HALLOWEEN — Isla Vista Style

Batten down the hatches! Hang on to your hat! Are you ready for Halloween?

For Halloween in Isla Vista, that is.

One of the newest and craziest rituals for students and other parties from all over the West Coast, Halloween in I.V. is becoming as famous as Spring Break in Ft. Lauderdale and Palm Springs. Last year, 30,000 people raged through I.V.'s streets, extending what used to be a major street party on Del Playa into a mega-event stretching all the way back to El Colgijo. The party even spilled out to the K-Mart Shopping Center on Hollister Ave., where many of the visitors parked overnight. Buses loads of people arrived from other towns and campuses.

It was a hell of a bash!

But, in some ways it was pretty scary, too. Too much vandalism, too many jerks harassing women, and so crowded that emergency vehicles could never have made it through the throngs of people if it had been necessary. It was obvious that a proactive planning process was necessary to replace the anarchism which had always governed what has been a big night in I.V.'s streets since the early 1960's.

This year, thanks to some leadership shown by the UCSB Administration (especially the Dean of Students, Leslie Lawton), the Women's Center and the A.S. Status of Women Commission, and two I.V. community organizations (the Isla Vista Association and the I.V. Park District), the town is going to be much more prepared.

These and other campus and community groups have been meeting with police and County officials for months to come up with a good defensive plan intended to complement, not take away from the fun of I.V.'s biggest party. At the same time, this "Major Events Planning Committee" has tried to discourage visitors from coming here, or, at least, to warn them that "This year, its going to be different."

The UCSB Administration also put up the $15,000 necessary to implement some of the planner's suggestions.

Differences This Year

The biggest differences between this year and last include the enforcement of the new law against open containers of alcohol on the streets (although its still acceptable in parks and on your front lawn), plus the presence of 30 portable toilets along Del Playa and 125 "Red Alert" volunteers in red T-shirts that will roam the streets to provide assistance and stuff several safety stations in the crowded areas. Plans for food vendors along Del Playa are uncertain.

And, Del Playa will be lit up with several new street lights installed by the County. These will remain permanently and hopefully will be the first stage of an effort to make Del Playa less trashy and more livable.

Restricted Auto Access

Another difference will be that police will barricade the town to auto traffic along El Colgijo Road beginning 5 PM on Friday and see HALLOWEEN, page 12

STREET TALK

WE ASKED ISLA VISTANS IF THEY WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO HALLOWEEN

Leslie Barry
student
This is my first Halloween in Isla Vista, but I heard about it before I came here. I've invited two friends to town — one from Palo Alto and one from San Diego. I'm going to have a great time.

Erica Avon
student
This will be my second Halloween in I.V. Last year definitely wasn't my cup of tea. But I'm coming back and I've invited two friends from San Francisco to come.

Kirt Strasburg

This is my 18th Halloween in I.V. — I grew up in Goleta. It used to be a lot more fun because it was less controlled. Now there's 150 cops, barricades, and the Open Container Ordinance. But I'll still have a great time.

Tom Fletcher
student
My 8th Halloween. I live in Goleta. It used to be much wilder. A lot of bands in people's back yards, and the cops used to challenge people a lot more — lots more confrontations. It's a lot cooler now.

Tom Dixon
I.V. Med. Clinic staff
This is my fifth Halloween, and I think that it's a great celebration. Of course, most of my neighbors hate it. I think that the community should take more advantage of all the tourists, and put the Fall Festival on Halloween Weekend.
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Community Action Commission
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Coordinator: Scott Wexler

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Birthday Party and Band Concert 10:30 am
Hot Lunch (Liver & Onions) noon
Arts and Crafts 1 pm

Friday, 10/30: Senior Exercise 9:45 am
Informal Cards 10 am
Swingalong Band Concert & Halloween Party 10:45 am
Hot Lunch (Salisbury Steak) noon

Monday, 11/2: Cards & Games 10 am
Senior Exercise 10 am
Western Dance Class 10:30 am
Hot Lunch (Beef Stew) noon

Tuesday, 11/3: Informal Cards & Games 10 am
Bible Reading (non-denom.) 10:30 am
Swingalong Band Concert 10:45 am
Hot Lunch (Roast Turkey) noon
Market Trip 12:45 pm (by reservation, please)
Drawing Class 1 pm

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Senior Exercise 10 am
Hot Lunch (Salisbury Steak) noon
Bingo 1 pm

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FRIGHT #2: IF MEASURE Q PASSES, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY GETS OUR OFFSHORE OIL REVENUES, and we get the tar and stench!

