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I.V. SANITARY DISTRICT

ITS MORE GOLETA THAN I.V.

**BUT IT'S INSULAR HISTORY AND ARROGANCE CAN'T BE
BLAMED ON GOLETA ALONE — I.V. HAS MOSTLY
IGNORRED IT, TOO. WILL THIS ELECTION CHANGE IT?**

The Isla Vista Sanitary District is *Isla Vista* in name only. Sixty percent of its voters live in Western Goleta; only forty percent live in I.V. The District includes I.V., plus all of Goleta West of La Patera.

But, it seems that people in both I.V. and Western Goleta have been ignoring this special district that pumps sewage to the Goleta Sanitary District's treatment plant for so long that it's Board of Directors can get away with anything.

Is it possible for members of a local government's Board of Directors to lie about the existence of a resignation letter from one of its members and get away with it?

They have so far. But, all of that might change, and soon.

Illegality?

San. Board director Dave Bearman

presented a report to the rest of the board at their October 20th meeting stating that the shenanigans that Directors David Lewis, Dick Smith, and Ken Hendrickson pulled last Summer were clearly illegal.

The Board reluctantly referred Bearman's report to their attorney Richard Robertson.

Bearman and Smith are up for re-election this November. Scott Wexler, director of the Senior Center at the Goleta Community Center, is also a candidate for one of the two open seats. Bearman owns a 2% share of the ISLA VISTA FREE PRESS.

Bearman and Wexler endorsed each other's candidacy recently, but insist they are not running as a "slate." Both of their platforms strongly support up-graded sewage treatment to get over the EPA exemptions now required, a people-powered street cleaning

program in I.V. and Goleta, and an end to the "cronyism" they see on the part of directors Smith, Lewis and Hendrickson.

Bearman's report questions the action taken by Lewis, Smith, and Hendrickson when they set aside a resignation letter from Director Randolph "Punk" Ponedel presented to them at their June 7th meeting. Shortly thereafter, Lewis called Ponedel to ask him to put off his resignation until the July meeting of the Board.

The requested delay was so that the remaining directors could appoint Ponedel's replacement through November, 1989. But, if Ponedel insisted on resigning immediately as his letter stated, the remaining directors

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WHY IS LEWIS HIDING?

Appointed incumbent David Lewis has not yet attended a forum in his attempt to be elected to a regular seat on the Goleta Water Board. Is he hiding from questions about his role in the cover up of the so-called "Sewergate Scandal" at the I.V. Sanitary Board on which he also holds a seat?

STREET TALK

**HOW WILL RESIDENTS OF WESTERN GOLETA VOTE ON
MEASURE Q, THE PLAN TO CREATE A CITY COMBINING
ISLA VISTA AND GOLETA ?**

As promised last week, the FREE PRESS asked registered voters in Ellwood and El Encanto Heights how they will vote on Measure Q. It took three hours to find six people willing to have their photos taken — in I.V. it only takes 45 minutes. Overall, we spoke to 22 registered voters: three will vote in favor of Q; 11 against; and the rest are undecided.

Ken Northenscald of El Encanto Heights said he would vote no because he works in I.V., a lot laying carpets and says "no one wants this city."

Mike McCaleb, also of El Encanto Heights also will vote no: "I think that its the wrong thing to do. Besides, we've had it pretty good up to this point."

Sorry Mike and Ken, your photos didn't develop.



Dwayne Baker

Age 18, voting in his first election. Baker lives near Dos Pueblos H.S.

I'm voting No, because I like I.V. a lot, and they ought to have a chance to do their own town.



Richard Frost

UCSB Housing Office, lives in Ellwood.

I'm still undecided.



Judy Guidotti

of Ellwood.

I've listened to some speakers, but still haven't made up my mind. Actually, the current situation is OK, so why bother?



Alfred Gregory

El Encanto Heights

I'm voting Yes. Its time that we are fully represented by our elected officials. And, I like the name "Goleta Valley."

SENIOR CITIZEN CORNER

GOLETA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

Community Action Commission
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Coordinator: Scott Wexler

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Friday, 10/23: Senior Exercise 9:45 am
Cards and Games 10 am
Swingalong Band Concert 10:45 am
Hot Lunch (chicken salad) noon
Bingo 1 pm

Monday, 10/26: Informal Cards 10 am
Western Dance Class 10:30 am
Commodity Distribution 11-1
Hot Lunch (pork chop suey) noon

Tuesday, 10/27: Cards and Games 10 am
Bible Reading (non-denom.) 10:30 am
Swingalong Band Concert 10:30 am
Hot Lunch (corned beef) noon
Market Trip 12:45 pm (by reservation, please)

Wednesday, 10/28: Informal Cards 10 am
Senior Exercise 10 am
"The Bible in Art" slide show 10:30 am
Hot Lunch (chicken fried steak) noon
Bingo 1 pm

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A SHORT HISTORY OF ISLA VISTA (Part IV) THE JOINT ROLLING CONTESTS

By Carmen Lodise

Between 1976 and 1980, each Isla Vista Fall and Spring Festival featured a JOINT ROLLING CONTEST. I was the Master of Ceremonies, but only because I organized the event.

Actually, the event featured three contests. One was for the **best** ("The Most Primo") joint, a second was for the **biggest** joint (with a two paper limit), and the third was for the **fastest** joint roller.

The **fastest** contest required several heats with six rollers in each heat. The winner of each heat would then enter a run-off contest to determine the overall winner. For some reason, women usually won this contest.

Fantastic Prizes

Prizes were awarded to the three winners; usually a fine bong, or maybe an antler pipe, a poster, etc. The prizes were always donated by Bamboo Brothers, a great head shop located at the corner of Pardall and Embarcadero del Mar where Action Sports Arena is now. The actual winning joints were posted on a plaque at Bamboo Brothers until the next contest: this greatly increased the prestige of the winners.

As the M.C., I also got to select the judges. There were always three judges, the odd number being necessary to break ties, especially in the Most Primo Joint category. As you can imagine, this was a very difficult judgement to make!

Celebrity Judges

Actually, who the judges were was one of the biggest hits of the event. I usually choose people who were running for office — often candidates for Municipal or Superior Court Judge — how better to test their qualifications to be a judge! Jim Slater and his opponent for Municipal Court Judge plus Floyd Dodson, a sitting Superior Court Judge running for re-election, were the first three celebrity judges.

A picture of Slater being a contest judge was published in the NEXUS; he won his election largely because of the 85% of the votes he received in I.V. But, a picture of Dodson as a contest judge appeared on the front page of the Santa Barbara NEWS-PRESS; he became the first Superior Court judge in California history to fail to be re-elected.

Other contest judges through the years included County Supervisor Bill Wallace, District Attorney Stan Roden, and Harvey Clement, director of CETA job training programs for the County (at the time, CETA was spending \$2 million a year in I.V. on training jobs). Plus, almost all of the candidates for the Goleta Water Board during those years found it necessary to make an appearance as a "judge" in this event.

We even once had a member of the Foot Patrol, in uniform, as a judge. Actually, that year's contest took place during his last hour as a member of the Foot Patrol, so he didn't get into any trouble.

