates Speaks**



# The ABC's of Pool Safety

The hot summer months are almost here and hanging out around the swimming pool or the local beach can be a great way to escape the heat.

While most people are focused on having fun and cooling off, they don't think too much about water safety – but they should!

Drowning is the nation's number one killer of children under the age of 5 and the second leading cause of death from unintentional injuries for children ages 1 to 14.

By following a few simple guidelines, waterrelated accidents can be avoided

Learning how to swim is essential for anyone who plans to be on or near water. Swim lessons are offered year-round for people of all ages.

If you have a swimming pool in your backyard, learn the ABC's of Pool Safety:

### A – Adult Supervision:

Maintain vigilant adult supervision of children near water and designate an adult who is capable of swimming and whose sole purpose is to supervise the children in and around water, especially during social gatherings.

Make sure there is a phone nearby to call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

### B – Barriers:

Barriers buy you time. Having multiple layers of protective barriers in place between the water and young children will help protect them should a away from the current, lapse in supervision occur, especially if you have a pool in your backyard.

Examples of these barriers include pool safety covers, door alarms, gate locks, and motion detectors.

### C - Classes:

Learn CPR, first aid and rescue techniques so you can respond quickly if the need arises.

Learning to swim is as critical for those in the water as it is for those supervising children in the most polluted shorelines, water.

Talk to your children about the dangers associated with swimming pools first time in six years and of water safety rules.

Stay calm when calling 911 and make sure to

clearly and calmly state the information and listen for instructions.

When at the beach, it's a good idea to swim only in places supervised by a lifeguard and swim within the designated area. If you find yourself caught in a rip current, remain calm. Try to swim parallel to the shore until you are able to get out of the current. If you're unable to swim let the current carry you. Fighting against it will only tire you, and most rip currents weaken a short distance from the sandbar that creates them. Signal to someone on the beach that you need assistance.

### **OC Beaches Get** Clean Bill of Health for Summer

The environmental non-profit Heal the Bay has released its annual "Beach Bummer List", ranking California's without a single Orange County beach listed!

This year marks the that stubborn list-dweller Poche Beach in South County hasn't appeared on away the gulls.

the list.

This year's report card is welcome news. We have been very committed to discovering why certain beaches had poor water quality and took some very creative steps to fix the problems. Orange County's beaches are a beacon for residents and tourists, and we want to keep them clean and invit-

Poche Beach's clean bill of health is thanks to the combined efforts of the County's OC Watersheds agency, the City of San Clemente, OC Parks, OC Waste & Recycling, South Coast Water District, and the City of Dana Point. The beach is located where Dana Point and San Clemente meet, near a flood-control channel plagued by high bacteria levels.

The biggest part of that effort was building a \$3 million urban-runoff treatment facility, which began construction in 2007 and went online in 2009.

However, when water released from the facility pooled on the beach before entering the sea, it attracted seagulls and other birds. Their droppings reintroduced bacteria into the water.

Next, outdoor speakers broadcasting ultrasound were used to discourage the birds.

When that didn't work well enough, the County went Medieval on them, hiring a falconer to deploy hawks and falcons to scare

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On Monday and Tuesday, May 19 and 20, the Long Beach Convention Center was buzzing with activity.

Women from all different backgrounds crowded the halls rushing to get a good seat to hear remarkable speakers such as Arianna Huffington, Jack Canfield, Bonnie St John, Rosie Perez, and JJ Virgin at the California Women's Conference.

This annual conference provides an exceptional forum for empowering women of all ages from around the country.

Through education, entertainment, and exceptional resources, women have learned how to develop their potential, build their businesses, strengthen their careers, and positively influence the world around them through personal leadership and advocacy.

This year's theme, "Better Together!" was reflected throughout the main stage presentations and the different panel discussions that covered a variety of subjects.

More than 200 speakers and panelists covered topics from bullying to healing, from sexual abuse and trauma, from negotiation strategies to



financial and personal empowerment, facing your fears and how to unleash your passion.

Our panel discussions were broken out into five main categories that are shown to help individuals lead a thriving life:

Career Life: how you occupy your time – or simply liking what you do every day

**Social Life**: having strong relationships and love in your life

**Financial Life**: effectively managing your economic life

Physical Life: having goodKFWB, Delta, The Successhealth and enough energy toTransformation, Long Beachget things done on a daily basisConvention Center, Ford, and

**Community Life**: the sense of engagement you have with the area where you live

Designed to inspire and encourage women, our speak-

ers and A-list celebrities empowered women to take charge and make a difference in the world.

The Women's Initiatives in today's corporate world was one of the most popular discussions, "Are we workin' – or are we playin'?" was the theme of the panel moderated by Anisa Rashad, Director of Women's Initaitive from Northrop-Grumman.

