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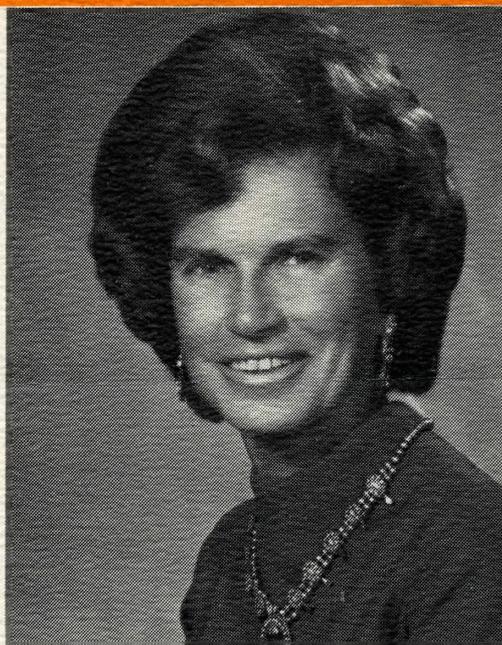
FIRST SYMPOSIUM ON CHILD CARE SLATED MAY 19, IN THOUSAND OAKS

"Working Parents: An Employers' Symposium on Child Care" -- the first such conference to be held in Ventura County is being launched by the Ventura County Commission for Women.

Scheduled for Thursday, May 19, at the Hungry Tiger Restaurant in Thousand Oaks, the purpose of the symposium, according to Commissioner Carol Keochekian, symposium chair, is to provide employers with information and to raise awareness as to how business is becoming more involved with child care. "To assure that we will be presenting the kind of information employers want to know," the chair concluded, "we have brought together a very astute group of industry representatives to plan the program for the half day event."

Serving on the Employers' Symposium on Child Care Steering Committee are: Christine Eakins, State Farm Insurance Companies; John Chase, Private Industry Council; Cheryl Rosenberg, Pleasant Valley Hospital; Kay Michaels, Amplica Inc.; Lucille Reinertsen and Barbara Schramm, Prudential Insurance Company; Anne Kasparian, Autologic, Inc.; Bill Tideback, Raytheon Data Systems; Steve Joyner, ABEX Corporation; Pat Platt, Litton Data Command Systems; Nina Coodley, Business Labor Council; Ventura County Supervisor Maggie Erickson and Commissioners Stephen Wiman and Dorothy Engel.

Persons wishing to be put on a mailing list for the conference may call the Ventura County Commission for Women office at (805) 654-3109.



DR. MARJORIE BELL CHAMBERS TO SPEAK ON
MARCH 12

"Women's Heritage, Women's Hopes," will be the topic to be presented by Dr. Marjorie Bell Chambers, feminist, political activist and contemporary historian, at "Creative Options: A Day for Women" on Saturday, March 12. Sponsored by California Lutheran College and AAUW of Thousand Oaks, the event will be held at Cal Lutheran from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for all interested women.

Her topic will include a consideration of women's shared history and a discussion of the 1980's as a time of new opportunity for women, especially in education. In other words, the question she will address is, "Where have women been and where are we going?" She will also present a workshop entitled, "Where Have All the Women Been in American History?"

WOMEN'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOLISM

A pressing need in Ventura County is a lack of space in alcoholic treatment centers for women alcoholics, the Ventura County Commission for Women was told recently.

Deborah Smith, representing the Women's Commission on Alcoholism for the State of California, said in Ventura County, women's residential beds are still very unrepresented (10 percent or lower). She pointed out the following facts on alcoholism:

Alcoholism is a disease, and is not curable, but is treatable. Women alcoholics make up 35-50 percent of the alcoholic population. All original studies on alcoholism have been done on men. Male indicators are inaccurate for women. Studies show women do very well in treatment.

Women's only programs are always full with waiting lists. Most alcoholic programs, she said, are based on the male model. She also noted that less than one percent of alcohol programs provide any kind of child care, at least 70 percent of alcoholic women have been sexually abused, and women face open opposition to get treatment for alcohol.