Bob Brandts, owner of a notorious tavern in Goleta (THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT), was also a judge one year. However, this didn't turn out too well.



When it became obvious that he was throwing the Most Primo Joint contest to an attractive female roller, there were a lot of boos. He wasn't invited back.

Isla Vista Green

What did we use as filler in these joints? Parsley; we called it "Isla Vista Green."

While the contest were wildly popular for many years, it became obvious in the early 1980s that interest was waning. When only a dozen people showed up for the "Fastest Joint Roller" contest in 1981, I decided to discontinue the event. I think that there was an attempt to pull it off one more time in 1983, but it met a similar response. Since the event was a way for all of us to laugh both at ourselves and society, when the crowds dwindled I figured that it had become passé. Times had changed.

Years later, people from the St. Anthanasius (Evangelical Orthodox) Church complained to the Local Agency Formation Commission — the organization in charge of accepting or rejecting requests for

16th ANNUAL I.V. FALL FESTIVAL !

The 16th Annual Fall Festival will be held over the weekend of October 25-26 with musical entertainment and an arts and crafts fair.

The Fall Festival begins on Saturday evening at 9:00 PM with a kick-off dance at Borsodi's Coffeehouse, featuring the reggae band *Das Beat*.

The Festival continues on Sunday at noon in Anisq'Oyo Park with a variety of musical entertainment on the Amphitheater stage. Music will be by Lisa & Allison & Friends (acoustic), and some outdoor dance music by the popular local groups *Crucial*

DBC, *Happy Trails*, and *Das Beat*.

The Festival will also feature arts and crafts booths, food vendors, and jugglers.

The Fall Festival will conclude on Sunday evening with some Isla Vista cultural music by Jeff Levy and other local talent at 7:30 PM at Borsodi's Coffeehouse.

The entire Fall Festival is sponsored by the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District, the UCSB Associated Students, Borsodi's Coffeehouse, and KTYD.

For further information, call Scott Abbott at 968-2017.

ALSO ENDORSES TWO ENVIRONMENTALISTS BOYD ENDORSES MEASURE T

Michael Boyd, Isla Vista's "independent environmentalist" candidate for the Goleta Water Board, announced his endorsement of two members of the Citizens for Goleta Valley's slate "Three for Goleta," to the Board.

However, he wasn't specific as to which two of the three (Crawford, Mylod, and Fuls) he was endorsing.

Hoping that he and two of the "Three for Goleta" win, Boyd said that, "I believe that as a swing vote between the No-growth/Pro-growth board members, it will enable me to effectively get my campaign promises implemented, i.e., an Automated Ground Basin Monitoring System and water for parks."

In his press release he said, "I may not have the big buck contributions that both the No-growth and Pro-growth slates have received, but I think there is a broad base of support in both Goleta and Isla Vista for a candidate who will get the Water District working for all the people again, and not just

a few greedy individuals."

Boyd also endorsed Measure T that would allow about 25 single family homes to be built in I.V. and another 30-35 built in Western Goleta. Measure T also provides 15 acre feet for parks and 10 acre feet for the building of new churches and community service organizations.

Boyd's press release said that, "I was unwilling to take a stand (on Measure T) until I reviewed both the County's and Water District's report on this measure. The County's report identified no adverse environmental impacts so I felt it appropriate to endorse Measure T. Additionally I am strongly in favor of the 15 acre feet of water that will be allocated to parks by this measure."

All eight candidates for the Goleta Water Board have now announced support for Measure T. Boyd remains the only candidate who is urging a No vote on Measure Q, the plan to create one city out of I.V. and Goleta.

communities to vote on cityhood — that Isla Vistans shouldn't be allowed to vote on having an independent city because we did

things like have "joint rolling contests" which were both illegal and immoral.

Some people just don't have a sense of humor.

NOVEMBER 3RD ELECTION

I.V. COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEEDS CANDIDATES AND VOLUNTEERS FOR ELECTION

The election of the 1987-88 Isla Vista Community Council (IVCC) will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd. This will be the 18th straight year that IVCC elections will be held.

If you would like to be a candidate for one of the five open District seats, or the two open at-large seats on the IVCC, pick up a candidate petition at the I.V. Park District Office at 961 Embarcadero del Mar, or the A.S. Office on the third floor of the UCen on campus. Any resident of Isla Vista (including all on-campus residents) age 16 years or older is eligible to be a candidate for the IVCC. The districts that are up for election this year are Districts #1, #3, #4, #5 & #6. Terms are for two years. Also open to election are two at-large seats, one seat runs for two years and the other for one full year. You must file by October 26, 1987.

Among the issues facing this coming Council are: over-crowding; too little available parking; increasing bicycle safety; police/community relations; relations with Goleta environmentalists; and future city government options (if Measure Q fails) or the setting up of the new City of Goleta (if Q passes).

If you so desire to run and filing is complete, the Isla Vista Free Press encourages a statement of your candidacy and your photo to be run in our October 28 issue. Please limit statement to 300 words or less and include photo. Bring to our office on Abrego by Oct. 26.

Voter Eligibility

You need not be officially registered to vote in Santa Barbara County elections to

vote in elections for representatives to the IVCC. All residents of Isla Vista (including all on-campus residents) age 16 years and older are eligible to vote in IVCC elections.

As in the past, the election will be conducted in association with the County election. That is, polling places staffed by volunteers will be set up at tables outside the County's polling booths. Volunteers work stretches of one or two hours during the 7 AM-8PM period that polls are open.

Volunteers are served free pizza and refreshments at the traditional Election Night party which this year will be held at Borsodi's Coffeehouse beginning at 8:30 PM. If you would like to be a volunteer poll worker, call the I.V. Park District at 968-2017, the UCSB Associated Students at 961-2566, or Sharlene Weed at 961-3536.



THE SLATES

GOLETA WATER BOARD

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, Gordon Fulks, Pat Mylod, and Katie Crawford, the "Three for Goleta" slate.

Pat Mylod

#1. I am running to manage Goleta's water for the public interest rather than for the profits of real estate developers. I am a graduate of UCSB (1982), and have a M.S. in Systems Management from USC. I lived in I.V. for five years, and have lived the past four years in Goleta. I have been active in Water Board politics for the past four years.

#2. I believe that it will take some time to develop water that is locally available and affordable. I am committed to finding and developing sources of water from the first day I am in office. The first order of business is to use new water to alleviate the water deficit that the current Water Board has created. As soon as the deficit was ended, surplus water supplies can be used for new meters. Currently, there is no hard data to indicate if it could be done in less than four years.

#3. I agree with the County that the Water District is overdrafting our water supply. I believe that the problem is serious, and I am committed to correcting the situation. The current Water Board claims that there is no overdraft. They were so sure that they felt no need to perform an EIR on the water supply and demand, so the County had to perform its own EIR. This is an act of gross negligence on the part of the current Water Board.

#4. Crawford - Mylod - Fulks does support Measure T. This support is predicated upon implementing the measure according to the conditions outlined in the County EIR. The EIR indicates that a "phased" approach in issuing meters is required, to keep the implementation from adding to the water deficit. I AM OPPOSED TO ISSUING ALL OF THE METERS AT ONE TIME.

