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**RANCHO LAS LOMAS OPENS ITS PRIVATE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN
TO EDUCATE SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN ON THE IMPORTANCE OF WILDLIFE
THROUGHOUT ORANGE COUNTY**

32-Acre Private Estate is Only Zoological Garden in Orange County

Silverado Canyon, CA-- Rancho Las Lomas announced today that they would open the doors of its zoological garden to a variety of school-aged children throughout Orange County in an effort to educate them on the importance of wildlife and the role that it plays within nature. Rancho Las Lomas welcomes the opportunity to show school-age children through the estate's private zoo by appointment only. Their philosophy behind such a program is that by engaging young children in interactive discussions, they will see that each animal at Rancho Las Lomas has an irreplaceable home in the world.

“It is our mission to provide surrounding communities with an informative resource to help promote environmental awareness and the necessity for animal conservation”, says Jeannie Lawrence. Jeannie and her husband Rick have owned and cultivated their 32-acre private estate since 1977. Their love for travel and animals led them to create a zoological garden. By welcoming school-age children to Rancho Las Lomas, the Lawrence family hopes to expose students to native wildlife, along with a variety of animals from Africa, Central America, Asia and the United States that are housed in Rancho Las Lomas’ private exotic zoo. Among some of the unique wildlife that students will discover at the zoological garden are colorful macaws, zebra, ostrich, and Bengal tigers.

Admission and guided tours of the zoological gardens are by appointment only. Please contact Sue Cannon at OCPR at 949-857-0022 or Jeannie Lawrence at Rancho Las Lomas at 949-888-3080. Or visit the web site for more information at www.rancholaslomas.com.

About Rancho Las Lomas

Rancho Las Lomas, or *ranch of rolling hills*, is a privately owned, 32-acre estate in southern California’s Cleveland National Forest. Rancho has a refined early Californian ambiance with historically influenced Portuguese architecture. A stroll finds hillside villas, hidden bungalows and an outdoor theater and chapel, all handcrafted by second generation artisans. The development and continued growth of Rancho is architecturally balanced in its natural surroundings complete with a botanical garden and 100-year old Sycamore trees that wander through the property along the Aliso Creek. The estate holds one of California’s only licensed zoological gardens and is home to two six hundred pound Bengal tigers and other exotic animals from South America, Asia, and Africa. The cottage homes, buildings and roads embrace an existing paradise of early California terrain. One of the most unique sites on the West Coast, Rancho hosts elaborate weddings, private events, and is a premiere location site for the film and print industry.

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