

WOMEN TO WATCH

SUCCESSFUL EXECUTIVES

...**Vicki Dussaigne** has carved a niche for herself as general manager of one of the region's leading historic hotels in a field dominated by men, she's breaking new ground at the Pierpont Inn & Racquet Club and serving as a role model for other staff.

...**Sara Miller McCune**, chairman of Thousand Oaks-based Sage Publications, is a true pioneer among women business owners. Lately she has turned more attention to running the McCune Foundations, which is investing in the "social capital" of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

...**Karen Ramsdell** has led Santa Barbara's airport through tough times to record traffic. Now, amid boom times for regional hubs like Santa Barbara, she's spearheading a \$60 million effort to bring the airport into the 21st century.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

...At Goodwill Industries of Oxnard, worker's comp costs and flagging sales were threatening the future of the organization. **Kathy Leahy** has turned things around and sales are on track for the first time in years.

...Associate Provost **Leanne Neilson** quietly has built a reputation for being the big person on campus at California

Lutheran University. She is the chair of the CLU faculty and helped lead an effort to earn accreditation for the university's teacher education program. She's also on the board of Ventura County's United Way.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

...**Nicolette Harley Cottrell** has been a leader in the fast-growth housing market in North San Luis Obispo County. She's branch manager and senior loan officer for CTX Mortgage in Templeton and has a special certification in mortgage planning.

...At Merrill Lynch's Santa Barbara office, **Jan Ererote** leverages 30 years of experience in banking and financial services to play a lead role in one of the biggest advisory practices in the Tri-Counties. She's also active in a number of community organizations, including Girls Inc.

...Also working at the Merrill Lynch office is **Diane Gayoski Duva**, a former attorney who has been working in financial services since 2000. She's actively involved in Women's Economic Ventures.

...**Joanne Funari** stepped into a leading role as market president for Business First National Bank in Santa Barbara. She's a tireless worker for worthy causes such as United Way and she's earned the respect of her team.

...**Christy Leth** is responsible for marketing at Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf and Million Wealth Management. She's a non-stop worker who brings a plethora of experience in media and marketing to one of the region's best-known accounting and financial management practices.

REAL ESTATE

...Marketing maven **Jodi Bagwell** is one-half of the team that has put Moorpark-based Bagwell Construction on the map. She's actively involved with the National Association of Women in Construction and the Moorpark College Foundation. She's been a head designer for three episodes of Extreme Makeover-Home Edition.

...Mortgage House's **Roxanne Carr** is a true community leader in San Luis Obispo. She's a leading loan underwriter but also plays a lead role with the University of California, Santa Barbara Economic Forecast Board, Rotary and the YMCA.

... **Ann Lieberthal** has brought her real estate expertise to Santa Barbara and the Santa Ynez Valley. She's bought and sold 30 properties, has written a book on real estate and works hard on behalf of charities like Unity House.

UP AND COMERS

...**Trevor Cates** is pioneering a new lifestyle as the owner of Santa Barbara's Center for Natural Medicine. She bal-

ances her role as an entrepreneur with caring for two small children.

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

...**Jennifer Gann** blazed some new ground at Santa Barbara County's United Way where she coordinated the first campaign in the group's history to top the \$3 million mark. She's headed off on her own to start a new endeavor, bringing a rolodex of heavyweight contacts with her.

...**Rickelle Goyt** and **Lindsey Miller** are shining at the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce. Goyt is the driving force behind the chamber's city guide, its membership directory and trade show. Miller runs the Visitor's Center and helped coordinate the Amgen Tour of California's SLO operations. The chamber's future seems to be secure with two energetic staffers on hand.

...**Anna M. Kokotovic** has been the executive director of Santa Barbara's CALM program for more than 15 years. The program is a national leader in child abuse prevention and child protection.

...**Cynder Sinclair** is synonymous with community leadership. As head of the Girl Scouts of Tres Condados, she has put together a diverse and effective board and found the time to contribute to programs such as United Way. She's a true believer in the empowerment of women of all ages.