#5. The passage of Measure T would provide meters for Isla Vista park lands. If Measure T does not pass, I would consider getting another measure on the ballot, so that the public could decide. A public vote is required in order to issue the meters.

#6. No, I am opposed to doing anymore "AG" conversions. The land owners have been intentionally overwatering their lands to increase the amount of water to be used upon their converted meter. This is basically a rip-off of the public for the benefit of the real estate developers.

#7. Campaign reform is critical at this time. I support a \$500 contribution limit. I further maintain that to avoid a conflict of interest, no Director should be allowed to vote on projects where the applicant has donated more than \$100 to the Director's campaign. (Such a conflict of interest rule did exist, but the current Board threw it out after they violated it.)

This is the mechanism through which the incumbents have issued so many water meters for the development of the remaining farms in our area. Enormous abuses have occurred. The incumbents deny not only the abuses but even the ag conversions!

Destruction of agricultural lands is not

Katy Crawford

#1. I have always believed in the preservation of our environment and that unchecked growth is a destructive force in our society. I am running because I think I can make a difference. My qualifications include a good mind, a business background which has prepared me to make objective decisions, and service on the Board of Citizens of Goleta Valley and the Goleta Land Use Committee.

#2. If we can recover the majority on the board, our highest priority would be to complete the Ground Basin Management Plan. Using this document, we would work with the County Board of Supervisors toward the implementation of the Growth Management plan, and when that is complete, an election to lift the Moratorium could be called. As to whether this can all be accomplished in four years, I don't know.

#3. I do agree. According to figures provided by the District's own reports, the current requirements of the district are in excess of 15,000 acre/foot per year and the safe yield supplies are 13,000+. In other words, the district is overdrafting the basin simply to provide enough water to supply its current customer base.

#4. Yes, I do support Measure T as a means of providing water to those people who have been caught in a Catch 22 by the Moratorium. I believe that the Measure must be carefully administered in accordance with the recommendations included in the recent environmental assessment released by the county. Those recommendations include granting new meters on a priority of who has been waiting the longest, extending the program over a period of several years, and monitoring the cumulative effect upon our water supply as meters are granted. I believe that this is the only fair and equitable thing to do.

#5. Isla Vista representatives should be working with the Water Board and with the County toward including Isla Vista's needs in the County Growth Management Plan.

#6. Not as it presently stands. Although the original intent was good, it has been abused to the point where its water savings have become a joke. Developers have wasted enormous amounts of water just to establish high usage rates so that they could pack more units per acre onto these parcels. The present water board passed another one just a few weeks ago using figures which allowed the granting of over 200 meters on a site which has 16.4 af/y of water available. Ridiculous.

#7. No directors should participate in the discussion of or vote on projects which involve persons who have contributed more than \$100 to their campaign. Campaign spending limitations should be imposed. The increasing expense of running a campaign is a corrupting influence on our entire political system.

progress. Such destruction diminishes our quality of life and leads to countless problems such as grid-locked traffic.

THE SLATE OF McFARLAND & LEWIS

McFarland and Lewis did not submit answers to the questions the *FREE PRESS* asked. Perhaps the questions were too difficult for them.



DAVID LEWIS



GARY McFARLAND

#7. YES! I support the \$500 campaign contribution limit and a total spending limit.

I also support a petition drive to make it unlawful for Directors to issue water meters to campaign contributors. Paying off campaign contributors with water meters is CORRUPTION!

I strongly believe that the developers' candidates should not have given away water meters in exchange for campaign contributions after nullifying the previous conflict of interest statute.

A democracy requires honest elected officials!

Gordon Fulks

#1. I am running with Katy Crawford and Pat Mylod. We are THREE FOR GOLETA: CRAWFORD-MYLOD-FULKS.

My background is in science, engineering, and management. I have a BS, MS, and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in Physics. I have additional experience in mathematics, meteorology, climatology, and geology.

My interest in the Water Board is first that of a citizen who expects the Board to run the District for the benefit of the customers. Overselling water for the sole benefit of developers is appalling.

#2. In a desert climate, we must always be careful to obtain reliable water supplies before giving water away. CRAWFORD, MYLOD, AND FULKS are committed to finding new (reasonably priced) water as fast as possible both to retire the deficit and to support the County's General Plan. As new sources are developed, we expect to be able to provide a moderate amount of water for new hookups in accordance with County planning.

Great giveaways such as we have witnessed over the last two years have worsened our water situation. Claiming to have water that does not exist to justify giving away meters is unacceptable!

#3. As a scientist, I believe that there are objective answers to how much water we have and how much we are using. Every objective analysis confirms the substantial overdraft. Only the incumbents and their supporters still cling to the fantasy that, "Everything is fine." Political numbers used to justify issuance of water meters beyond our capability to service those meters are rubbish.

#4. Support! CRAWFORD, MYLOD, AND FULKS believe that single family lot owners who have waited fourteen years for a water meter should be first in line for new meters - ahead of large developers so heavily favored over the last two years. We object to the incumbents using the "little guy" for political purposes.

#5. Water for parks is a priority with us. Parks enhance our quality of life. As we develop new sources of water beyond that necessary to retire the water deficit, we recommend that a portion go to parks. Treated waste water may be an additional source for parks.

#6. I am opposed to "Ag conversions."

CANDIDATE'S FORUM

THE FREE PRESS ASKED THE EIGHT CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE GOLETA WATER BOARD THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- #1. Why are you running for this position, and what are your qualifications?
- #2. Do you foresee the ending of the water hookup moratorium within the next four years? Please explain your answer.
- #3. Do you agree or disagree with the County's determination that the District is in a state of overdraft?
- #4. Do you support or oppose Measure T? Please explain your answer.
- #5. How do you suggest that Isla Vista can get water for its parks?
- #6. Do you favor the continuance of the agricultural conversion ordinance?
- #7. Do you favor campaign reform? Specifically, should there be a limit on total spending and/or individual contributions, and should directors be compelled to abstain on projects put forth by persons or organizations which contributed to their campaign?

THE INDEPENDENTS

Mike Boyd

#1. My primary concerns as an elected director on the Goleta Water District are:

a) Elimination of the continued growth/no-growth political posturing through implementation of an Automated Ground Basin Monitoring and Control of the Goleta Water Basin.

b) New water should be prioritized for parks and public facilities

My qualifications are;
Engineer, Santa Barbara Research Center
Director, Isla Vista Recreation and Park District
Director, California Association of Recreation and Park Districts
Director, Santa Barbara Private Industry Council (Employment Training)
Director, Let Isla Vista Eat Inc.
Director, Isla Vista Community Council/MAC

#2. Maybe. Through implementation of my proposed ground basin management system the safe yield of the basin may be increased by up to 3,000 acre feet annually. This will take a number of years to implement. Before I would lift the moratorium I would seek voter approval of such action.

#3. I believe there is currently much speculation over whether or not their basin is overdrafted. The No-growth County believes the basin is in a water deficit, the Pro-growth Goleta Water District board majority believes there are sufficient supplies to meet community needs. Only through implementation of my proposed management plan will we know for sure what the water availability is. My guess is that the basin is overdrafted currently.