Georgia Zachary, the Director of Women's Initiatives at AT&T, and Carolyn Sims, Southern

California Edison, along with Melanie Mack, CEO, Power of Single Mom, took the stage to discuss the shift in female roles in corporate positions today and overcoming perceptions of women in the workplace.

We would also like to thank our sponsors and partners who helped make this an unforgettable event. Special thank you to UCLA Health, Edwards LifeSciences, Logitech, Southern California Edison, Gallup Strengths Center, LA Register, KFWB, Delta, The Success Transformation, Long Beach Convention Center, Ford, and Este Lauder.

As I've said: The California Women's Conference hosted women and men from all over the world who came together to share their message with thousands who left inspired and ignited to take what they learned back to their community.

The exciting part about producing this 29-year-running conference is this is only the beginning – we had individuals from all over the world who are taking the conference back to their community.

Our theme, BetterTogether, was alive and well throughout the entire two days and now continues on as we reach out globally.

If you are interested in hearing more about how to get involved, please contact us at info@WomenNetwork.com. \

We are Better Together! (Visionary and lauded business accelerator Michelle Patterson is President of the Global Women Foundation and The California Women's Conference (www.californiawomensconference.com) - the largest women's symposium in North America that has featured esteemed First Ladies, A-List Hollywood celebrities, and high caliber business influencers. Michelle is also the CEO of Women Network LLC, an online digital media platform dedicated to giving women a voice and a platform to share their message. Michelle may be reached at WomenNetwork.



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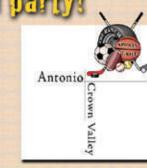
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# **Ladera is Alive with the Sound of Music**

Looking for something fun to do this summer and at the same

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> is set to perform Sound of Music at Tesoro High School over two weekends, Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29, and again Saturday and Sunday, July 5 and 6.

Over 140 local children, ranging in age from 4-16 years old, have been rehearsing since auditioning for their roles in March.

The performances include eleven different shows and four different casts, including a tots cast for the youngest actors.

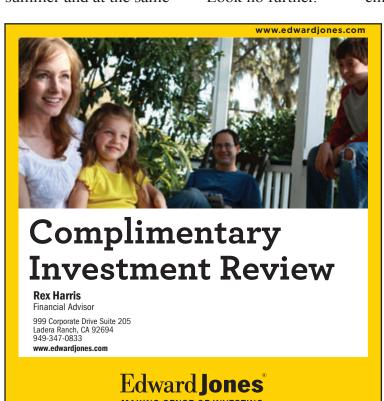
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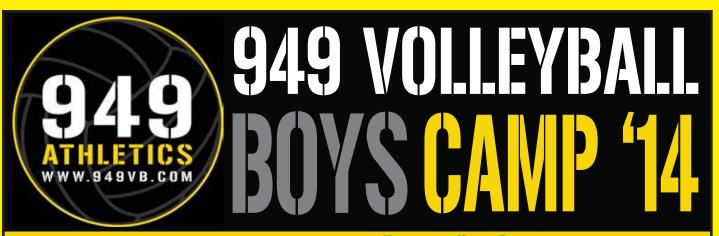
To date, LPA has already raised over \$50,000 for Ladera Ranch public schools through six previous musical productions. Tickets are \$12.00.

For more information on the Sound of Music or any of LPA's upcoming summer camps go to www. laderaperformingarts.org





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# WHY 949?

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# Remember to Vote on June 3

Ladera Ranch Civic Council

As with any election,



Jett McCormick

this year's mid-term elections are important as we elect a Governor, Attorney General, Orange

County 5th District Supervisor, State Assembly, U.S. Congressional Representative and more.

Mid-term elections generally have low turnouts and the primarily even worse.

However, with the new open primary, it is only the top two candidates that move on to the November election regardless of party.

So, if the top two vote recipients are from one party, that is the choice you will have in November. If you support a candidate, you need to vote in the Primary or they may not be on the ballot in November.

A more compelling reason to vote in all elections is the perception of Ladera Ranch as a community.

Ladera Ranch has had some good turn outs in past elections. Politicians take notice of areas with strong turn outs.

This has put Ladera Ranch on the map as an important stop for candidates and a reason for them to listen to our issues and needs. This is **very** important for upcoming issues facing our community.

Ladera Ranch is the largest unincorporated area in Orange County. As an example, it is important as our future is debated by LAFCO, the County Board of Supervisor, and other stakeholders determining the future governance of South Orange County.

All need to understand Ladera Ranch will be a strong community going forward and we will need to be taken seriously at the bargaining table. Take the time to **vote** in all elections. It is important for our community and our families.

### Oso Grande Traffic Task Force

Council voted to approve the formation of a Traffic Task Force to formally study traffic issues around Oso Grande Elementary School.

The Civic Council has studied limited traffic issues around the Oso Grande

Elementary School over the **Call for Nominations** past two years. This review has led to changes in the way traffic is managed and has improved traffic flow.