FRIGHT #3: IF MEASURE Q PASSES, THE NEW CITY WILL PROMOTE INCREASED DEVELOPMENT, generating more traffic and smog!

FRIGHT #4: IF MEASURE Q PASSES, ISLA VISTA WILL HAVE ONLY ONE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE on the new 7 member City Council.

MEASURE Q ISN'T JUST SCARY, IT'S A DUMB IDEA!!

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Supervisor Tom Rogers
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California League of Conservation Voters
The Environmental Alliance

Katy Crawford, Pat Mylod & Gordon Fulks will work with the Board of Supervisors to coordinate growth management and water management while avoiding a water crisis.

SHOULD STUDENTS BE ALLOWED TO VOTE IN LOCAL ELECTIONS WHERE THEY GO TO SCHOOL?

"I wish students weren't allowed to vote in local government elections where they go to school."

Robert Hutterbeck,
UCSB Chancellor
to Goleta Chamber of Commerce
in 1978

"Students should probably not be allowed to vote because they don't stay long enough to suffer the consequences of their decisions. Most students are really too busy to know all of the facts before they vote."

Dorothy Ault,
owner of KINKO'S
and
COMPUTER MAGIC
in Isla Vista

by Carmen Lodise

Should students be allowed to vote on Goleta cityhood, or in Goleta Water Board and I.V. Sanitary Board elections? Shouldn't students have to vote where their parents live, and not where they go to school?

Legally, of course, students can vote at either, but not both places. And, many choose to remain registered at their parents' residence. But, there are over 12,000 people registered to vote in the Isla Vista/UCSB precincts, which means that most UCSB students choose to register here.

One argument against students voting where they go to school is that they do not have to live with the consequences of their decisions. On the other hand, another student takes the place of the one who leaves after finishing school, and at least on local issues, students tend to vote the same. And in Isla Vista anyway, each new generation of students faces the same living situation as the previous one did because the town was built for the max 20 years ago.

But, students are essentially "transients" other people say. True, but the average Californian moves every 4.2 years, whereas the average Isla Vistaan remains in I.V. 3.2 years. Is that a big enough difference to justify disenfranchising 60% of this community?

In addition, Isla Vista was built by the County and the University in a way that guarantees that most of the community will always be students. Given this, Isla Vista would be absolutely be a "company town" if students were not allowed to vote on living conditions here.

Some people say that students are too easy prey to long term residents. "Certain elements out here use a lot of influence on the A.S. officers, they mislead them," is what Dorothy Ault told the Santa Barbara NEWS-PRESS recently. Ms. Ault was explaining why student leaders oppose combining Isla Vista and Goleta into one city (Measure O).

But presumably, people from all persuasions have access to students and student leaders. Why is it that students (and student leaders) only listen to the "certain elements" Ms. Ault refers to? Could it be that leaders in student and community politics attain and maintain their leadership positions by accurately listening to their constituents? Why is it that every one of the ten advisory elections on cityhood options over the past 17 years have resulted in support of an independent City of Isla Vista and have rejected a combined city with Goleta?

If results of the advisory elections are the "certain elements" that student (and community) leaders listen to, you certainly can't blame them.

And who is to say that students are anymore or less informed about the issues when they choose to vote? To suggest that students are less informed is merely an attempt to intimidate them into not using their new right to cast ballots.