#4. Upon review of the County's environmental impact study no adverse impacts were identified. Therefore I endorse Measure T. If elected I would work to see Isla Vista parks receive a fair share of the 15 acre feet of water allocated to parks by this measure.

#5. There are two potential new sources of water for I.V. parks. The first is water that would be granted if Measure T is approved by District voters. The second is reclaimed water that will be produced as a by product of completion of the Secondary Waste Treatment Facility by the Goleta Sanitary District. As a director on the Isla Vista Recreation and Park board I will seek either source whether or not I'm elected to the Water District board.

#6. Unless a more environmentally sensitive board majority is elected, I do not support continued implementation of the ag conversion ordinance. Additionally I support State park bond funds being used to purchase Goleta farmland to preserve these areas as open space.

#7. I believe it is a conflict of interest for any elected director to vote for preferential service to a major campaign contributor, and would myself would abstain in any such vote. I support placing a conflict of interest ordinance to this effect before district voters. I believe there are constitutional questions concerning freedom of association involved in campaign spending or contribution limits that need to be addressed.

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FROM RIGHT TO LEFT, Larry Mills, Justin Ruhge, and Mike Boyd. Continuing to the left is the moderator Will Hastings and slate candidate Katie Crawford.

Larry Mills

#1. A moratorium is supposed to be a temporary measure to allow time to correct a problem. 15 years is a long time with no solution in sight. Out of frustration I felt I needed to get directly involved.

I am 36 years old. I've been in management for over 9 years. I graduated from BYU with a degree in Electronics and Computer Science. I own the Goleta Bakery, and I'm director of operations at Forum Systems. I'm active in the community with my wife and 5 young children. Being an independent candidate with no special interest group backing, I feel that I can represent you the people best.

#2. No, unless we get a few more miracles such as the artesian well just drilled on the La Patera Ranch which is spilling over 1000 gallons per minute. Most projects will take a minimum of 2 years to develop and then will need to be monitored for some time after. The water does exist to end the moratorium if the voters will elect a board which will work on the problem.

#3. I agree that overdraft, as defined by taking more water out than what naturally is being replaced, is occurring. Whether you use the County or District numbers, they both say yes. I do not believe that this a problem, though. We have experienced two dry years and this is a natural process.

#4. I have been a strong supporter of Measure T from the day of its conception. The water to support it is coming from the new McCoy/Glen Annie Creek Project. It has no effect on our existing problems and deals with fairness.

#5. Isla Vista will get some water from the passing of Measure T. Other water can be made available by allowing the water district to develop new water sources such as: enlargement of Lake Cachuma, creek diversion projects, injection wells, recharge basins, reclamation water for agriculture, bed rock wells.

#6. The original intent was justified but later abused. I agree with the present board in the freeze that was enacted. Until the county can control the land management issue, it would be difficult for the water department to plan on the future. A growth plan needs to be in place so that all aspects of the community can make the necessary adjustments.

#7. The old policy of \$100 had no contribution limit, only a conflict of interest set point. This allowed elections to be bought. The new \$500 limit restricts any individual or group from donating over that

Justin Ruhge

#1. To promote the development of new sources of water. To conserve existing water resources. To continue to separate water management from growth management. Promotion of water fairness for environmental and residential projects and support of the formation of a unified south coast water district.

I am a 32 year veteran of technical and management projects in the California Aerospace business. I have a MS degree in quantum electronics.

#2. No. There will be voter approved amendments to the moratorium for additional meters when water is shown to be available. A growth management plan adopted by the County would make the moratorium unnecessary. The needed water could be developed and limited to support it.

#3. I feel it is the Water Board's function to determine the condition of the water basin, not the County's. If data provided by the County can be reconciled by the Water Board, then some change needs to be made, the final decision rests with the board.

#4. I support Measure T. Some people in Goleta have waited for 15 years for water meters while 625 meters were allotted through Ag Conversions. This is not a fair situation. The water required is but 1% of our present yearly use. This amount is available through two sources.

#5. The Water Board has offered water to be used in IV Parks.

#6. No, not in general. I would review each case on an individual basis, carefully.

#7. Yes, I favor campaign reform. Water Board and County Supervisor campaigns should be limited. Individual contributions should be limited to the voter-approved \$500.00. Board directors should abstain from voting on proposals submitted by customers who contributed the maximum amounts allowed.

amount. It was approved by 70% of the voters and is being practiced by over 30 cities in California. I would like to see a ceiling set on how much money could be spent overall which would allow independent candidates an equal chance. Pay backs by politicians is wrong and should never happen. All measures should be taken to prevent these practices.

THE FREE PRESS ASKED CARRIE TOPLIFFE AND HENRY SCHULTE TO OUTLINE WHAT THEY FELT WERE THE MAJOR ISSUES IN THIS NOVEMBER'S WATER BOARD ELECTION, AND TO ENDORSE CANDIDATES IF THEY DESIRED. SCHULTE AND TOPLIFFE WERE THE TOP VOTE GETTING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR THE WATER BOARD IN 1983.

HENRY SCHULTE VOTE INDEPENDENT !

Schulte's family owns the Dos Pueblos Ranch West of Goleta. He recently took over management of the Goleta Valley Athletic Club.

We all know how the water situation has been for years in Goleta. It has single handedly divided this community into "them" and "us." There is no flexibility on either side that allows anyone to give in to common sense and to do what is right for the people.

Both of these groups are labeled "pro-growthers" and "no-growthers", or "environmentalists" and "developers." The voters have been told that they better vote for the environmentalists or they will see the Goleta Valley become another San Fernando Valley, and the other side tells people they have to vote for the developers else Goleta will wither and die.

But, no one seems to care anymore what *really* matters. And that is whether or not we truly have enough water to survive long periods of drought and to allow some type of controlled growth to meet the demands of a thriving community.

With the upcoming elections, we are again faced with the same old situation.

Only now, the lack of any real money going to these various campaigns has made the voices of the candidates very quiet. But, the scenario remains the same.

I believe that the candidates to vote for are the ones who have no ties or strings to these old pressure groups — no ties or strings to anyone! Vote for an individual who is willing to work regardless of what is said about them. People who know that water is the mainstream of life and not to be used as a tool of any kind, other than to take care of it and treat it as the valuable resource it is.

People and water planted the trees and parks you see here today. People and water is what has allowed all of us to live here and enjoy it. Without good people to do the kind of long-range planning we need, we could very well be jeopardizing this paradise we live in.

In closing, don't look at what is being said and printed, but who is behind what is being said and printed. It takes some effort to care. But, after all, it's like being concerned about your own backyard — you have to live with it.

CARRIE TOPLIFFE

ITS "THREE FOR GOLETA"

Topliffe has lived in Isla Vista for ten years where she has been active with Community Theater, the I.V. Park District and the I.V. Medical Clinic. A former journalist, she currently works for the Community Housing Corp. in Santa Barbara.

I ran for the Goleta Water Board in 1983 as an independent environmentalist, and I wouldn't do it again. In 1987, I'm backing the environmentalist slate of Crawford, Mylod, and Fulks.

The Goleta Water Board is a key player in local politics. The major issue is resource management, and the bottom line is that a semi-arid region only has the water to support a limited amount of growth.