This includes management of traffic at the roundabout, the addition of crossing guards, a traffic survey, and the pending improvements creating a left hand turn out of the water park on **Next Meeting** O'Neal.

The Civic Council has identified the need to review other options and create an overall proposal for possible solutions for the Oso Grande Elementary traffic

The Task Force will create an outline of other miti-The Ladera Ranch Civic gation measures that could improvement traffic in this area during school drop-off and pick-up times.

> The scope would include the review of current documents, surveys, discussions with other organizations, and others potentially impacted.

The Council will be holding elections for the Board in September. Applications to run for the four seats up for election are due by July 18. Applications are available on the Council's website at www.lrcivic council.org

The LRCC's next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 16, at the Santa Margarita Water District building. Help your Civic Council help vou.

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# **Capo Girls Softball All-Stars Capture Rancho Round-Up Title**

Winning the Inter-League Spring season unde- held on May 16-18, tournafeated would not be enough for the Capo Girls Softball 14U All-Stars who continued their winning streak into the All-Stars season.

Although a warm-up tournament to the All-Star season, the Rancho Round-

up All-Stars Tournament, ment was a competitive, fun start to All-Stars, which included recreational teams in the "B" and "C" Divi-

The team began their tournament run with an 11-4 win over Long Beach

Heartwell, followed with a 9-3 win over Buena Park, a 9-3 win over Rancho Trabuco, and a 10-6 win against Mission Viejo, which advanced the All-Stars to the finals

The team faced Mission Viejo again in the championship game, and Capo

Girls Softball prevailed with a 15-4 win.

The 14U Capo Girls Softball All-Stars have their heart set out to win the "C' State Championship in July, which would then lead them to the National Championship in Oregon at the end of the month.

# **Recipe of the Month by Michelle Dieckhoff**



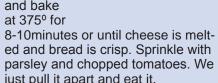
### Stuffed Cheese & Sausage French Bread **Ingredients**

- 1 lb loaf of unsliced French Bread (or favorite bread)
- 1/2 c butter, melted
- 1 1/4 cup shredded Swiss cheese (or favorite cheese)
- 1 thsp chopped fresh parsley
- 1 16oz Farmer John Sausage Roll
- 2 large tomatoes chopped

### **Directions**

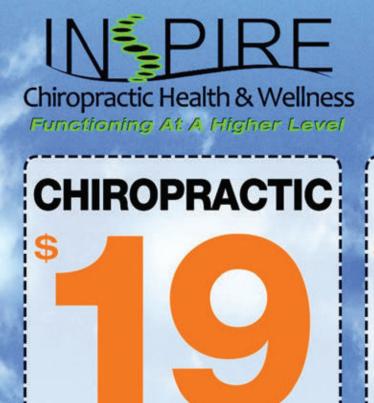
Cut "X" slices into your bread, but do not cut all the way through bottom. Wrap bottom of bread with foil and set aside. Melt butter and cook sausage. Carefully pour into your "X's"

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Every year, literally thousands of Ladera Ranch homeowners gather together



sonal events in south Orange County.

Ranging from summer conto enjoy among the best sea- certs and Fourth of July fireworks to Harvest Festival and winter holiday celebrations, each event is designed to bring families, friends and neighbors together and reinforce the sense of community that makes Ladera Ranch unique.

The hard-working Ladera Ranch group dedicated to creating, planning and producing these impressive happenings is Ladera Ranch Community Services, better known to most as LARCS.

Formed in 1999 as part of the developers' lifestyle vision for this premier master planned community, LARCS is responsible for the rich social and community side of life in Ladera Ranch. In addi-



tion to the obvious planning and implementation of the community events, LARCS coordinates and manages the recreational programs offered at the Clubhouse facilities, the volunteer program, as well as the community website, www.LaderaLife.com one of the first of its kind in California, and the quarterly

news magazine, "Roots and

Wings." LARCS, a non-profit entity, is funded by a one-time community enhancement fee of 1/8 of a percent of the home sale price. Its annual budget of \$1.2M covers the cost of community programming and events, professional services such as insurance, legal and accounting, and LARCS administrative operations.

LARCS' large scale community events often takes six to 10 months of planning to include securing permits for street closures, ensuring safety inspections for special staging, screening vendors, handling security issues, liaison with County agencies, such as the Sheriff's Department and Fire Authorities, and more.

Said Jay Rogers who serves as a volunteer Board Director and Vice-President of LARCS, "Nothing pleases us more than to see so many of our Ladera Ranch neighbors coming together to enjoy a LARCS Community event. Making it look easy is actually very hard work and we certainly couldn't do it without our team of 200+ Ranch Hand volunteers, all of them Ladera

residents. Their amazing sense of community volunteerism is an essential ingre- Board members are voldient to the 'secret sauce' that ensures our events are successful."

