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## The Last Round-up

The outraged bellow of a lone cow is the first clue, followed by the faint cries of cowboys. Half a dozen men and women pop up on horseback over a far ridge. Moving daintily on their high-stepping horses, they gather the cattle into one molten brown mass flowing up over the ridge and down.

The setting isn't Wyoming or Montana. It's the last cattle roundup on Orange County's storied Irvine Ranch. It is a deliberately unremarked-upon event by the Irvine Company, the land's developer - no press releases, no television news cameras, not even many cattle left after so many years.

There have been cattle here for almost 200 years, since Spanish monks claimed a knobby ridge sticking up between the Santa Ana Mountains and the Pacific Ocean and christened it Lomas de Santiago. Until this year, the old ways have lingered along Loma Ridge off Santiago Canyon Road, out beyond the miles of shopping malls and tract homes.

Each November, the best beef cattle money can buy have been shipped from Idaho to winter here at the back edge of the county, on some 20,000 to 30,000 acres of rain-fed grass

and sage-brush-clad hills. Now, they're being moved out-for good. Irvine Company owner Donald Bren is proceeding with final build-out plans for the ranch and getting out of the cattle business. His livestock will be auctioned, fattened for a year and end up on American picnic tables by next Fourth of July.

The cattle aren't the only ones going. 'They don't need us anymore,' said Mike Bias, 44, a cowboy who has grazed as many as 950 pairs of cattle on the ranch. Like many a superstitious cowboy who has seen too many young animals die, Bias doesn't count the calves individually until they are sold. They are paired with their mothers until then.

When Bias started working on the ranch in 1993, the herd was mostly on the bluffs above Pacific Coast Highway. Development has gradually pushed ranching operations inland. Each fall, when Bias and his family return from Idaho, where they care for Bren's cattle through the summer months, they try to figure out what else is gone.

The plan is a familiar one after so many years: They'll drive the cattle over Loma Ridge from a Skinny valley called Shoe String 'Trap, let the cattle spend a final

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## OPCA Board Meetings 2nd Thursday of Every Month



Fellowship Hall  
Salem Lutheran Church  
6500 East. Santiago Canyon  
Road

*Open Session Begins at 7:00 p.m.*

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## Orange Park Community Association Business & News

### Board Meeting News and Committee Highlights

The Board introduced and welcomed Jane Conti, the newest Board Member appointed August 8, 2002. Ms. Conti filled the position vacated on the Board due to the resignation of Harvey Moore and will serve until the next Annual Meeting.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Homeowners Forum

It was reported that horn blowing had increased within the Association. The horn blowing was attributed to the increase of car pooling for children attending school and the landscapers using their horn to signal breaks, lunch time and quitting time. Residents are asked to be courteous to neighbors and to remind those who are here to pick others up to also be courteous.

A homeowner suggested it was time to update the rules and regulations. The Association Committees are tasked with suggesting updates to the Board for the section of the rules and regulations pertaining to their particular committee and that they would consider reactivating the Rules Committee to review the current rules and regulations, incorporate the previously approved changes and provide suggestions for additional changes. JW Norris, the editor of the newsletter, reported that it was his intention to post the Association's Rules on the web site - to be followed by the CC&R's at a later date.

#### Minutes

The Minutes of the August 8, 2002 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors were ap-

proved as written. The Minutes of the August 8, 2002 Executive Session were approved as corrected.

#### Financials

The July 2002 Financial Statements for both the Association and the Stables were accepted as prepared. The review and approval of the 2003 Budgets for the Association and the Stables were tabled to the October Meeting. The Board reviewed the purchase history for the stables landscape maintenance and the Stables Committee Chair was to obtain proposal for the landscape maintenance at the stables. The proposal from Robert A. Owens, CPA to prepare the 2002 audit and tax returns was also approved.

#### Regular Business

The Board reviewed the results of the July 2000 speed bump survey indicating the owners were against the placement of additional speed bumps within the Association. Jo Myers suggested the Board table any action on the speed bumps until the entrance was renovated and new access gates were installed.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Security/Parking Committee's suggestions regarding the addition of parking spaces at the upper and lower parking lots. After discussion the Board agreed the parking issues had shown a major improvement over the last thirty days with the consistent enforcement of the Association's rules and did not need to add additional parking spaces at this time.

Jo Myers suggested the Board look into obtaining proposals for new mailboxes that would match the recently improved streetlights for all owners. Ms. Myers advised that even though

the individual owners were responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the mailboxes, the mailboxes were old and dated the community and needed to be replaced. To ensure all mailboxes remained alike and matched the overall aesthetics of the Association, Ms. Myers stated that all mailboxes should be replaced at the same time. The Board referred this issue to the Master Planning Task Force.

The Board changed the Tennis Court/Pool/Tot Lot and the Landscape Committees to form the following two committees: the Pool/Tot Lot Committee and the Landscape/Tennis Court Committee.

#### Architectural/Homeowner Compliance Committee

The previously approved architectural guideline additions regarding vinyl windows will be mailed to all owners. The Board reviewed the proposed architectural guideline change for steel garage doors. The proposed architectural guideline change for steel garage doors was modified and approved by the Board. The architectural guideline change regarding garage doors will be mailed to all owners. Additionally the Board reminds all owners that the architectural guidelines required garage doors of attached homes be the same color.

The Board also reviewed the request from the Architectural/Homeowner Compliance Committee for clarification of the Committee's duties. The Board directed the Committee to develop a mission statement to be presented to the Board for approval.