As a regional resource, water is a prime example of geographic interdependence. You can't pump a well in Goleta without affecting the water table in Isla Vista. As a political body, the Goleta Water Board is a symbol of interdependence as well. Isla Vista and Goleta environmentalists must work together to regain control of the Goleta Water Board.

This is essential when you have characters like Gary McFarland and David Lewis holding office. I ran against both of them in 1983, and had many opportunities to listen to their sexist and patronizing views. To me, it is truly frightening that they hold power.

The other two members of the Goleta Water District's current developer majority violated the District's conflict of interest ordinance their first meeting in office by voting to give water to individuals who had given them large campaign contributions. When a protest was lodged, they countered by overturning the ordinance. These are not people I want to have representing me, and ill-conceived, muddled independent

campaigns such as the one being mounted by Mike Boyd can do nothing but dilute the environmentalist vote and return the developers to power.

This developer majority is the same one which has Measure T on the ballot. In their rush to turn on the tap for their friends, they have created a monster. Giving away water when there is a deficit undermines the impartiality of the Water Moratorium, and opens the door to lawsuits against the District.

This measure has a certain emotional appeal because it allows new meters for some single-family homes, and all of the current candidates have endorsed its spirit, if not all of its provisions. What I particularly dislike about it is that no distinction is made between people who have been on the waiting list since 1974 and those who added their names in 1987, and there is no provision that the homes supplied with water be owner-occupied. A significant portion of the new meters will be in Isla Vista, where you can bet they will be supplying the water for large rental units. Isla Vista doesn't need any more crowding.

Initially, I was not too pleased with the Crawford, Mylod, and Fulks slate because the candidates were not at all well-known. However, my belief in the importance of the Goleta Water Board election convinced me to participate in their campaign as a member of their steering committee. I have come to respect each of them as a dedicated, articulate, caring individuals willing to make the difficult decisions necessary to successfully manage our water. With two developers currently holding seats, it will take the election of all three of them to regain environmentalist control of the Goleta Water Board.

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FOR GOLETA WATER BOARD

CRAWFORD, MYLOD, FULKS — and Mike Boyd

Four candidates for the Goleta Water Board have shown the most interest in conserving the water resources of this arid region. They are Katie Crawford, Pat Mylod, Gordon Fulks, and Mike Boyd.

There's no question that Goleta will be a less desirable place to live in if the current "growth-oriented" majority continues to control the Water District Isla Vista shares with Goleta. It is not likely, however, that who gets elected to the Water Board will have much impact on I.V.

On the other hand, the passage of Measure T will have a dramatic impact on I.V. — it will result in an almost total build-out in the single-family residence section on the West end of Isla Vista, but it also will supply needed water to I.V.'s parks. It also will give water to the Evangelical Orthodox Church (St. Anthanasius) which will likely result in the building of their temple in Perfect Park.

But concentrating on Goleta, because the Citizens for Goleta Valley slate of Crawford, Mylod, and Fulks have the best financed campaign, it is most likely that they have the best chance of restoring conservation-conscious leadership in water management, and therefore we whole-heartedly endorse their election.

The incumbents have indicated their arrogance time and time again. The McFarland-Lewis slate didn't even bother to submit the answers to the questions the ISLA VISTA FREE PRESS sent to all candidates. A follow-up call to McFarland on Oct. 19th produced only an unfulfilled promise to have them to us that evening. A call from their campaign manager on Oct. 20th yielded only another unfulfilled promise to have the answers to us later that evening.

More importantly, as soon as they gained control of the District in 1985, the new majority overturned the District's conflict of interest ordinance, rather than live by it. This has allowed them to continue receiving campaign contributions from persons they grant water to.

And, the appointed incumbent David Lewis is such an inadequate candidate that his handlers have kept him in the closet throughout the campaign — he hasn't attended any forums to date!

But Mike Boyd's candidacy deserves consideration by all voters of the Goleta Water District because it goes to the very heart of the relationship between the two communities. Mike has an interesting platform, yet his candidacy primarily represents a protest against the exclusion of dues-paying Isla Vistans from the leadership of the Goleta Valley's environmentalist movement. Granted that this same protest was made much more clearly in 1983, conditions haven't changed much since then. Even leaving aside the question of Measure Q, the lack of proportional appointments for Isla Vistans to County advisory boards by Supervisor Bill Wallace are an index of the respect which I.V. citizens have not yet achieved in Goleta Valley politics.

If you feel that this "representation" issue is paramount, you will likely find it necessary to cast a vote for Mike Boyd. But, you still have two votes left — so don't forget the Crawford, Mylod, and Fulks slate and what is righteously at stake in this election.

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could appoint a replacement only through November, 1987. Thus, three seats would have been up for election this November instead of the current two. The I.V. San. District has a five member board of directors.

During his June conversation with Lewis, Ponedel agreed to take back his original letter. He then submitted a new one in July. But at their July 21st meeting, Directors Lewis, Smith, and Hendrickson all denied that they had seen the first resignation letter at their June 7th meeting. Both the San. District's general manager and attorney also said they didn't remember a letter at the early June meeting either, but later Ponedel confirmed the existence of the letter to the news media when he was questioned about it.

Sewergate Scandal

At the July 21st meeting, Bearman was furious at the rest of the Board's denial of the existence of the first resignation letter. He told them, "This is not the Iran-Contra hearings, for crying out loud! Its a very simple matter. Are you people afraid of democracy?"

The entire matter became known as the "Sewergate" scandal and dragged on in the newspapers for several weeks.

Bearman's new report contains quotations from State legislation which clearly states that a board of directors cannot "set aside" or "reject" a resignation letter from a fellow board member, but that it is effective upon receipt. The *Free Press* had filed a

complaint with the County District Attorney in July that this had taken place. However, the D.A. chose to restrict his investigation to the fact that this discussion had taken place in "executive session" — out of public session — and that the State's Brown Act says that Board members must be aware that they are doing something illegal in an executive session in order to be prosecuted. While discussing board member resignations in executive session is clearly illegal under the Brown Act, the San. District's attorney had advised the board that it was acceptable. Thus, the board was not specifically aware that they were doing something illegal.

But, Bearman's new charges concentrate on what the Board actually did, not that they did it in secret. While the D.A. told the *Free Press* that no decision had actually been taken in the executive session, it seems obvious that the majority of the board did agree to "not accept" Ponedel's resignation at the June 7th meeting. It also appears that they did it in order to avoid a November, 1987 election.

When the *Free Press* called them on this apparent impropriety at their July 21st meeting, director Lewis became very defensive. He then made a motion to pass up the board members' legal authority to appoint a successor to Ponedel, and to instead allow the County Board of Supervisors to make the appointment. This was done "to avoid the appearance of impropriety," in the words of David Lewis. This motion was approved 3-1, with only Hendrickson opposed.



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Lewis also said that his phone call to Ponedel was motivated by wanting to make certain that the board would get a "qualified" candidate to replace Ponedel, and that he was concerned that they wouldn't get such a person if they had to rely on an election.

But, at their first meeting in August, Lewis changed his position about giving the appointment to the County Supes, and the board majority wound up appointing Lewis' friend Harvey Gish to fill the vacancy through November, 1989.

