



VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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GREAT PACIFIC IRON WORKS OPENS CHILD CARE CENTER

"Our concern is to help eliminate the isolation children and their parents often feel from society and each other. We would like to think of ourselves as a large and diverse support group of role models, not only for the children, but for each other."

This statement by Malinda Penoyer Quinard, the co-owner of the Great Pacific Iron Works, expresses the philosophy behind the on-site child care center which had its grand opening on March 1, 1984.

The center is equipped to provide quality child care for 44 children, ages 2-14, as well as for four infants. (Plans are underway to build a larger infant care facility.) In addition to providing a preschool program for the 2-5 year olds, a company van brings school-aged children to the center for after-school activities.

The loving care that went into planning this center is obvious in many ways. In-house carpenters were responsible for some unique woodwork, e.g., a carefully-crafted bannister and cabinet pulls to fit small hands, and cribs whose rails glide on tracks and fold away on the ceiling. The wallpaper is not only colorful but features the main design at a child's eye-level. There is over-stuffed, child-sized furniture in "The Quiet Corner" that invites cuddling up with a book. There is indoor and more complex outdoor climbing equipment to promote physical development. The director, Delight Smith,

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FRIENDS KICK-OFF LUNCHEON - A GREAT SUCCESS

On Tuesday, April 10th, fifty-three "friends" of the Commission for Women met for lunch at Mercury Savings in Westlake Village. Their purpose was to initiate and celebrate the newly incorporated non-profit organization called "The Friends of the Ventura County Commission for Women."

Many Commission members were present for the launching of this support group whose stated goals are to provide financial and service support by contributing time and energy to research, fund raising and public relations for the Commission. Additionally, the Friends will serve in an advisory capacity to the Commission on issues of women's needs and services and will make recommendations on such issues.

Lee Anderson, a Westlake Village business woman, is president of the Friends and presided at the meeting. In addition to her professional expertise as a licensed Life, Health and Disability Insurance Agent, Lee is an ardent supporter of women's rights. She stated that one of the primary goals of the Friends is to make more women and more organizations aware of the Commission for Women and its work.

"The competitive, demanding environment of work outside the home intensifies the need for a strong support group working together to maintain the progress made in improving the quality of life for women, and in recognizing and working to improve the conditions that still exist," Anderson declared in her program comments.

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RESOURCE DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Keynote speaker, Margarita Corral, focused on friendships among women and their importance on both the personal and professional (and volunteer service) levels of life. Margarita, also a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends, is a Counselor at Oxnard Community College and a Doctoral Candidate at U.S.C. She cited examples from her own life of networking in action - women not only encouraging her pursuit of an advanced degree, but actually introducing her to members of the U.S.C. faculty who could provide helpful information.

Other Directors of the Friends are:

- o Bonnie Warrington, a free-lance Legal Assistant and Chair of the Ventura County Commission on Human Concerns. Bonnie serves as Vice-President.
- o Carol Keochekian, Director of Special Adult Services at California Lutheran College, former member of the Commission for Women and Chair of its Employers Symposium on Child Care, and member of the Ventura County Recreation Advisory Committee. Carol serves as Secretary.
- o Carol Haverty, a Business and Tax Consultant through her own firm, Business Support Systems, an accounting instructor at Ventura Community College, and California State Division Chair for Networks of the American Association of University Women. Carol is Treasurer of the Friends.
- o Judy Capko, a Management Consultant, a member of the National Association of Female Executives, Vice-President of Soroptimist International of the Conejo. Judy is Public Relations Chair for the Friends.
- o Diane Koranda, owner of Car Connection, Ventura. President of the Ventura County Professional Women's Network. Diane is a member of the Board of Directors.

Within Ventura County there is a large spectrum of resources/services available to individuals in need of assistance. Finding this needed assistance is often difficult to do. Information and Referral of Ventura County, however, now has available its 1984 Social Services Resource Directory which serves as an invaluable aid in the following areas:

Health and Human Services Agencies/Organizations/Personnel
School Personnel.

Personnel management in business.

Those persons needing to provide supportive or referral services to individuals.

* Includes descriptions of 300 Ventura County Agencies (private and public) which are resources to residents of the County.