The LARCS Board of Directors comprises five Ladera Ranch homeowners. elected by the Neighbor-

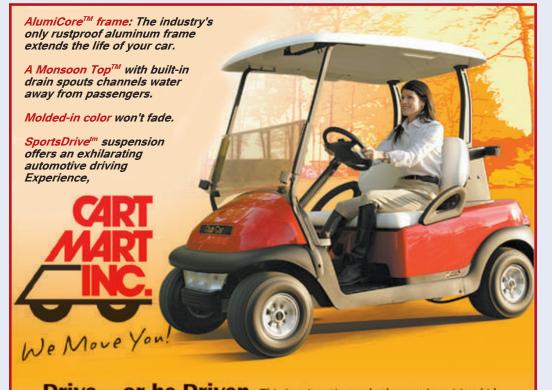
hood Representatives to serve a three-year term. All unteers and contribute an average of 12 hours a month of their personal time.

Serving currently as LARCS Board members are: Matt Cordry, President: Jay Rogers, Vice President;

Ryan Miller, Treasurer; Jenelle Harmon, Secretary; and Jett McCormick, Member at Large.

In addition, the LARCS Board appoints two nonvoting members to a oneyear term. Current non- voting members are Dan Holm

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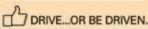
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# **LARCS Activities Usher in the 4 Seasons**

(continued from previous page) and Kelly Trujillo.

"Our non-voting members serve an important role in our leadership succession planning," says Board President Cordry. "They provide the Board with leadership continuity for future Board elections and, along the way, garner great experience in the workings of LARCS and our function and responsibility to the community."

Supporting the LARCS Board and responsible for implementing its decisions, is a team of five full-time and one part-time staff members. This LARCS team is employed by First-Service Residential CA, a community management



company, contracted to provide management services for LARCS. Leading the LARCS team is Executive Director, Susan Jones. "Creating a great lifestyle experience is always our

goal – and it's a privilege to serve our residents in this way. We welcome new ideas from residents that are consistent with LARCS Vision and Values and all are thoughtfully reviewed. LARCS Staff are above, I-r: Cheryl McKenzie, Marcela Vega, Darlene Hidalgo, Susan Jones, and Joanne Stout, not pictured is Tamara Bush.

On the Cover are LARCS Board, top I-r: Ryan Miller, Jenelle Harmon, Kelly Trujillo, front I-r: Dan Holm, Matt Cordry, Jett McCormick, and Jay Rogers.



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The LARCS Board has to evaluate the liability risk to the community and consider the many County restrictions that deal with street closure and other safety issues when exploring new ideas from the residents, but when possible, we run with it. Two examples of great ideas that originated from our residents are the Family Camp Out and the new Laura's House Mother and Daughter Tea."

While in any one month LARCS will be organizing an appealing community happening, it builds its annual program around four cornerstone events with activities for all ages.

Just completed is this year's Spring Celebration, a highlight of which was an "egg scramble" for younger kids comprising of 23,000 eggs!

Next up this year is the Fourth of July Celebration with a community parade, a live concert and what is always a spectacular fireworks display. A "Teen Zone" attracts more than 1,000 teens from 7th–12th grade with their own food, games, DJ and other activities.

Harves tion, we cook of adults.

The Fall brings in the

Harvest Festival Celebration, with its popular chili cook off and beer garden for adults.

A new twist this year (continued on next page)



# **Shaping the Community Spirit**

(continued from previous page) will be the addition of a country and western band.

Rounding out the calendar is the Winter Holiday Celebration. Starting on the first Friday evening in December with the arrival of Santa Claus, celebratory events include a live nativity scene, and a lighting of the menorah ceremony.

Liberally sprinkled between LARCS' four cornerstone events are more than a dozen other community highlights, ranging from Barks, Biscuits and Brew at Wagsdale Dog Park to the upcoming Friday Night

Summer Concert Series in either Founders Park or Town Green. A partnership with Cox Communications, each of the six summer concerts features a different local cover band. Based on previous years, LARCS anticipates several thousand Ladera Ranch residents will

come out to enjoy the music with families and friends.

The LARCS Board offers residents several avenues for expressing their thoughts and ideas including the Community Forums held the 4th Wednesdays in February, April, June, August, and October from 5:00-6:00 pm at the Oak Knoll Clubhouse.

The LARCS office is located at the Oak Knoll Clubhouse with office hours Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

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## **LARCS Unveils Vision. Values**

In February the LARCS Board unveiled the following Vision and Values Statement

### The LARCS Vision:

Connecting neighbors, building friendships, and sharing experiences to shape the community spirit of our community's future.'