The Commission on Alcoholism, a private, non-profit organization serving the state, is in its 8th year of existence. About 88 percent of those using alcoholism treatment facilities today, she pointed out, are white men. Only 11 percent of those in treatment are women. Today, 49 organizations are in existence in California to raise awareness of this issue of women and alcoholism. The state Commission, with a statewide board of directors, is presently working to improve the quality of facilities which already exist.

Rainbow House, an alcoholic recovery home for women in Ventura, also appeared at the meeting to seek Commission support for women's alcoholism programs throughout Ventura County.

Judy Christensen, Rainbow House representative, reported that the house has been fixed up nicely. Officially opened on Dec. 5, 1982, the home has served 15 women, mostly young, in their 20's, who are doing well. Highly commended by the state inspector, the home has closed down for two weeks for paperwork and recertification.



MEET YOUR COMMISSIONERS:
LAUREN ANDERSON

When asked her reason for wanting to become a member of the Ventura County Commission for Women, she replied: "To help the women of TODAY, who in turn will be of help to our women of TOMORROW."

A resident of Ventura, Mrs. Anderson represents Susan Lacey's Supervisorial District I. A native of Los Angeles, she grew up in Southern California, graduating from Thousand Oaks High School. She received her AA degree in business from Pierce College.

She and her husband Jack have two children, Dan, 15, and Neil, 13. She enjoys cooking, reading and spoiling the two family dogs. She takes aerobic dance and rides a bicycle five days a week.

Currently employed as senior secretary for the Director of Business Planning at Vetco Offshore, Inc., Ventura, she finds her job extremely challenging. In the past, she has served as a member of the Ventura County Hotline and the Ventura County District Attorney's Victim/Witness Program. Currently, she is an active member of the Ventura Business and Professional Women's Club.

HANNAH BETH JACKSON CHAIRS STATE COMMISSION

Pledging to see that the California Commission on the Status of Women "not only survives, but becomes even stronger and more vocal," Southern California attorney Hannah Beth Jackson was elected chair of the California Commission on the Status of Women on Friday, September 24, at a Commission meeting in San Francisco.

Also elected as Commission officers for the 1982-83 fiscal year were Dorothy Janas of Los Angeles, vice-chair; Linda Kasem of Beverly Hills, secretary; Carole Ward-Allen of Oakland, executive officer at-large; and Gloria Godell, Los Angeles, fiscal liaison.

Appointed to the Commission by Governor Brown in 1978, Jackson is a partner in the law firm of Eskin and Jackson of Santa Monica and Ventura. Formerly a deputy district attorney for Santa Barbara County, she went into private practice in 1977 specializing in civil litigation, real estate and family law. She is a member of the California State Bar, the bar associations of Beverly Hills, Ventura County, and Los Angeles County. She belongs to California Women Lawyers, Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, the Ventura County Women's Lawyers Association, the National Women's Political Caucus, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Jackson also chairs the Commission's Child Support/Child Custody Advisory Committee. A graduate of Scripps College in Claremont, she earned her J.D. degree at the Boston University School of Law.

She succeeds Irene Hirano of Los Angeles as chair. Hirano, the executive director of a women's health clinic, served the maximum two one-year terms permitted under Commission by-laws.

It is clear that, of all problems facing women, the economic issues are the most pressing. As programs and funding designed to assist women in achieving economic viability are reduced or the cuts in AFDC, social security, Medi-Cal health care, as well as child support, child custody and child care.

My fellow commissioners and I see the following as other critical areas in need of change:



...Increase the Commission's support network with local commissions and other women's organizations to share data and projects, and create (where possible) a louder and stronger voice.

...Focus on the needs of minority women, and thereby broaden the reach and effectiveness of our programs.

...Explore proposals for expanding child care services, including the development of innovative programs not dependent on federal funding.

...Educate homemakers, the most underpaid and underprotected of all women workers, about their rights and legal status.

...Seek legislation to correct the inadequacies and injustices in California's child support laws, which provide too little to too few and are far too costly to enforce -- a problem I see daily in my law practice.

...Explore the problems of child sexual abuse and incest, the crimes that never happen to anyone we know but, according to FBI statistics, are committed upon an estimated 25% of all female children.