But will students choose to use this right? Nationally, only 20% of 18-21 year olds vote. Traditionally, a majority of UCSB students residing in Isla Vista have voted, but lately their participation in local elections has been dropping drastically. All of this controversy doesn't mean anything if students -- who are eligible to vote, even against strong pressure from university and business officials -- don't bother to exercise this right.

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I.V. SANITARY BOARD FORUM

THE ISLA VISTA FREE PRESS ASKED THE FOLLOWING FIVE QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE TWO (2) OPEN SEATS ON THE ISLA VISTA SANITARY DISTRICT. (NOTE) Harvey Gish, who appears on the ballot was appointed in August to the IVSD and therefore, a vote for him on the ballot will be a wasted vote, and he was not asked to answer these questions.

#1 Why are you running for this position and what are your qualifications?

#2 Do you favor the continuance of the current level of sewage treatment which requires a waiver from EPA standards?

#3 What is your position on the IVSD's mechanized street cleaning program as opposed to the people powered one currently operating in Isla Vista?

#4 Do you feel the IVSD needs to appoint new directors when a director resigns in mid-term in order to get qualified people, or that the board should call for an election whenever possible?

#5 Do you favor or oppose the consolidation of the Goleta and Isla Vista Sanitary Districts?

David Bearman

#1. Because of my interest, training, and experience in environmental concerns. Proper disposal of waste is one of the challenges of our time.

My experience in public health, my training as a physician, and long time community involvement qualify me well for this position.

I support:
- protection of the environment by tertiary (three-process) treatment of sewage;
- good government, i.e. merger of the Goleta Sanitary District with the Isla Vista Sanitary District and filling of vacancies as soon as possible and by voters not, as this Board majority feels, as late as possible;
- responsive government as for example with the popular manual street sweeping program, which should receive fair monetary support from the Sanitary District.

#2. No. I do not favor continuance of the EPA waiver, which allows discharge into the deep ocean outfall of mixed primary and secondary treated sewage rather than mandating tertiary treatment.

First the California Association of Sanitary Agencies states no new waivers have been granted and believes no existing ones will be extended. Since this is a multi-million dollar proposition the rate payers need to be aware of this and the Board should develop a funding plan.

Tertiary treated water can be used to help alleviate our water supply problem. It can be used for irrigating golf courses, freeway plantings, and some agricultural products.

We do not know the long-term adverse environmental effects of dumping lesser treated sewage into the ocean.

#3. I share with Scott Wexler strong support for the Isla Vista manual street sweeping program. It was part of my platform when I ran last time. This helped mobilize community support to implement the Park District pilot project. It is an effective, reasonably priced, well received program responsive to the special street sweeping needs of Isla Vista. The streets are much cleaner. The community overwhelmingly supports it and it contributes to civic pride.

The manual street sweeping program should be paid for by the Isla Vista Sanitary District.

#4. I strongly support democratically replacing resigned directors by placing the vacancy on the ballot as soon as possible.

The recent "Sewerage Scandal" where a resignation date was manipulated smacks of cronyism and "old boy" politics.

The other Board members need to explain why they (1) delayed acceptance of Mr. Ponedel's resignation, (2) overlooked strongly qualified applicants and appointed a friend and fellow church member of David Lewis and why (3) David Lewis repeated his own measure that would have given the appointment-power to the Board of Supervisors and which was — in his own words — passed to "...avoid the appearance of impropriety".

Scott Wexler.

#1. As a long time resident of this community (14 years) I have worked for the betterment of peoples' lives. I am currently the director of the Goleta Senior Center. My running for the board is in furtherance of that caring activism. My education at UCSB in Political Science/Law and Society in 1975 and experience have been in the area of public policy. I see my role on the board as being a peoples' voice, to demystify the obvious by having technocrats tell us in plain language what they propose to do with sewage waste and how much it will cost.

#2. I would work for a system of sewage treatment that would not require a waiver by the E.P.A. A tertiary treatment system is one way that should be explored. Such systems produce much cleaner waste than is now spewing into the ocean off our coast.

