



The Barry Estates team

Barry Estates voted 'Best Real Estate Agency' in Review readers' poll

With their impeccable reputation for ethics and integrity – not to mention their intimate knowledge of North County – it's no wonder so many clients turn to Barry Estates to buy or sell their home. "Our clients come first in every sense of the word," says Catherine Barry. "We try to anticipate their every need, and many of our clients remain friends long after they're settled into their new home." All Barry Estates agents have intimate ties to RSF and most live, work and play here.

Knowledge of the Ranch is our number one pri-

ority and we strive to know more about our area than anyone, anywhere. Barry Estates just celebrated its 17th year in business in Rancho Santa Fe. When it's time to buy or sell, let our extended family of: Dan, Catherine, Jason and Laura Barry, Eilis McKay, Ben Francois, Scott Honnen, Jenny Jantzen, Scott Warren, Liz Molina, and Peggy Madura at Barry Estates help your family. We are looking forward to your call at 858-756-4024 and we'll keep the homemade chocolate chip cookies ready for you.

Shakespeare at the Old Globe better than ever



Alice Cash

By Alice Cash

The Two Gentlemen of Verona is now playing at the Old Globe Theatre in Balboa Park. A Shakespeare favorite, this play is about growing up, and ideas of love and how they change. It is one of Shakespeare's earlier works, written in 1577, although the first record of it playing was at Drury Lane in 1762. This new rendition of the classic play is hysterical! The whole show my friend and I were laughing nonstop. Shakespeare can sometimes get a little long, but when

Love to Dance, Inc. opening new dance studio in Carmel Valley

So you want to learn how to dance? Then these classes at Love to Dance, Inc. may help get you on your way to becoming the next prima ballerina. Love to Dance, Inc. is a new dance studio that will open its doors in the new Torrey Corner Shopping Center in the fall 2007.

They offer a wide variety of classes for children and adults, including ballet, tap, jazz, modern, lyrical, contemporary, music and more. These classes not only introduce dance technique and creativity to students, but also build self confidence and life values.

Led by owner Mindy Love Watkins, she brings 30 years of dancing and 12 years of teaching all levels of dance to this community.

"I am thrilled to bring the love of dance to Carmel Valley. I have been working in the community for almost five years and I am so happy to be able to offer our students a full schedule. My goal is to offer the best instruction while creating memories that will last a life time. Enrolling in our dance family builds self confidence and life values that are learned through the art of dance," Watkins said.

Classes are offered to students from 18 months to adult. The programs range from Magical Morning, a class typically known as "Mommy & Me" to pointe work and dance intensives.

Location: Corner of Ocean Air and Carmel Mountain Road. Contact: 858-229-0120 or visit www.lovetodanceinc.com

Jason Barry honored to be voted 'Best Agent' in Review readers' poll

To say Jason Barry was excited about being named Rancho Santa Fe's Best Realtor would be an understatement. His enthusiasm and excitement for what he does is contagious. That helps to explain the unparalleled success shared by half of the mother/son team phenomenon.



Jason Barry

Last year alone, Jason and Catherine sold five out of nine homes over \$9 million, which included the highest sale last year for the home listed at \$22 million. They are continuing their trend having sold the most expensive home so far this year, the estate listed at \$18.5 million which sold last month.

Committed to serving their clients well beyond the ordinary, Jason and Catherine's approach has resulted in over \$500 million sold in the past three years. In real estate, it is a business about "Who you Know" and "What you Know." One of Jason and Catherine's most coveted assets is their vast historical knowledge of almost every

home within all of Rancho Santa Fe. After 30 years of living here, they have created a vast database of information that has proven extremely valuable when making a decision to sell or purchase a home.

As a result, they have fully satisfied clients that ultimately wind up becoming family friends. Jason has a thoughtful perspective about Rancho Santa Fe, "since I grew up here attending local schools and events, I know where and what Rancho Santa Fe has come from and have a clear sense of where we are heading. We consider Rancho Santa Fe our home and every one of our clients actually become more than friends, they become part of the Barry family."

As to where the market is heading Jason says, "I believe values in Rancho Santa Fe are ultimately headed higher—especially in the new year — an election year, where traditionally the economy seems to improve. Where else can you get this spectacular weather, the finest schools, beaches, and golf courses, not to mention the luxury of the finest land around, except in Rancho Santa Fe!" In fact, Jason predicts that values in Rancho Santa Fe will more than double within the next decade. If you are thinking of buying or selling, Jason and Catherine are your best investment: 858-756-4024.

Water conservation tops list of summer projects

In the typical household, outdoor landscaping accounts for more than 50 percent of water usage. Southern California water officials say that much of it is spent over watering gardens, trees and shrubs, or by pouring it onto lawns and thirsty plants like roses, azaleas, and hibiscus that are not native to Southern California.