### The LARCS Values:

- **Communication**: We provide current community information and encourage dialogue with our residents
- **■** Community Involvement: We strive to offer programs, activities, and events with opportunities to encourage and inspire resident involvement in our community
- Fiscal Responsibility: We are committed to serving as responsible stewards of the LARCS financial re-
- Legacy: Our residents have entrusted us to foster unique community lifestyle experiences and ensure sustainability for future genera-
- Partnership: We are committed to collaborative and partnerships opportunities with local businesses, community groups and charities that enhance our lifestyle experiences.



You can see it in the gentle foothills, and sense it from the warmth of your neighbors. Since opening last June, Sendero, our first village, has blossomed. Parks, paseos, trails, pools, and three clubhouses are all welcoming hundreds of new Ranch residents. Our sports field, Sendero Farm and The Marketplace are on the way.

Village of Sendero named U.S. Community of the Year by the National Association of Home Builders

Both family and 55+ neighborhoods are thriving, and folks are enjoying a fun-filled calendar of events courtesy of the nearby nature reserve, plus all the Sendero activities staged by our own RanchLife team. It's a whole new to-do list, made for good times, vivid memories, and a full life. Visit RanchoMissionViejo.com to see more.

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# CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS BY RAM MUKHERJI



The 2013-2014 school year is nearing it's end. The last day of the school for all students is June 24.

I am sure, as in the past, the management, teachers and students are looking forward to the summer.

As always the seniors are planning for their college, some are gearing up for working during summer and some are looking forward to their other summer plans as foreign and domestic travel, and so on

I also hear at the 24 hour Fitness Center from the student athletes that they are eager to join their college athletic programs.

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The Capistrano Unified School District ship has been sailing smoothly last couple of years.

Farley has brought his calming attitude to the District. The Unions and the District management are working together for the betterment of machine. the District and the students. There is no dissension in sight.

Dr. Farley's last day is June 27. As we all know he is retiring from the active par- Associates to select a candi-

ticipation of running schools after 40 years of service. I personally enjoyed meeting him and hope we stay in

When Dr. Farley came to CUSD from Anaheim School Superintendent Dr. Joseph District, I was wondering why he is stepping into what was then a terrible mess. But he came into the District and changed it into well oiled

> Dr. Farley's replacement was scheduled to be named in May, however it has been postponed to June. The Trustees have retained Leadership

> > date based on the on the leadership profile and selection criteria formulated by the Superintendent search

It is anticipated the future Superintendent will be selected prior to Dr. Farley's departure.

\* \* \*

Our newest high school, San Juan Hills High is fully matured now and gaining national recognition.

The Student Newspaper, The Express, was judged as one of the Top 10 high school newspapers at the National High School Convention in San Diego.

to be held during June 15-19 in Maryland. San Juan's athletic program is doing well as many graduating senior athletes

have been accepted in well

known universities.

Ninth grader, Amanda

Rooker, has advanced to the National History Day contest

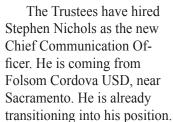
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All six CUSD high schools were identified as among the elite in State and National ranking by US News and World report. San Juan High School being the newest to qualify for this distinction.

The District's success is brought by students who are taught be teachers. We have excellent teachers as proven by the selection of the Chaparrel's Karren Gauthier as one of five Orange County Teachers of the Year.

It is a great honor Karren and we, at the Ladera Times and many others in Ladera Ranch are proud of you. We wish you the best in your teaching career.

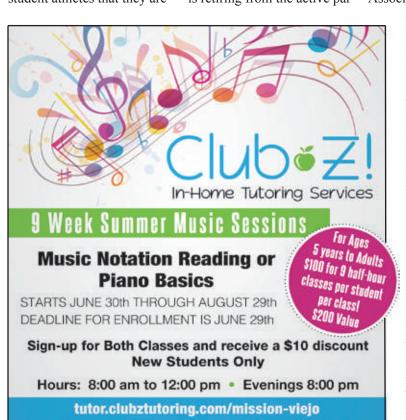
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The Trustees have hired Gregg Merwin, Ed.D. As the first principle of the new K-8 School in Rancho Mission Viejo. His start date will be close to school opening.

\* \* \* (Ram Mukherji is a former Trustee of Tri-City L.A. County Unified School District and Past President of Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation.)