#3. Not only do I support the people-powered street cleanup in I.V. but would also support implementation of the program in applicable areas of Goleta (e.g. Ellwood).

#4. I believe in democracy, pure and simple. That is why I'm running for office, unlike Mr. Gish who accepted an appointed position and thus dropped out of the race. He did this almost immediately after stating in his interview that he believed board members should be elected.

#5. I support consolidation of the districts. This would save money for the rate payers.

Richard H. Smith

#1. I have an interest in our community and our environment. I have lived in this area for the past 23 years and have been a Board member for the past four years with an excellent attendance and voting record.

#2. No, I do not. The Goleta Sanitary District is in the process of upgrading our plant and will meet the EPA standards when completed.

#3. As long as there is a parking problem in Isla Vista, a mechanized street sweeper is out of the question and until this problem is resolved, it will be necessary to use people power to keep the streets clean.

#4. If an appointment will save the cost of a special election and the appointment is valid only until the next general election;

#5. Yes, I am in favor of the two Sanitary Districts becoming one, if with careful research it proves to better serve the Goleta Valley.

David Bearman, continued

The action of delaying a vote by two years is anti-democratic, quite possibly unlawful and just plain not right.

#5. I favor consolidation. The current arrangement is wasteful duplication. Even possible.
AROUND TOWN

On October 29, the Thursday before Halloween, the A.S. Commission on the Status of Women is staging a "Take Back the Night" rally, dance, and march against sexual assault. Hundreds of men and women will march through the streets of Isla Vista, lighting their way with candles and empowering themselves with chants.

"By walking these dark streets together, we are going to draw attention to and express our anger about the fact that women are afraid to walk these streets alone. By working together we are helping to bring an end to the sexual violence which hurts men and women and pushes men and women apart," said a press release.

Sexual violence in the form of fear, incest, molestation, harassment, and rape affects women emotionally, psychologically and physically. It can also damage the ability of men and women to form close, working and lasting relationships — both personal, and in the work place. The A.S. Commission on the Status of Women invites all interested men and women to empower themselves and their friends by joining together on October 29.

The A.S. Commission on the Status of Women meets on Wednesdays from 4-6 pm in the Women's Center (located directly across the bike path from Stoake Tower, next to the Pask Counseling Center building). Everyone is invited to help with the organizing of the march or to just drop by and listen to what's going on.

The Isla Vista Youth Project has discontinued "with regret" their Teen Recreation & Counseling Program because of the high cost of liability insurance. However, this drop-in and scheduled activities program which also provides one-on-one and group counseling will continue to operate at the Youth Project site, 892 Camino del Sur, under the auspices of Klein Bottle/Social Advocates for Youth. For more information, contact Dave Kleeman at 892-8944.

The Community Affairs Board is still trying to recruit volunteers to help clean up Isla Vista on Sunday following Halloween. Free coffee from Borsodi's Coffeehouse, donuts from Winchell's, and orange juice from The Graduate will be served to volunteers. If interested, please report to the Isla Vista Park District office, 961 Emb. del Mar beginning at 10:00 AM Sunday. A free T-shirt will be given to the first 100 volunteers to show.

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In this campaign, the two slates are just two brands of the same kind of bolonga, because when the no-growth people had control of the Goleta Water Board, we still got growth, yet with the pro-growth people in power for the past two years, we still have the moratorium.

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**A SHORT HISTORY OF ISLA VISTA (Part VI)**

**I.V. KICKS THE I.V. SAN. BOARD IN THE TAIL OVER TIPI VILLAGE**

by Carmen Lodise

People began living in tipis in Isla Vista in the 1960’s. When I moved here in 1972, there were at least 25 tipis spread around town.

Many were in back yards, but most were in vacant lots owned by people who were so “absentee” that they never noticed it. Of course, if the owner happened to visit his property and kick the squatter off, it was easy enough to pick up the structure and move on to another vacant lot — after all, Indians had lived like this for centuries!

There was even a store in I.V. — New World Resources — that sold tipis. A new one cost about $400 as I remember it.