The final vote on approving Gish was 2-1, with Lewis and Hendrickson in favor, and Bearman abstaining. Director Smith was absent. Most local governments require that a clear majority of all board members vote affirmatively in order to approve a motion. Thus, three, not two votes would be necessary in order to make this appointment. Evidently,

however, the I.V. San. District has a policy that only requires a majority of those directors present at the meeting to approve a motion.

Both the I.V. Park District and the Goleta Water District require three positive votes to approve any motion.

And despite Lewis' previously stated concern about getting a "qualified" replacement for Ponedel, Gish had no experience in either sanitation or the operation of special districts. However, Lewis and Gish are both members of Isla Vista's politically active St. Anthanasius (Evangelical Orthodox) Church.

Lewis, also an appointed member of the Goleta Water Board, was assisted in his appointment to the Water Board by fellow church member Gary McFarland.

Although he is a candidate for election to the Water Board this November, Lewis has not yet appeared in any Water Board candidate forums.

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Letters to the Editor

Measure T Article Fair

Dear Editor,

Your article on Measure T (Oct. 14) was well-balanced. The positions of Crawford-Fulks-Mylod were stated, as was the position of Gary McFarland and David Lewis. The "EIR" was presented with the proper modifiers on the eye-catching parts. I really enjoy seeing people do their jobs well, and that includes the press. Keep up the good work, and vote yes on Measure T.

Doug Butler, President
Goleta Families for Fairness

S.B. School Board

Dear Editor,

While the upcoming election of three individuals to the Santa Barbara School Board may appear to be of lesser importance to the readers of the ISLA VISTA FREE PRESS than some other elections, it is still important. The Santa Barbara School and High School Districts (for the area from Montecito through Ellwood) serve approximately 12,000 students, with a total budget of \$69,000,000. The districts operate nineteen schools; including Goleta Valley Junior High and Dos Pueblos High School.

I have been involved with the Santa Barbara School and High School Districts since 1976-77, when I was a student representative on the board of education and President of Santa Barbara High School. In 1979, I was a candidate for the board and in 1980-81, I served as the chair of the committee which recommended the re-organization of the High School District.

As a former Isla Vista resident, and past president of the Goleta Valley Community Center, I feel that I would be able to bring the needs of Isla Vista residents to the high school district. Along these lines, one of the planks of my platform is that I would propose a bond to build an auditorium at Dos Pueblos High School, a facility which it distinctively requires.

Lanny Ebenstein, candidate
Santa Barbara School Board.

Boyd for Goleta Water Board

Mike Boyd's candidacy for Goleta Water Board may be the most controversial race in the upcoming November elections. We have heard loud protestations from J. Walsh and K. Billingshurst concerning Boyd's record and position in the community, but I must seriously question the intense energy and motivation behind their challenges at this time.

J. Walsh's assertion that Mike "never bothered to attend any of the Citizens for Goleta Valley meetings to which he was named a director" is a blatant lie. Mike attended many of these meetings, but when the other board members realized that Mike planned to continue his opposition to measure Q he was no longer invited to attend their meetings.

K. Billingshurst claims "... (Boyd) was still promising to drop out (of the race) three weeks ago; a promise he promptly broke." Another blatant lie! Some parties were interested in having Mike out of the running

because he was not a part of the predetermined slate. Mike was approached with various deals, incentives and compromises in order to ease him out of the race. After careful consideration of these offers Mike decided that the best interests of the community would be served if he remained in the race, but at no time did he promise to drop out.

I have known Mike Boyd for over 10 years and have seen much of his political work first hand. Mike began his political career representing blue collar workers in union organizing efforts at UCSB. Since that time Mike has widened his involvement to include; founding Board member of the Let Isla Vista Eat program, tenant's rights, community organizing, civil rights, the Private Industry Council, and environmental concerns. Mike has worked long hours to help insure diverse groups of community members the dignity and self-determination they deserve, he believes that the people's best interests are served by an active and vocal grass roots movement. Anyone who questions his commitment to representing the Isla Vista-Goleta community just doesn't know Mike Boyd.

It's understandable that the environmental slate's representatives (i.e. Walsh, Topcliffe, and Billingshurst) are upset by Mike's presence on the ballot. Here is a sincere and proven fighter who has worked hard to serve the public's interests, in vivid contrast to three relatively unknown and non-vocal environmental candidates. I question whether the victory of this quiet slate who have not really addressed such issues as No on Q would be a truly happy victory for our community. I urge voters to examine what the individual candidates have done for our community.

Mike Boyd is the true Environmentalist in this race.

**VOTE CRAWFORD - FULKS - BOYD
GOLETA WATER BOARD !**

Laura Price

More on Boyd for Water Board

Editor,

It was not my desire to make public my current position on the Goleta Water District race. However, Jeff Walsh's Letter-to-the-Editor (Oct. 14) has forced my hand. Jeff appears to have distorted comments myself and others close to Mike Boyd made in reference to Boyd's entrance into the race in order to bolster a personal attack on Mike. Worse, Jeff is rewriting the history of IV's relationship with the "Citizens for Goleta Valley" political machine to paint them as being far more sensitive and co-operative than our actual experience with them indicates.

While I continue to respect his views, I am more skeptical than Jeff that the outcome of the Water Board election will change much in Goleta (I am certain it will have no impact at all in Isla Vista). Before this race began, I had never met any of the anointed "environmentalists" that now appear on the Citizens' "Three for Goleta" slate. They seem very nice, but, I suspect that all of them will vote Yes on Measure Q. It had been my hope that instead of making personal attacks on Mike Boyd and his supporters, that the Three

for Goleta people would have addressed the issue of why Isla Vista residents should vote for them. Even as we vote for Boyd, all of us have two other votes. Many of us would like to hear concrete arguments on behalf of these three, not just insults for daring to raise questions.

These are a few of the questions I have:

#1. Is it true that while the "environmentalists" controlled the Water Board (1973-85) that most growth occurred through private wells, while under the current majority, most growth comes through the issuance of meters? Why is it preferable to encourage private wells over metered water if both cause overdrafting of the basin?

#2. Is it true that the Agricultural Conversion program (under which water in agricultural use can be converted to development projects) was begun by the old "environmentalist" board not the present "developer" board? And, who is doing most to correct that abuse?

#3. "Three for Goleta" literature says that they will co-operate with the Board of Supervisors now that we have an "environmentalist" majority there. How are Isla Vistans to be inspired by co-operation with a Board of Supervisors whose chief answer to planning problems is Measure Q — the shotgun wedding of Isla Vista and Goleta?

#4. Although they certainly seem well-intended, do not errors like the Ag. Conversion Ordinance, Measure Q, and the proliferation of private wells at least raise the possibility that new leadership is needed in the progressive environmentalist movement?

Although Walsh stated accurately that some of Boyd's "friends and close supporters" expressed "discomfort" that he was running for Water Board, as one of these "friends" my concern was only that this might dilute the efforts to defeat Measure Q.