#### Stable Committee

The Board reviewed the correspondence regarding the

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day in the open, then herd them to Bee Flat. Some of the calves at first frolic along the hillside then start running after their mothers and bawling once they realize they won't be allowed to stop and suckle.

Civilization is just four miles down the road now, at Jamboree Road and Chapman Avenue, where a decade ago a corner shopping center and the pink rooftops of Santiago Hills Phase I displaced the cattle and row crops. "They'd charge you thousands of dollars to do this on a dude ranch," Shawn Bias jokes to Broadmoor resident, Cindy Cousine, who learned about the Biases at the stable where she and her husband boarded their horses. The couples have since grown close. "It's been a blessing from day one to be on a working ranch in my own backyard," Cousine said. "I'm a part of history. People are not even going to realize this was ever here. This is the end".

Two days later, as cowboys and cattle thrash through giant live oak and sycamore stands toward Bee Flat, one cow makes a run for it, heading back out who knows where - just not into that iron corral. Mike and his horse whirl and run, a blur following the animal through the trees. Hat flying, his lariat snaking out from his right side like a rattler uncoiling, he reins in 1,100 pounds of sharp hoof and stubborn fur. The cow wearily turns and trots the half-mile back toward the corral. Mike is drenched in sweat, taciturn, his clear blue eyes blazing. He and the hands sort out calves and mothers, getting a head start on the next day's work as red-tailed hawks and vultures wheel overhead.

As the cowboys head in, a lone bellow echoes from one cow pen like a half-strangled bugler playing Taps.

Shamelessly extracted from an article written by Janet Wilson and published in the Los Angeles Times, July 15, 2002.

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recently imposed charge to park horse trailers at the stables parking lot. After discussion, Cardinal was directed to advise Hank Cousine, Stable Committee Chair, to postpone the start date of October 1, 2002, as further discussion regarding the charge for parking horse trailers at the stables parking was needed. This item was to be placed on the agenda for the October Meeting.

#### **Trails Committee**

Chuck McNees, Chair of the Orange Park Association Trails Committee, presented the Board with information regarding the necessity for repairs on the trail known as the "Roller Coaster Trail." After discussion, the Board referred this item to the Arena/Trails Committee for review and requested that recommendations from the Committee be presented at the next meeting.

#### **Stable Renovation/Expansion Task Force**

Roger Roberts, Stables Renovation/Expansion Task Force Chair, gave a presentation

regarding the renovation of the stables and surrounding area. At the conclusion of the presentation the Board advised those present that the written presentation would be forwarded to the Architectural, Stables and Landscape Committees for their review, their recommendations, and their comments.

#### **Hearing Committee**

David Letourneau, Board Liaison for the Hearing Committee, reported that there was now a full committee in place and that in October 2002 the committee would be meeting and would start taking appropriate actions on violations within the Association.

#### **Lakes Committee**

Allen Prather, Board Liaison for the Lakes Committee, reported that after review of the current contract for lake maintenance and comparison with the proposed contracts the committee recommended that the Board not make a change at this time and continue with the current contractor.

#### **Recreation/Hospitality Committee**

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed plans to hold a community garage sale and dumpster day. After discussion it was agreed that a community garage sale would not be held but the dumpster days would be held on the weekend of October 19, 2002. The Association will order two large dumpsters to be delivered and placed in the lower parking lot for the weekend of October 19, 2002.

#### **Security Committee**

Cliff Nelson, Security Chair, reported that the Orange Police Department representatives were to be present at the October 2002 meeting to discuss gate closure hours and the Neighborhood Watch Program, among other items of interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



## Classifieds and Services

Want to place an ad. E-mail your text based ad to  
[newsletter@broadmoor-saddlehill.org](mailto:newsletter@broadmoor-saddlehill.org).

*The Trails provides ongoing notices of services available in our community. These notices will continue to be posted for 2 issues at no cost.*

### Fore Sale

LIKE NEW Pair of 2" white wooden blinds. Ea. 58L x 47W. Perfect fit for front den, Plan 2. \$100 for the pair. Call 997-8345

### Grand opening

Broadmoor residents, Donna and Al Aidekman bring "Curves of Orange Park" to the Pacific Ranch Center. Curves offers a "Quickfit Circuit" complete 30 minute workout for women. Please call or stop by. 714-771-7377

### Housekeeping:

Reliable housekeeping and window washing by Mercedes. For appointment call

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### Transcription Service:

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### Baby Sitting:

Lisa Dickinson, 15, is available for babysitting. She is a sophomore at El Modena, has younger siblings and has been certified in CPR and First Aid. Please call 714-628-9581 or 714-292-0405 for appointments.

### Baby Sitting:

Megan Norris, in Broadmoor Park, offers baby sitting and pet sitting. Contact her at 771-1164.

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The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Orange Park Community Association will be held during the month of December. One of the purposes of the Annual Meeting is to elect the Directors who will govern the affairs of the Association. At this time we would like to advise all members of the Orange Park Community Association of the opportunity to be candidates for the vacancies on the Board of Directors. In December two Directors will be elected by the membership to hold two-year terms. The elected Board members will then meet and appoint the Officers of the Board of Directors. Candidates will run for a position on the Board of Directors only, not a particular office. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board please fill in the lower portion of the form that was mailed to all members of the association and return it to Cardinal Property Management. All candidates must submit their forms and autobiography by October 4, 2002 in order to be included on the ballot. Next month, you will receive an official meeting notice specifying the date, time and location of the Annual Meeting, along with a proxy.