It is our hope that in the next year we will find new ways of working with groups already involved with these issues.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR
WOMEN OF VENTURA COUNTY

Finding help or service when we need it, especially during a crisis or emergency situation, is a difficult task. Beginning with this issue, the Commission for Women will present as much information as we have available on agencies or persons to call for assistance.

MEDICAL: 24 Hour Emergency Care

*LOS ROBLES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
215 W. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks..497-2727
OJAI VALLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
1306 Maricopa Hwy., Ojai.....646-1401
PLEASANT VALLEY HOSPITAL
2309 Antonio Ave., Camarillo.....484-2831
PORT HUENEME ADVENTIST HOSPITAL
307 E. Clara St., Port Hueneme...488-3661
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL
333 North "F" St., Oxnard.....487-7881
SANTA PAULA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
825 North 10th St., Santa Paula..525-7171
*SIMI ADVENTIST HOSPITAL
2975 Sycamore Dr., Simi Valley...527-2482
*VENTURA COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL
3291 Loma Vista Rd., Ventura.....654-3306
OR.....656-1500, ext. 3401
WESTLAKE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
4415 Lakeview Canyon Rd., WLV....497-7806

*Indicates hospitals with special rape units.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE

	<u>FIRE RESCUE</u>	<u>POLICE/SHERIFF</u>
Camarillo	482-2777	485-6747
Fillmore	524-2233	524-2233
Moorpark	522-1122	527-6611
Newbury Park	495-2115	495-0811
Ojai	648-7711	654-4000
Oxnard	486-4311	486-1663
Port Hueneme	482-2777	488-3611
Simi Valley	522-1122	522-1172(Police) 527-6611(Sheriff)
Thousand Oaks	495-2115	495-0811
Ventura	643-6122	643-5411
Westlake Vlg.	495-2115	495-0811
Santa Paula	525-2121	525-4474
Saticoy	648-7711	654-2311
Somis	648-7711	654-2311

AMBULANCE

Fillmore *Zenith 2-1052
Ojai 648-3311 (central dispatch
anywhere in County)
Simi Valley 527-1133
Thousand Oaks 495-4668
Moorpark *Zenith 2-1052
Ventura 648-3311 (central dispatch)

*Dial 0 - Operator will place call.

EMERGENCY HOUSING

Coalition Against Household Violence
620 E. Main St., #208, Ventura....656-1111
Interface Community
Shelter & counseling for battered
women.....498-6643
OR.....529-0975, 647-7855
Santa Barbara Shelter Services
(For battered women).....964-5245
Senior Citizens' Survival
After Hours Emergency.....654-4000
OR.....654-3678, 487-7711, 529-0770

HOTLINES: 24 HOUR SERVICE

CAAN (Child Abuse & Neglect).....656-44
CAHV (Coalition Against Household
Violence).....656-1111
Community Hotline
(General Listening).....497-0704
OR.....529-2255, 482-6686
Crisis Evaluation Unit.....654-3481
Narcotics Anonymous.....646-4458
National Runaway Switchboard.(800)621-4000
Rape Crisis...656-5225, 497-0704, 529-2255
Sheriff's Narcotics Analysis.....654-2332
(Person may remain anonymous)
Suicide Prevention Program.....648-2444

LEGAL

Grey Law (for seniors).....643-0694
Lawyers Referral Services.....647-7951
Ventura County D.A. Victim/Witness
Assistance Unit, Hall of Justice,
800 So. Victoria Avenue, Ventura
Ventura, Ojai,
Oak View.....654-4000, ext. 3622
Oxnard, Port Hueneme,
Camarillo.....656-1400, ext. 3622
Fillmore, Piru,
Lockwood Valley...524-2292, ext. 36
Simi Valley, Moorpark,
Westlake Village,
Thousand Oaks.....529-2060, ext. 3622

WORKSHOPS OFFERED AT VENTURA
COLLEGE ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Child Development Resources of Ventura County and Ventura College are offering a series of workshops, "Topics in Child Development," for day care providers and all those interested in children.