For the most part, these tipi dwellers were left alone, seldom bothered by either the police or County government officials.

**Tipi Village**

In the late 70’s, however, the practice suddenly mushroomed. Almost over night, there were over sixty tipis around town, with 21 of them concentrated on one lot in the 6700 block of Santa Barbara Rd. Most people attribute this dramatic increase in the number of tipi dwellers to the huge rent increases which began in 1976 when enrollment at UCSB began to skyrocket. UCSB enrollment had been under 12,000 in 1972, but it began increasing 1,000 a year in 1974. By 1980 it was over 17,000. Vacancy signs became an endangered species around I.V.

But the concentration of so many tipis on Santa Barbara Rd that became known as Tipi Village became too much for government officials to overlook. In 1979, the Isla Vista Sanitary District Board of Directors voted unanimously to ask the Sheriff to evict the tipi dwellers from Tipi Village because there were no official toilets on the property.

The Villagers actually had been paying rent on this property for a number of years. The owner was an elderly woman who was confined to a seat and she was happy to receive some return on this property that she couldn’t build on because of the water hook-up moratorium imposed by area voters in 1973. The lifestyle in the Village was wholly organic, with Villagers growing their food without benefit of pesticides in community gardens established by the I.V. Park District along Estero Road. These gardens still exist and are farmed mostly by Indo-Chinese refugees today. Villagers used the toilets next door at what was then the Isla Vista Park District Office at 889 Camino del Sur.

Just before the I.V. San. Board had asked the Sheriff to evict the Villagers, the I.V. Park District had purchased the property on which the Village was located. Almost immediately, the Park Board submitted a plan to the County to establish an official “camp ground” with chemical toilets at the Tipi Village site. Such a land-use designation would have saved Tipi Village — at least until its inhabitants had changed their life styles and moved away under their own volition.

A group of Isla Vista activists and Village residents had gone to the I.V. San. Board and asked them to wait until the County had decided on this camp site plan before the San. Board asked the Sheriff to evict the Villagers. But, the San. directors turned a deaf ear to these requests, and voted unanimously to seek the eviction immediately.

Many I.V. residents became indignant at this treatment from the San. District board. Even if most people weren’t interested in living that lifestyle themselves, they did feel that this was a valued experiment in alternative living. Plus, the Park District was taking over the property and trying to make legal, up to code operation out of what had been an illegal situation for years.

About the same time, an advisory election was conducted by the Isla Vista Community Council. Over 70% of the 1,700 people voting in the election favored the Park District’s plan to set up a campsite to save Tipi Village.

**Recall!**

At a well attended community meeting called by Tipi Villagers, it was decided to launch a recall campaign against the I.V. San. Board for their arrogance in not letting the County permit process go its conclusion.

The recall campaign was incredibly popular. Over one half of the 3,200 signatures to establish a recall election for three of the five directors were collected within 10 days. People were chasing petition carriers down the street to get their signatures on it! "Save Tipi Village — Sign the Recall Petition" banners went up all over town. Buttons depicting a toilet seat and saying "Get Your Shit Together — Citizens for Responsible Sanitary Policies" were sold out as soon as they were made. It was so easy to get signatures that the campaign ran out of petitions for a few days.

But the campaign was also very divisive in I.V. Many people were outraged that some people could live in situations paying so little rent, while others hated the "hippie" lifestyle of the Villagers. Both of these groups felt the recall effort was unfair.

see TIPI VILLAGE, page 15
MEASURE Q IS IT FOR YOU?

For seventeen years, wave after wave of Isla Vista voters have dreamed of becoming an independent "city." In ten advisory elections conducted by the Isla Vista Community Council since 1972, an independent city has always been the number one vote getter among the various options facing this unincorporated community of 18,500 people.

Being an independent city, I.V. residents could finally equalize the power relationship between the community's 96% renters and the absentee landlords. A "just cause" eviction ordinance and just the ability to implement rent control would make being an I.V. tenant a whole lot more rewarding experience.