Jeff's version as to why John Buttry dropped out of the 1983 Water Board race is inaccurate. He wasn't forced out by Carrie Topcliffe's "independent environmentalist" campaign; he was dropped by his allies when it came to light that he had some felony convictions resulting from his anti-war activities more than a decade earlier. At the time we took what I still feel was a principled stand; commending John for his heroism against the War, but remaining critical of his pro-Goleta cityhood stand. This was in sharp contrast to the political cowardice of the

Citizens for Goleta Valley who dropped John for the wrong reasons.

Mike Boyd is not a perfect human being. Still, it is absurd to unfavorably compare him to the Citizens for Goleta Valley's slate of Three for Goleta.

Time and time again Mike has defended the tenants and students of this community when few elected officials had the integrity, belief, or guts. It was Mike Boyd who single handedly collected over one-half of the 2,800 signatures which took the 1983 Isla Vista Cityhood proposal to LAFCO. It was Mike Boyd that stood up to demand that Isla Vistans have the right to vote on the Open Container Ordinance imposed by the County. It was Mike Boyd who repeatedly wrote the detailed analyses that the Park District used in our case against offshore oil. It was Mike Boyd who, years back, as a janitor at UCSB, led the effort to gain union recognition for UCSB employees. And this is the same Mike Boyd who has served five years on the all-volunteer Isla Vista Community Council, and several years on the boards of LIVE and the County's employment training program.

Mike Boyd is not well liked by Isla Vista's enemies and perhaps he is supported for the Water Board with some reservations by his friends. But, I find it incomprehensible that anyone would attempt to say that Mike comes up short when compared to the Citizens for Goleta Valley crowd who keep trying to shove a City of Goleta down our throats!

Mike Boyd can win a seat on the Goleta Water Board. But, unlike Jeff, I would proudly cast my vote for Mike even if he had no chance. I will vote for Mike Boyd because he has busted his ass for Isla Vista. If Mike cannot be elected to the Goleta Water Board, then it is the Goleta Valley's loss, and he will still be here for us.

For my part, I will vote for Mike because I know that if he is elected, he will vote for me. There is no other candidate in this race that Isla Vistans can make the same statement about and back it up with so much evidence. I'll take someone who has hit a few foul balls any day over someone who sits on the bench.

Glenn Lazof

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MUSIC REVIEW

Love and Rocket's Earth, Sun, Moon (BigTime/Beggars Banquet)

The album cover of Love and Rocket's, Earth, Sun, Moon, looks as if it was scotch-taped together and carelessly hand-lettered with dried-out markers. But the music inside belies this appearance. The twelve songs are carefully constructed gems by some of British rock and roll's most prolific musicians.

"Prolific" is almost an understatement. Love and Rocket's is comprised of singer/bassist David J., singer/guitarist Daniel Ash, and drummer Kevin Haskins. They originally produced stark and exciting music on the English 4AD label in a band called Bauhaus. Between 1979 and 1984, Bauhaus released over twenty records, including five LP's. Lead vocalist Peter Murphy broke off on his own and issued a beautiful solo album—Should the World Fall Apart, in 1985. Undaunted (perhaps even encouraged), the remaining band members reformed several subsequent bands. They issued eight dance records as Tones on Tail, two artsy records as Dali's Car, and one weird one as the Sinister Ducks. Apparently with too much time on their hands, David J. issued a further eight solo records and three in collaboration with the Jazz Butcher. Whew!

In 1985, David J. and Daniel Ash were fishing around for a name for their latest efforts when someone showed them a copy of American avant-garde comic book Love and Rockets. They decided to adopt the name (much to the annoyance of Love and Rockets creators Jaime and Gilbert Hernandez, who are rock musicians as well as cartoonists, and were planning to use the name for their own band).

Their first song was a cover of the Temptations' 1970 Motown hit, "Ball of Confusion". This proved popular in progressive dance clubs. Two LP's followed. The second, Express, included other hot dance tunes, "Kundalini Express" and "All In My Mind" - acoustic departures from the dark,



aggressive songs these productive boys have been working on since Bauhaus.

They continue to lighten up on Earth, Sun, Moon. But not very much. It is solemn and serious. Only in comparison with Bauhaus' tortured cries of eternal damnation is it bright (what isn't?). Most of the songs are acoustic, and several outstanding ones are "Rainbird", "Everybody Wants to go to Heaven", and "No New Tale to Tell", which also has some nice a cappella and flute parts. There is a bitchin' dance song "Mirror People" crying out for a remix. And "Lazy" is a surprise Beatles-like rockabilly ballad. Death-dirgers will be disappointed in Earth, Sun, Moon. But persons seeking a new direction in pop will find this group's new brand of acoustic angst worth the price of admission.

- **Fear Heiple**

NOTE: Heiple's progressive radio show "Fear of Music" airs every Sunday, 8 - 11pm on KTYD at 99.9 FM.

MORE THAN JUST RELIGION

ST. ANTHANASIVS CHURCH

WIDELY KNOWN AS THE EOC (EVANGELICAL ORTHODOX CHURCH), THIS RELIGIOUS GROUP HAS BECOME I.V.'S MOST ACTIVE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. WHAT HAVE THEY ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR AND WHAT DO THEY WANT ?

"St. Athanasius" is their third name since the leadership began moving to Isla Vista in the 1960's.

Until 1979, they were the "Grace Catholic Church." From 1979 until early this year, they were the "Evangelical Orthodox Church" — the EOC, what we shall call them throughout this article. But, recently they became the "St. Athanasius Church" when they affiliated with the 200,000,000 member Eastern Orthodox Church worldwide.

A mural that used to be on the South side of their church at 976 Embarcadero del Mar (across from Rexall Drugs) depicted a lion being subdued by a lamb. Most people interpreted this to mean the church (the lamb) will subdue the community (the lion) though its gentle ways.

Mike Boyd, a candidate for the Goleta Water Board against two of the EOC's members (Gary McFarland and David Lewis) recently called them "I.V.'s moonies," and a "cult." The reaction of one church leader, John Sommers, was to call Boyd a "fascist."

Slow-growth County Supervisor and Isla Vista resident Bill Wallace says that "Individually, they're all really nice people, but politically, they certainly are pro-growth."

Other people have called them "I.V.'s 'moral majority'" — a description not meant to be a compliment.

What is the EOC?

What is the EOC: what are they up to; what do they want? In this article, we will attempt to answer these questions and others.

Unfortunately, John Sommers and Gary McFarland refused to be interviewed by the FREE PRESS about the activities of the EOC, even though they knew that we were going to do an article on them. Thus, we have had to rely on personal knowledge of their activities, a short discussion with McFarland about the church's international affiliation, a few discussions with Sommers through the years, plus a very revealing series of articles in the UCSB NEXUS published in October, 1979.

The impact of the EOC on Isla Vista community governance has been immense. For example, members of the EOC have maintained two parks in Isla Vista for several years — parks belonging to the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District. These properties were not being maintained adequately in their opinion, so they decided to show the Park District what could be done with some real volunteer effort.

The parks, one in the 6600 block of Sueño, and the other in the 6600 block of Pasado/Trigo, are much better off today due to the attention paid by EOC members.

Also, volunteers from the EOC are the distributors of hundreds of pounds of free surplus government food to I.V.'s needy families each month.