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# **Monthly Real Estate Report by Cathie Berlin**

### LADERA RANCH RECENT SALES ACTIVTY - 30 DAYS ENDING MAY 27, 2014\*

				Date	Days On			Price Per
<u>Address</u>	<u>Beds</u>	<u>Baths</u>	Sq Ft	Closed	<u>Market</u>	List Price	Sold Price	Sq Foot
7 Arabis	2	2	1150	05/20/14	58	\$379,900	\$365,000	\$317
78 Valmont	2	1	1240	04/30/14	62	\$374,900	\$377,500	\$304
5 Arabis	2	2	1284	05/22/14	100	\$399,900	\$394,000	\$307
36 Corbin	2	3	1500	04/30/14	166	\$399,900	\$399,900	\$267
2 Corbin	2	3	1350	05/23/14	37	\$418,900	\$405,000	\$300
22 Triad	2	3	1319	05/22/14	97	\$419,900	\$408,500	\$310
74 Trumpet Vine	2	2	1400	05/08/14	29	\$419,000	\$414,500	\$296
34 Tuberose	2	2	1400	05/02/14	16	\$415,000	\$415,000	\$296
51 Strawflower	2	2	1250	05/12/14	25	\$425,000	\$417,000	\$334
24 Adelfa	2	3	1557	04/30/14	64	\$435,254	\$435,254	\$280
41 Rumford	3	3	1500	05/19/14	26	\$475,000	\$470,000	\$313
6 Granar	3	3	1419	05/23/14	31	\$484,900	\$484,900	\$342
25 Ellsworth	3	3	1737	05/14/14	242	\$485,000	\$487,000	\$280
5 Toribeth	3	3	1600	05/22/14	50	\$485,000	\$487,000	\$304
20 Sellas	3	3	1602	05/12/14	56	\$499,000	\$495,000	\$309
2 Toribeth	3	3	1688	05/07/14	37	\$499,900	\$499,900	\$296
5 Winterset	3	3	1584	05/16/14	39	\$513,900	\$505,000	\$319
33 Sembrio	3	3	1737	05/09/14	14	\$509,900	\$509,900	\$294
191 Sklar	3	3	1563	04/30/14	2	\$515,000	\$515,000	\$329
75 Orange Blossom	3	3	2035	05/15/14	121	\$549,000	\$540,000	\$265
12 Oatfield Farm	3	3	1472	05/21/14	30	\$549,000	\$540,000	\$367
45 Fieldhouse	3	3	1514	05/09/14	39	\$595,000	\$585,000	\$386
8 Maple Run Farm	3	3	1510	05/16/14	23	\$599,900	\$590,000	\$391
9 Sklar	3	3	1800	05/08/14	21	\$599,900	\$600,000	\$333
7 Windmill	4	3	2000	05/21/14	41	\$629,000	\$619,000	\$310
14 Thorp Spring	3	3	2086	05/22/14	109	\$629,000	\$625,000	\$300
6 University	4	3	1755	05/01/14	71	\$675,000	\$650,000	\$370
10 Alcott	4	3	2300	04/30/14	42	\$699,900	\$694,500	\$302
52 Tuscany	3	3	2084	05/01/14	65	\$715,000	\$703,000	\$337
25 Chianti	4	3	2084	05/12/14	69	\$719,000	\$719,000	\$345
11 Hanceford	4	3	2200	05/09/14	26	\$739,900	\$736,500	\$335
2 Candlewind	3	3	2076	05/02/14	56	\$779,000	\$740,000	\$356
14 La Salle	4	3	2400	05/02/14	28	\$799,000	\$790,000	\$329
5 Craftsbury	5	5	3200	04/30/14	69	\$825,000	\$800,000	\$250
31 Saint Just	4	3	2577	05/15/14	7	\$839,000	\$819,000	\$318
			2585	05/06/14	19	\$799,900	\$820,000	\$317
8 Agapanthus 17 Baudin	4 5	3 3	2450	05/00/14	36	\$859,900	\$820,000	\$342
17 Baudin 14 Bower	4	3	2800	05/12/14	60		\$845,000	\$302
	4	3				\$850,000		
20 Salvatore			2591	05/01/14	82	\$874,900	\$855,000	\$330
9 Plum	4	3	2750	05/23/14	10	\$875,000	\$867,000	\$315
64 Downing	4	4	3849	05/20/14	218	\$1,099,900	\$1,050,000	\$273
33 Downing	5	5	3336	05/23/14	98	\$1,200,000	\$1,174,000	\$352
12 Katy Rose	4	5	3550	05/15/14	98	\$1,229,999	\$1,230,000	\$346
1 Westford	5	6	4970	05/07/14	178	\$1,375,000	\$1,335,000	\$269

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# What is Private Mortgage Insurance or PML?

### by Cathie Berlin, **Real Estate Editor**

In general there are two types of mortgage insurance, mortgage insurance bought from the government for FHA or VA loans or mortgage insurance for conventional loans which is bought from the private sector (PMI also known as, private mortgage insurance).

In general, the type of mortgage insurance required will depend on the type of mortgage loan you obtain.

Typically on a conventional loan, if your down payment is less than 20% of the value of the home, lenders will require you to

carry mortgage insurance. On government loans, mortgage insurance is normally required regardless of the loan to value.