And a police department with officers hired and fired by elected community leaders would instill some equality in this power relationship, too. And presumably, the same kind of equanimity would finally appear between the community and the UCSB Administration who currently treats the community as its own private fiefdom.

But, I.V. Cityhood has been kept off the ballot by Santa Barbara county officials, condemning community voters to the negative role of defeating other cityhood options which propose to include I.V. in some larger municipal government.

In 1975, the UCSB Administration was able to orchestrate an election to annex I.V., Hope Ranch and Goleta to the present City of Santa Barbara. This was trounced by area voters 3-1 overall, including 10-1 against in I.V.

Twelve years later, the other obvious option — including I.V. in a City of Goleta — has finally made it to an official election.

Two Communities
Measure Q, on this November 3rd ballot, would create a combined city of two disparate communities, Isla Vista and Goleta.

Just how different are I.V. and Goleta?
Over 96% of I.V.'s residents (including on-campus) are renters, while well over 50% of Goleta residents are homeowners. Almost 80% of Isla Vista residents are between the ages of 18-29, while the median age of Goleta residents is between 40-49. About 60% of I.V.'s population are students, while in Goleta, less than 15% are. The median household annual income of I.V. residents is about $12,000 while it is close to $35,000 in Goleta.

Is this the stuff to make a viable city government? How much of what Isla Vistaans have sought in an independent city could be accomplished in a combined city with Goleta?

Free Press Coverage
The Free Press coverage of Measure Q has included:
- A three part history of the three Isla Vista cityhood efforts since 1970 in issues #10, #11, and #12.
- Commentaries by four persons involved in the Measure Q campaign in this issue.
- An editorial in this issue addressing the advantages and disadvantages of both positions.

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ITS BEST FOR THE GOLETA VALLEY
by Dick Martinez

Martinez and his wife own Action Sports Arena and the Purple Mushroom, two businesses in Isla Vista. He was a leader in the effort to incorporate an independent City of Goleta, but changed his support of the combined city when Measure Q was placed on the ballot.

I would like to address my comments on Measure Q to the students of UCSB, most of whom will be voting for the first time in this area, and those who are voting for the first time ever.

Your vote is your voice in determining the future of the Goleta Valley.

We, who are permanent residents of the Goleta Valley area which includes Isla Vista, will have to live with the effect of your vote, long after most of you have graduated and moved on to live your lives in some other community. It is, therefore, to your desire to vote in a responsible manner that I address my comments.

Twenty Year Resident
Who am I? I am a 20 year resident of this area. I have been a member of St. Mark's University Parish here in Isla Vista all of those years, and I have been in business in Isla Vista since 1972. So, you can see that I have more than a passing acquaintance with the problems of this area.

The incorporation of the Goleta Valley into one city as offered in Measure Q is the hope of a bright future for all of us - homeowners, renters, students, business and community. Think of the potential we have as one community working together for the good of all.

...think about what the two groups that oppose Measure Q are saying to you.

-Dick Martinez

The proposed city offers many benefits to UCSB students. At the present time, you and I live in an unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County. We have only one representative on the Board of Supervisors. The other four members of this Board come from Santa Maria, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, and Montecito. If you vote YES ON MEASURE Q and YES ON MEASURE S, you are assured that at least one UCSB student will be on the City Council.

A Stable Community
The new city offers you an identity as responsible citizens in a stable community which provides more opportunities to practice your newly acquired knowledge, to increase employment opportunities, and to have access to a broader rental market which will help in lowering your rents.

I ask you to take a moment and think about what the two groups that oppose Measure Q are saying to you. One group has a power base centered around the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District. They want a City of Isla Vista even though it was rejected by LACFCO as being economically unfeasible. The city of their desires would need to levy new taxes and assessments against you, the homeowners, and businesses of Isla Vista. None of us can afford this.