Registration will be taken on site, and college credit is available, for the following sessions: "What Everyone Should Know About Child Abuse," with Joyce Frenette, on Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at 700 E. Santa Clara, Ventura, or from 1 to 4 p.m. at Head Start, 930 Grand Ave., Ojai; "Family Day Care Management," with Joan Smith, from 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at the Mental Health Services Building, Multi-Purpose Room, 300 N. Hillmont, Ventura; and "Business Procedures for Family Day Care," with Barbara Backus, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Mental Health Services Building in Ventura.

Other workshops and dates follow: "Techniques of Guidance with Building Self-Esteem," Katy Fellows, April 5, 12, 19 and 26 in Ventura; "First Aid and Safety," Howie Schiller, April 23 and 30, Ventura; "Understanding the Child's World," Jean Stangl, May 7, 14 and 21, Ventura and "Nutrition in Childhood," Pam Oster, May 18, 25, June 1 and 8, Ventura.

For additional information on the workshops, contact Ventura College at 642-3211 or 656-7016.



BROOK HUBBELL NAMED CITY'S FINEST

Brook Hubbell, member of the Ventura County Commission for Women, Supervisorial District 4, has been honored as the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce's top citizen.

She was honored at the annual installation-awards dinner at the Sunset Hills Country Club in Thousand Oaks recently.

Hubbell's selection was based upon her ongoing community service. A resource specialist with the Simi Valley School District, she is active with the American Association of University Women, the Delta Kappa Gamma honorary education society, and serves on the board of directors of the Simi Valley Boys' and Girls' Club. She has worked on behalf of the Girl Scouts and the United Way.

A WOMAN'S PLACE IS...EVERYWHERE

The fourth annual Camarillo Women's Day will be presented on Saturday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Sponsored by Oxnard College and six women's volunteer organizations, this year's event will take place at the Camarillo Christian Church School, Las Posas and Arneill Roads, Camarillo.

Among the 56 seminars that can be chosen are "Dual Career Marriage," presented by Fred and Candra Norris, and "Building Your Child's Self Esteem" with Joane Cohn. Admission fee of \$5 entitles the

participant to four seminars. An optional catered lunch is available for \$4.

Dr. Judith Gerhart, Dean at Oxnard College, will give the keynote speech on "It's Within Your Power." Supervisor Maggie Erickson will be the wrap-up speaker, followed by a multi-media production dramatizing the theme of the day, "A Woman's Place Is...Everywhere."

Early registration is strongly advised as the capacity is limited. Brochures are available at your local Chamber of Commerce, library or community college, or by calling 484-4035.

"GENERATIONS" EXHIBIT OPENS AT CONEJO VALLEY ART MUSEUM MARCH-2-APRIL 17

The works of D. J. Hall; Ellen Lampert; Betye, Alison and Lezley Sear; Joan Watanabe; June Wayne and Ruth Weisberg are featured in the "Generations" exhibit at Conejo Valley Art Museum from March 2 to April 17. The exhibit focuses on the theme of historical continuity through familial ties and is scheduled to coincide with Women's History Week (March 6-12).

The works range in medium from painting to printmaking to sculptural collage and each brings a different insight to generational relationships. The works include: D. J. Hall's photoreal portraits of herself and her mother; Ellen Lampert's neoexpressionist watercolors of young

parents with a new child; June Wayne's selections from the renowned "Dorothy Series"; Joan Watanabe's sensitive family-totem drawings; combined with the two generations of Sears to effect an exhibit that is powerful in both concept and visual impact.

"Generations" was curated by Betty Ann Brown, Ph.D., Director of the Visual Arts Program at USC's College of Continuing Education.

There will be a reception for the artists on Friday, March 4, from 7 to 10 p.m.

The Conejo Valley Art Museum, located in Janss Mall, 197 North Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

Ventura College Women's Re-Entry Program
Bonnie Warrington, Simi Valley
Denise Freeman, Santa Paula
Women's Equity Coalition
The Alive Place
Thousand Oaks
Women Lawyers of Ventura County
National Women's Political Caucus
Steve & Melinda Wiman

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