Check with your lender. as there may be some loan programs that don't have PMI. Also, many lenders now are offering an 80/10/10 type loan where you can put down 10%, have a first loan amount of 80% and have a 2nd loan for 10%, which would avoid you paying PMI.

PMI conventional mortgage insurance rates vary, usually, the lower your down payment and/or the lower your credit score, the higher the PMI premiums may be. Contact your lender programs your lender may

for more specific details.

Mortgage insurance premiums are usually paid along with your mortgage payment, and the reason the lender requires you to have mortgage insurance, is that if you can no longer make the mortgage payments on your home, the lender will still get paid through the PMI insurance policy.

Mortgage insurance protects the lender if the borrower defaults on the loan.

The best way to avoid paying PMI insurance is to have a 20% down payment or more on a house. If you are short on the down payment, see what other loan

have.

Want to get rid of your PMI insurance? Contact your lender and see if you have enough equity in your home or what the guidelines are on your mortgage to have your PMI cancelled.

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### May 27

8:02 am, man got out of cab he was riding in and refused to pay the cabbie, Main Street & Sienna.

thin build, wearing all black reported wandering aimlessly, doesn't look like he belongs in area, Cambridge & Covenant Hills Roads.

### **May 26**

8:03 pm, fireworks violation, Scarlet Maple & Smoke Tree Drives.

Jim Schmitt

1:34 pm, woman says

14-v-o stepson left a note threatening to murder her. Woman says stepson, who is charges likely, Tisbury Way. out with his father for a few hours, has also been cutting 2:42 am. a 6' man with a himself. Elissa Lane.

> 10:21 am, a white male in his late 40's, 5'6",125 lbs, long brown hair, white T-shirt and long pants looks homeless walking up and down the street, neighbor is driver's seat of a white sea police officer and is telling dan passed out, Mercantile all the kids to get inside, Sachem Way.

9:29 am, woman states her husband tried to rape

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her and he was arrested and charged, with additional

7:40 am, two males outside of a Chevy Tahoe trying to take off the manhole cover without any tools, Crown Valley Parkway & Cecil Pasture Road.

7:16 am, man on the west side of CVS in the West.

6:55 am, traffic stop led to the arrest of the driver, Crown Valley Parkway & Cecil Pasture Road.

1:11 am, deputies assisted the OC fire fighters with a 19-y-o male possibly suffering from alcohol poisoning, Mercantile Way.

### **May 25**

9:06 pm, six gun shots heard in the vicinity of Sklar Street & Avendale Boulevard in the direction of Founders Park.

### May 24

8:50 pm. three Hispanic males in their mid-20s concealing merchandise near the fragrance section of the Kohls store, Mercantile East.

4:36 am, male sleeping in a green Jaguar in McDonalds parking lot, Mercantile East.

12:32 am. tools missing from construction site and fence pole bent over, Antonio Parkway & Ortega Highway.

### **May 23**

6:47 pm, female deputy called to handle shoplifting suspect at Kohls, subject is cooperating, Mercantile

6:20 pm, man says his wife and her boyfriend were verbally abusive with him. and then packed his belongings and left them in the garage, Tisbury Way.

5:56 pm, woman near the Chase Bank in a champagne Chevy minivan says her ex-boyfriend tried to run her off of the road, Bridgepark shopping plaza

5:48 pm, two males and one female juveniles reported smoking marijuana, Falabella Drive & Hanoverian Way.

5:52 am, man asked deputies to contact restrained husband of an employe and ask him to stop calling. He said he did not want a report yet and wanted to see if a call from the deputies would get him to stop, 900 Block of Corporate Drive.

9:34 am, juveniles in a silver Mitsubishi parked in front of Selma's Pizzeria are reportedly smoking drugs out of a pipe, Bridgepark shopping plaza.

12:28 am, woman has not heard from her exhusband who has their kids, Selles Road N.

### **May 22**

5:11 pm, informant states man came to the door but would not state why he was there and was behaving suspiciously, Dawnwood.



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# Calendar of Events

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Saturday, May 31 -Barks, Biscuits, and Brew am to 12:00 noon, featur-

and more, Wagsdale Park,

Sunday, June 1 -8th annual Ladera Ranch Grand Prix of Cycling, an

all-day cycling event.

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Tuesday, June 3 -Primary Election Day, all polls in California are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 pm.

### Thursday, June 12

Laura's House Birthday Party, a fun-filled afternoon from 4:00 - 6:30 pm at its Corporate Headquarters: 999 Corporate Drive, Suite 225, email gclark@ laurashouse.org to RSVP.

Sunday, June 15 -Father's Day.

Monday, June 12 -Ladera Ranch Civic Councel monthly meeting, 7:00 pm, at the Santa Margarita Water District building. Help your Civic Council

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The two dogs that are emblematic of this monthly column – Beau and Daisy – are almost six years old. They were supposed to be mini-dachshunds, but Beau has grown to the upper size and Daisy to the lower size of a standard.