Representation vs. Control
They point out to you that the city proposed in Measure Q does not provide you with control of the new city; that one of six district representatives is not enough. Do you really want to control the new city? I think not. This is America. I have no desire to control my neighbors, but I do want representation. The only ones who want control are the bureaucrats in Isla Vista who want to broaden their base. Take a few minutes of your time and go talk with the homeowners in the West part of Isla Vista. Most of them have been here 20 or 30 years and they have a great love for Isla Vista. They favor Measure Q. Ask them why.

The other special interest group that opposes Measure Q is known as GAIN (Goleta Against Incorporation Now). Its founder is a landlord who owns more than 55 apartments. He likes your money, but he does not want anything to do with you as citizens of the new city. Need I say more?

I hope that your decision at the polls favors Measure Q. We need incorporation desperately. It is the only way that the citizens of this area can preserve the open, semi-rural environments that we still enjoy. We can do it with your help.

I urge you to vote YES on Measure Q, vote for District Representation on Measure S, and to Vote Yes on Measure T to provide water meters to the individual lot owners of Goleta, some of whom have been waiting for 14 years for a meter.

ITS BEST FOR ISLA VISTA, TOO
by Hal Kopelkin

Kopelkin is a UCSB graduate and current UCSB faculty member. He was a tenant for 13 years, but recently purchased a house in Isla Vista. He owns no rental property.

Measure Q incorporates Isla Vista and Goleta into a city, affording many benefits to residents throughout. Cityhood will enhance local control of our destiny and improve essential services with no increase in taxes.

We are presently governed by the County Board of Supervisors. County governments are appropriate for rural areas, but poorly suited to large urban sprawls such as ours.

Voters of Isla Vista and Goleta now share one of five supervisors. Hence, key local decisions are made by officials elected in Santa Maria, Lompoc, Montecito, and other distant regions. Measure Q replaces the supervisor with a city council, all elected by local voters.

Economic Advantages
Measure Q also affords significant economic advantages. With cityhood, revenues and taxes generated locally are spent here. Cityhood also brings additional state funds for roads, parks, fire, public safety, and other services. Incorporation can thus maintain or enhance essential services without additional taxes. Independent analysis projects an annual $52 surplus in the city budget.

Landlord Opposed to Q
Measure Q is so obviously worthy of approval that opponents are forced to avoid and confuse the issues. The two principal opponents make irrelevant, contradictory statements to mislead their respective audiences. Charles Eckert III, a wealthy landlord with 56 apartments in I.V. and Goleta, opposes cityhood because "the transient student voters of Isla Vista would have a disproportionate influence, much as they do in Bekeley, Cotati, and Santa Cruz." Eckert is certified as a rent control, noting that it only takes 4,500 signatures to put rent control on the ballot, and there are 14,000 voters in Isla Vista. He opposes cityhood to prevent students from dominating local government.

The I.V. Clique
The other anti-Q group tells Isla Vistans that cityhood will prevent rent control and unduly limit students' influence. This group was founded by a small clique of I.V. politicians protecting their jobs and power. Notice that opponents of Measure Q make OPPOSITE claims when they address voters in Goleta and in I.V. Apparently they hope to protect their special interests, at the public's expense, by baffling and misleading the electorate.

Some pretend a city of Isla Vista would be possible if the current proposal is defeated. This is nonsense. The Local Agency Formation Commission has rejected three I.V. incorporation proposals in the past 15 years. The reasoning is clear: would you create a low-income ghetto of a half square mile, with a highly transient population, no industry, and nothing to tax but you? A city of Isla Vista is impossible, unrealistic, and would split the student vote in half. Don't throw away your choice by betting on an option that will never reach the voters.

Regional Advantages
As a long-time Isla Vistan, I believe my community is unique. Every neighborhood is. But I breathe the same air as the rest of the Goleta Valley, drive the same crowded and crumbling streets, struggle with the same oil companies, drink the same water. Cityhood enables us to solve these common problems. Of course, I.V. will still exist after incorporation: like Westwood and Marina del Rey, which are two parts of one city, we retain our identity, while gaining a say in regional issues.