With the warm summer months upon us, now is the time to evaluate and improve the efficiency of your irrigation systems. According to the experts at Griffin Ace Hardware, there are also a wide range of products that can help reduce the amount of water you use. These products, combined with the following water saving practices (provided by the Water Use It Wisely website), can ensure a beautiful looking yard all summer.

Water saving tips:

- Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours. It is better for your lawn as well because it helps avoid fungus problems by giving the grass ample time to dry during the day.
- Use a layer of environmentally-friendly mulch around plants, such as Kellogg Cocoa Shell Mulch to reduce evaporation. This product has a great chocolate smell and can save hundreds of gallons of water each year.
- Apply water conservation treatment products, such as Soil Logic's Drought Defense (154946, 143660), to your lawn to help reduce watering by up to 50 percent. Use Moisture X-Tend to reduce watering necessary for houseplants (154948)
- Use drought-tolerant plants whenever possible and group plants with the same watering requirements together.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk (Save 80 Gallons of water each time)
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. Longer grass shades root systems and holds soil moisture better than a closely clipped lawn.
- Chose a water efficient drip irrigation system, such as the do-it-yourself DIG Irrigation System, for trees, shrubs and flowers.
- When watering grass on steep slopes, use an Ace Soaker Hose (7083801) to prevent wasteful runoff.
- Remember to weed your lawn and garden regularly. Weeds compete with other plants for nutrients, light and water.
- Use an electronic hose-end watering timer to ensure correct watering amounts, such as the Ace Electronic Water Timer (7114473)
- Use a long screwdriver as a soil probe to test soil moisture. If you can push it easily into your lawn for several inches, don't water.
- When watering potted plants, put water in the saucer (instead of watering the topsoil) to encourage deeper root growth.

By implementing these simple steps, you can reduce your water consumption by up to several hundred gallons of water each year! Not only does this help the environment, it can save your family money as well. Stop by Griffin Ace Hardware located in the Vons/Souplantation shopping center is Carmel Valley, 3880 Valley Centre Dr., #203, San Diego 92130 to find the products mentioned here. For more information, please call the store at 858-793-1771 or visit us online at www.griffinace.com.

Theater review — from a teen perspective

intermission came around, I wasn't ready for a break, I wanted the play to keep going! I had to find out what was going to happen next!

The two gentlemen of the story, Proteus and Valentine, both go off to work for a Duke who lives in Milan, but before they go, Proteus confesses his love to Julia. But while working for the Duke, both Valentine and Proteus fall in love with his daughter Silvia. Sounds like a soap opera, right? The show would have been like that for the groundlings in Shakespeare's time, and it is really just as amusing!

Corey Sorenson played the hilarious Proteus and Ryan Quinn played the lover Valentine. The two had fabulous comic timing and could set you laughing at everything they said. Joy Farmer-Clary played Julia who was so desperately in love with Proteus. She had such great and new ideas with her character and lines, she screamed and ran around joyously when she got a letter from Proteus, always jumping up and down, and she hyperventilated when Proteus gave her a ring. All the servants of the characters were a hoot: Celeste Ciulla, as Julia's impatient servant; Jonathan McMurtry as Launce and his faithful dog, Crab, played by Jackson; and Sam Breslin Wright, who played Speed with such funny physicality and voices.

Set in the late 1700s, the costumes for the show were incredible! Designer Fabio Toblini first had conservative costumes for the people in Verona, with muted colors, but by the time you were in Milan, like now, the fashion was very important, with bright colors and beautiful colored wigs — you just wanted the actors to stand on the stage so you could look at them. It was like a big party. The ensemble would dance all around the duke, with their faces painted the white color and yell "Hey" at the end of the music, designed by Christopher R. Walker. The lighting also added beautifully to the show, almost taking you to different worlds between the scenes designed by York Kennedy.

The show, directed by Matt August, is definitely the best play that I have seen for a long time. I loved it and want to come back with my whole family! It was side-splitting!

The 2007 Summer Shakespeare Festival at the Globe has three shows that rotate on different days. Now playing are The Two Gentlemen of Verona, Hamlet, and Measure for Measure. These shows can definitely not be classified as "a boring Shakespeare show." For the two that I have seen so far, I have been on the edge of my seat, engrossed in the shows. If you are a teen out there, you have definitely got to go see these shows! Even if you don't like Shakespeare, you will love it! The shows, done extremely well, definitely make you understand what is going on. You might as well see the shows instead of being bored to tears when you have to read them in English class. Shakespeare was meant to be seen and heard, and these productions definitely capture Shakespeare at it's best. You can call (619) 234-5623 for ticket information or visit www.oldglobe.org.