

Top 50 Women in Business

delays, Elwell's current restaurant — Tia Babe's Restaurant — was built from the ground up in Santa Paula. This newer restaurant employs numerous local citizens and recently was bestowed the Chamber of Commerce's Beautification Award.

Elwell has spent a lifetime of hard work and dedication and to this day works seven days a week. She was and is an inspiration to many, but more importantly to senior women.

She is the proud mother of three daughters and six grandchildren, all of whom work in her newest restaurant.

Renee Grubb

Founder
Village Properties,
Santa Barbara



Renee Grubb, who has sold real estate in Santa Barbara since 1983, founded Village Properties in 1996, aiming for a community-conscious agency committed to excellence, integrity and teamwork. The firm has realty offices in Montecito, Santa Barbara and Santa Ynez with agents and brokers serving Ojai, Carpinteria, Summerland, Montecito, Santa Barbara, Goleta and the Santa Ynez Valley.

In addition to real estate, Grubb has also focused on charitable giving in Santa Barbara County, founding the Teacher's Fund to help public and private elementary, middle and high school teachers buy the supplies and books they need.

Grubb served as the chair of the Santa Barbara Region Chamber of Commerce in 2008 and remains on the Board of Directors. She also served as president of the Santa Barbara Association of Realtors in 1995 and has been a director for the California Association of Realtors since 1994. She has also been involved with the Montecito Education Foundation, American Heart Association and South Coast Business & Technology Committee and is currently serving on the Coastal Housing Partnership, Museum of Natural History board of trustees and Antioch University board of trustees.

Grubb has won several Realtor and community awards, among them the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce Betty Hatch award for 2005 Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of a South Coast business.

Linda Hagelis

Senior VP

Hagelis Group,
Ventura



Linda Hagelis is an 18-year commercial real estate veteran who specializes in leasing and marketing of new retail developments and existing shopping centers. She also assists in design and development, repositioning of existing retail properties, servicing local retail property owners and tenant representation for site acquisitions throughout Ventura County. She is one of only a handful of successful women in commercial real estate within the Tri-Counties.

Prior to her career in commercial real estate, Linda was a feature film production coordinator at 20th Century Fox Studios in Century City. When she moved to Ventura County more than 20 years ago, she began a new career with her husband and business partner, Bill Hagelis.

She has been involved with some of the region's most important projects, including the Courtyard at the Financial Plaza in Oxnard, the Esplanade Shopping Center, Shopping at the Rose, Simi Valley Town Center, Camarillo Town Center, The Shops at Lowe's in Ventura and the procurement of the Whole Foods deal at the Collection at RiverPark in West Ventura County.

Currently her projects include the re-development of Carriage Square Shopping Center in Oxnard anchored by a new Lowe's, Camarillo Town Center West, Telephone Road Plaza in Ventura and the Oxnard Marketplace.

She is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers, Commercial Real Estate Women and The Boys and Girls Club.

significant challenges. Weathering the banking world's current regulatory environment and keeping her staff positive throughout are situations that she has met head-on.

Nahra credits her positive outlook to living in Santa Barbara, near the ocean and mountains. She enjoys spending quality time with family, reading, gardening, and volunteering on the boards of numerous local organizations — and that's during her "down time" when she's not in a business suit and pearls running a financial institution.

NAHRA

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"And I've always been competitive."

She also comes from a long line of working women. Nahra's mother worked as a librarian and in the early 1900s her maternal grandmother was a bookkeeper in New York City.

While Nahra loves her work, she acknowledges that guiding her company through the economic cycle has presented

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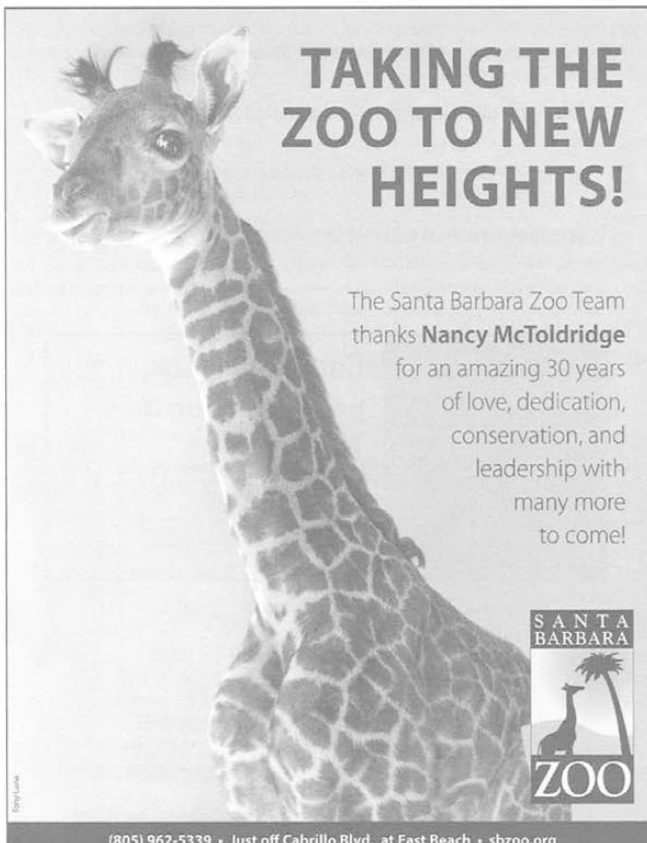
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