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**Who/What:** For more than 25 years, Eileen Padberg has managed public affairs and political campaigns and has also provided strategic planning and corporate communications for some of the top corporations and organizations in the U.S., including several of Orange County's most prestigious businesses. The Laguna Niguel resident has implemented a groundbreaking program that has provided 64,000 career-development training hours to more than 1,500 Iraqi women, and created a small-business development program that includes a database of more than 300 Iraqi women-owned businesses. At one point, the Iraqi insurgency had a \$300,000 price on her head for being an American woman in Iraq helping with women's rights. The programs she has personally created continue to grow, building Iraqi women's confidence and preparing them for new roles in their emerging nation. The title of her talk is *From Baltimore to Baghdad: Women Need Opportunities*.

**When:** Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at 4 p.m.

**Where:** Bush Conference Center, 404 Beckman Hall, Chapman University, Orange. The public can park free in the Chapman lot at the corner of Sycamore and Cypress.

**Cost:** Free and open to the public.

**Presented by:** Wilkinson College of Letters and Sciences at Chapman University and Women of Wilkinson.

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