They also have been steady participants in I.V. community politics, with at least one member attending most I.V. Park Board and

I.V. Federation meetings over the past several years. Until the I.V. Federation came into existence, they used to attend meetings of the Isla Vista Community Council (IVCC).

Over the past several years, EOC members have run for several positions of leadership in the community, — both in I.V. and Goleta. The example of McFarland and Lewis on the Goleta Water Board (McFarland elected, Lewis appointed) has already been mentioned. But, Lewis is also an elected member of the I.V. Sanitary Board where he recently was able to get a fellow church member (Harvey Gish) appointed to a 2-1/2 year term resulting from a vacancy Lewis helped arrange.

And in 1980, a slate of three EOC

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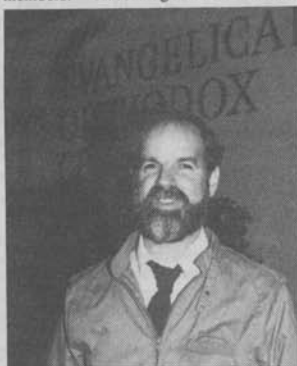
- EOC leader.

members ran for the I.V. Park Board, hoping to take over the District which has a total of five board members. However, all three were defeated handily. In 1986, another slate of three tried the same thing; however, all three were disqualified by the County Elections Office, either for incomplete petitions or because they did not live within the I.V. Park District boundaries.

Church Philosophy

Most of the leadership of the EOC moved to I.V. in the late 1960's and early 1970's. In one of the NEXUS articles, a Church leader is quoted as saying that "Our Lord Jesus Christ told us to come to Isla Vista and to get involved." Most are homeowners, but not all. Many own income property in I.V. Almost all are involved with the Isla Vista Association, a middle-class homeowners group.

According to the NEXUS series, "the church draws its funds from a 10 percent tithe (and)... the tithe is actually paid by all members." According to John Sommers,



EOC LEADER JOHN SOMMERS

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there are about 150 families in the EOC, a total of about 375 members who live in I.V. and Goleta. It appears that total church membership has almost doubled since 1979.

The philosophy of the church is strongly flavored by the Eastern Orthodox Church, but with some influences from Luther and other reformers. "Basically, they are fundamentalists," the NEXUS series stated.

It is widely held that leadership within the church is male-dominated, with women having no say in establishing church policy. However, this could not be confirmed by the *FREE PRESS*.

It was in the late 1970s that Church members began to run for community offices. One member is quoted in the NEXUS as saying that "We feel that the Holy Spirit spoke to several of us" about getting involved in community politics.

Political Impacts

While their results have been mixed in this effort, the EOC's positions have been

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crucial to the outcome of the several important community issues that they have chosen to take a stand on.

For example:

- 10 out of 13 of the speakers at the Board of Supervisors to block the establishment of a "campsite" designation which would have saved Tipi Village in 1979 were members of the EOC (UCSB NEXUS, 10/18/79, page 1). The campsite re-zoning was rejected by the County Supervisors (see related story elsewhere in this issue).

- most of the speakers against I.V.

having an election on becoming an independent "city" during the 1985 LAFCO hearings were EOC members, although they didn't identify themselves as such.

- many of the speakers this year who spoke in favor of the County establishing a ban on open containers of alcohol were members of the EOC, although they again did not identify themselves as such. Most of their comments related the horrors of last year's Halloween, and they asked the Supes to "give us permanent residents protection from the transient students."

The site of so many middle-class families at public hearings impresses policy-makers beyond Isla Vista. These are people that the policy-makers can identify with, not the "transient students." This has always been a major problem with getting community supported policies implemented.

EOC Owns Perfect Park

The EOC purchased their current church site on Embarcadero del Mar about 8 years ago. Shortly before this, the I.V. Park District had also expressed an interest in purchasing the site in order to establish a community center. But, the Park Board gave up seeking the property because of the high

asking price (\$145,000 when it was only assessed at \$90,000), and instead purchased the Little Acorn Nursery property across the street for \$165,000. The Little Acorn Park has a water meter and can be built on. Plans to construct a community center there were put on hold when a 1980 advisory election indicated 54%-46% that the town would prefer that a community center be established without building a new building.

Since then, the EOC has purchased the large vacant property at the top of the Embarcadero loop adjacent to their church building. Because of their work maintaining Park District owned properties and because of their obvious civic pride, many people have been surprised that this property is usually the scruffiest looking vacant land in I.V.'s downtown area. However, as this article is being written, the lot looks better than it ever has.

Widely known as "Perfect Park," this was the site of hundreds of arrests and beatings by police in the Spring, 1970 civil disturbances. Because of its historical significance, the Park District also attempted to purchase this property, but the owners turned down an offer in the neighborhood of \$350,000. John Sommers told the *FREE PRESS* that the church paid considerably less than this when they purchased it a couple of years ago.

The reaction of one community resident who asked not to be identified to having the EOC build a temple in Perfect Park was, "This is already hallowed ground in I.V., and we don't need a church built on it to prove that."

After failing to buy the real Perfect Park, the Park District named the property they were able to purchase next to it (just South of The Graduate night club) "People's Park for Peace and Perfection."

New EOC Temple ?

John Sommers once told the *FREE PRESS* that if they could get a water permit, they would like to build a new temple at the Perfect Park site. Sommers said they would like to construct "a two story building which we could sell off as an office site if we had to." Currently, the water hook-up moratorium prevents the issuance of permits for new construction in both I.V. and Goleta. But, if Measure T is approved on this November's ballot, the EOC will get a water meter to build their temple.

During the same discussion, Sommers also told the *FREE PRESS* that the church would really like to trade their Perfect Park property for the del Sol Ranch property owned by the Park District. Park District general manager Glenn Lazof confirms that there was an informal discussion between himself and Sommers about such a trade. The del Sol Ranch is 11.5 acres located at Camino Corto and El Colegio roads. Because of the vernal pools on the property, and because of a substantial grant received by the Park District from the State Coastal Conservancy to preserve the vernal pools, it is unlikely that such a trade could be pulled off. However, the Park Board has never officially considered this trade.

Not Insidious

In summary, the EOC is not insidious, but it is organized. Their influence in Isla



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Vista (and Goleta!) is both large and growing. Their penchant to run for public office and to speak at public hearings has made them much different than other churches in the area. In fact, in many ways they are a "political action committee." Yet, it is difficult to talk about this side of their activities. As one of their

political opponents said recently, "You can't talk about the EOC connection between Lewis and McFarland in the water board race because people will call you religious bigots."

In this regard, the EOC may have the best of both worlds.

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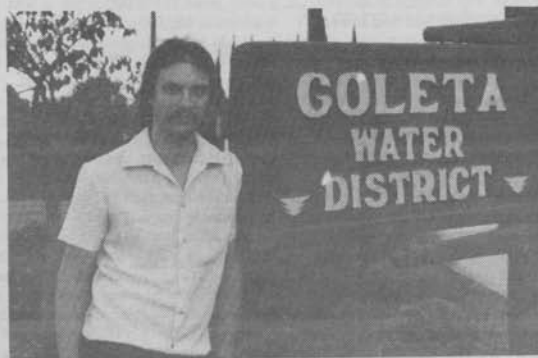
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