Almost from day one, they began a pattern of constantly barking, rushing people, disobeying orders and other dog high crimes misdemeanors, even though we tried everything.

Recently, I posted a plea on Facebook for anyone to provide the name of a "Dog Whisperer" and Chris Coble told us to contact Vladae (pronounced "Vladie) Roytapel, "The Russian Dog Wizard."

Vladae is shown here with



our two horrible pups who are perfect angels under his care.

June 2014

We signed on for four training sessions and, after the first one, the dogs' behavior has improved substantially.

I won't lie, we have a long way to go with these two puppies, but I am certain my neighbors already appreciate the lack of constant barking.

We have a lot of work to do between Vladae's remaining three training sessions. In the meantime, he has offered the following advice for Ladera Times readers who have dogs.

*Loose Leash* – Always walk your dog on a loose leash. Tension on a leash can cause frustration which may be taken out on other dogs or moving objects.

*Supervise* – Supervise your dog at all times. You must witness a problem in order to correct it and prevent it from reoccurring

A Tired Dog is a Good Dog - Fulfill your dog's needs both mentally and physically. A 15 -20 minute run, twice a day will serve your dogs' physical needs. 30 minutes of obedience training will have a therapeutically profound effect on your dog and will serve your dog's mental needs.

**Attention** – You can't teach a dog if you do not have his attention. Get his attention first before you give a command.

*Jobs* – If you don't give your dog a job to perform, he will eventually find one himself and vou won't like what he chooses!

Calm and Assertive - Do not yell and scream at your dog when he is behaving badly.

Attachment - Don't let your dog follow you around like a laser guided missile. This behavior can lead to separation anxiety.

*Love and Discipline* – Always balance love with discipline and structure. If love was all that was needed, my business would not be thriving!

*Tonality* – Tone of voice is extremely important. A high pitch tone is a sign of approval and a low tone is a sign of disapproval. Your dog will clearly understand this.

**Praise** – Praise your dog for doing something right. Praise does not always mean you have to shower your dog with affection. It simply means you need to say "Good boy / girl" in a high pitch tone of voice.

Ignoring Problems - Ignoring problem behavior will not make it go away. Ignoring is condoning and condoning is approval in your dog's mind.

**Behaving Badly** – Dogs

behave badly because they know dog training companies in the they can or they don't understand it is wrong.

Vladae Roytapel, known as "The Russian Dog Wizard," is the owner of SoCal Dog Training, one of the most successful

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He has worked for various organizations including leader dogs for the blind, the Red Army, and Soviet KGB. Vladae has been seen on CNN. CBS's

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Ladera Ranch will be hosting its 8th annual Ladera Ranch Grand Prix of Cycling, an all-day cycling event on Sunday, June 1.

The Grand Prix is comprised of 12 different races throughout the day from 8:0 am to 6:00 pm with 100% of the event proceeds benefitting local charity Laura's House.

Last year the event hosted 400 racers and organizers expect to have between 500-600 participants this year.

As extra incentive, this year the race is offering over \$7500.00 in cash and prizes thanks to Presenting Sponsor SmartStop and Supporting Sponsors Shimano, PRO, Pyramid Breweries, Hot Shoppe Designs, Cytomax, Mouse Graphics and Rock N' Road Cyclery.

"Last year's event blew away all our expectations. This is an ultra fast course that proved to be as exciting to watch last year as to participate," said Ryan Miller, of Ladera Ranch, event founder.

"The 7th edition of this event brought out all the big names in local cycling and we anticipate an even broader range of athletes making this race one of the most exciting races of the cycling season.

"We also have a kids race in the middle of the day to bring in more families to the event.

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Registration costs vary by race category, but range from \$25 to \$35 and for any additional race, there's a \$15 charge.

Mail in registration can be sent to Ladera Ranch Grand Prix, 28 Wood Barn Road, Ladera Ranch, CA 92694.

There will be day-of-event registration although early registration is highly advised and race day registration will close 15 minutes prior to the start of each race.

For more information on the Ladera Ranch Grand Prix of Cycling or for a course map, visit www.Ladera-RanchGrandPrix.com. For questions contact Ryan Miller at rynomiller69@ gmail.com.

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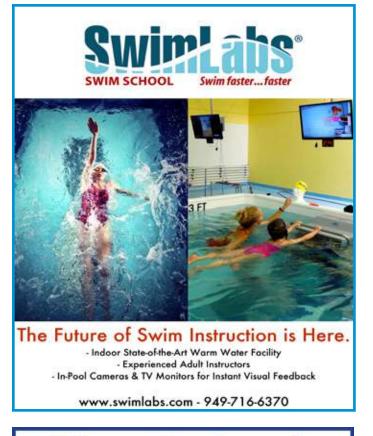
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