* Is INDEXED by services (i.e. alcoholism, adoption, counseling, drug abuse, employment, health, legal, etc.) by geographic areas and alphabetically.

* Is the 12th Annual Edition of Ventura County's only comprehensive Resource Directory of Social Services. A new feature this year is a Spanish version, available in March, 1984. ORDER NOW!!!

For additional information regarding this informative directory, please call the Interface Community at any one of the following telephone numbers: 498-6643, 529-0975 or 647-7855.

PROCEEDINGS OF CHILD CARE SYMPOSIUM
AVAILABLE

The printed proceedings of Working Parents, An Employers Symposium on Child Care are now available through the Commission for Women office at \$2.00 per copy. Please call 654-3109 weekdays between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

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holds a degree in education and is an experienced preschool teacher and director. Yet, the cost to parents is nominal.

It is gratifying to know that through its symposium held last May, the Ventura County Commission for Women played an integral part in the establishment of this center. Two years ago, when the facility was built, an area was set aside for child care. Since no one had the expertise to initiate the center, the area sat. GPIW sent representatives to the symposium to gather information. One month later, they hired Dr. Kathleen Paul to guide them through the preliminary steps. Eight months later the center was licensed and in operation.

In fulfilling her dream to provide on-site child care for GPIW employees, Malinda Pennoyer Chouinard is helping to fulfill a dream of the Commission for Women, too.

Brook Hubbell, Ed.D.

CANDIDATES FORUM

for

County Supervisor
19th & 21st Congressional Districts

Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 p.m.

CAMARILLO HIGH SCHOOL
Multipurpose Room
4660 Mission Oaks Blvd.
Camarillo

CANDIDATES PARTICIPATING:

Botello, Ruben	Lacey, Susan
Carey, Dr. James	Leet, Robert
Davis, Charles	Margolis, George
Doscher, Todd M.	Mendoza, Ted
Erickson, Maggie	Norris, Wayne
Hanson, Karen	Zekan, Charles

Moderator:
Councilwoman Ann Rock

DATING VIOLENCE

Statistics show that dating violence is a common occurrence for teenagers. 20% to 50% of all dating teenagers experience physical, mental and/or emotional battering at some point in their relationships.

Being concerned about this problem, Interface Community's Domestic Violence Program has designed a 50-minute program on dating violence that is now available to local high school classes. The purpose of this program is to help make young people aware of violence-prone relationships and how not to become involved in one - or how to survive one!

According to Gail Graves, coordinator of a school outreach program in Santa Cruz, up to 50% of the girls who have seen their mothers abused, or who have been physically, sexually or emotionally abused themselves by their parents, learn to accept violence in their own relationships. Through this school outreach program, we hope to teach both young women and young men that violence is not acceptable under any circumstances.

For more information on this program, or to arrange a presentation of this program for a class, club or organization, call Sylvia Armita at Interface, 498-6643, 529-0975 or 647-7855.

"There shall never be
another season of silence
until women have
the same rights men have
on this green earth."

-Susan B. Anthony

CALENDAR

- May 18,19 - National Association for Commissions for Women Regional Conference, Pasadena.
- May 19 -- Camarillo Women's Day, Camarillo Christian Church School, Arneill Road and Las Posas Road.
- May 19 - AAUW Interbranch luncheon, Westlake Plaza Hotel.
- May 19 - Evangelical Women's Caucus, annual meeting, Glendale.
- May 22 - Candidates Forum, Camarillo High School Multipurpose Room, 7:30 p.m.
- June 5 - Primary Election. IT'S A MAN'S WORLD UNLESS WOMEN VOTE!
- June 19-23 - Evangelical Women's Caucus National Conference, Wellesley, Massachusetts.
- June 23 - Commission for Women Meeting, 9 a.m., Fillmore City Hall, 524 Sespe Avenue, Fillmore.

Call the Commission for Women, 654-3109, for information on the above events.

FREE PUBLICATION

"Child Sexual Abuse" is a brochure published by the Commission on the Status of Women. It is designed for parents and others in frequent contact with children. The brochure explains what child sexual abuse is, what the warning signs are, and some suggestions for prevention. Write to the Public Information Unit, Commission on the Status of Women, 926 J St., Room 1506, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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