Measure Q provides self-rule and better vital services. No wonder cityhood is supported by a diverse coalition of residents throughout the valley. Join us and vote YES on Measure Q.

"The other anti-Q group...was founded by a small clique of I.V. politicians protecting their jobs and power."

-Hal Kopelkin

WATCH FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE OF THE FREE PRESS ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 2ND. Advertising deadline is Saturday, 10/31.
A CITY BAD FOR STUDENTS & TENANTS

by Dan Birdsell

Birdsell is an elected representative on the 1987-88 UCSB Associated Students Legislative Council.

Over the past 17 years, students and Isla Vista residents have fought for a special kind of autonomy — a city.

But once again, students and I.V. residents are fighting a cityhood proposal that the UCSB Board of Regents would like to put on campus forever. First it was the 1975 attempt to annex us to Santa Barbara; now its Measure Q — a City of Goleta in which we would have only one seat on a seven-member city council.

The major reason the County drew up this plan to force I.V. and Goleta into a single city is because they are having problems with the spending limits imposed by Prop. 4. Yet, in retaining control over all off-shore oil revenues, the County has shown it is

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-Dan Birdsell

interested only in helping itself, not the two communities. Also, this plan leaves the Goleta-Vista with Santa Barbara's airport in its midst.

Stacked Against Us

But, this plan is even worse from the inside than it is from the outside.

For I.V. students and tenants, governance of the new city would be stacked strongly against us. With only one of seven votes, we would literally be held hostage to the whims of Goleta voters. We would be stuck with more moralistic ordinances like the recent ban on open containers of alcohol. Also, taxing policy would likely favor middle-class homeowners at the expense of lower-income tenants.

Is no wonder that no citizens’ petition has ever supported a combined city. Yet, three such petitions have been gathered in I.V. for an independent city, and one has been presented for an independent City of Goleta.

Community Votes Against

Over the past 15 years, six A.S. Leg Councils have endorsed an independent City of Isla Vista. In fact, in the combined city, I.V. would have more seats on the city council — the county has presented an independent City of Goleta.

Keep Students Powerless

The final thing that the UCSB Administration wants is an empowered student community to which they would have to answer on such questions as overenrollment and support for community services. But that is exactly what we need.

Vote for the right to regulate ourselves, not to continue the control of I.V. by absentee landlord, politicians and administrators.

Vote No on Measure Q.

UCSB Administration

The UCSB Administration supports I.V. being included in a City of Goleta. The reasons they have given are that a City of I.V. would leave unsolved the local government question for the Goleta Valley and that they want the campus included in the biggest city government possible. Both of these reasons are nonsense. What they really want is to keep us powerless by diluting student voters over the largest possible area.

For example, in 1983 the UCSB Administration, first announced its opposition to a City of I.V., then hired a consultant to do a $37,000 study to prove why it was a bad idea. Yet, the County’s EIR (done by an independent consultant) found that a City of I.V. could triple the current service levels, but still have $10 million in the bank at the end of its first decade.

The study the Regents did after the 1970 civil disturbances here listed 15 things the University should do to improve student living conditions in Isla Vista and campus/community relations. Typically, the only one they helped get going and maintained is the Foot Patrol. But even the bill for that has been shifted to student reg fees.

"Because the I.V. Park District remains in existence even if Measure Q is approved by the voters, people associated with the District are not personally threatened by its passage."

-Dan Birdsell

Politically, Not Finances

I think that all of us know that it is politics that keep I.V. Cityhood off the ballot, not finances. And we can change this by defeating Measure Q.

Already there is a word out that if Measure Q is defeated, the County will try to put on the ballot a smaller City of Goleta that would include all land west of Patterson Avenue. While this would also include I.V., we would likely have two of five seats on that City Council — a much better deal than a Measure Q kind of city were we are only assured of one of seven seats.

And of course, we can keep defeating ballot propositions that don’t serve our needs until they finally let us vote on what we have been seeking for 17 years — a City of Isla Vista. I urge you to vote No on Q if you believe in real local control, and if you want to send the message to some arrogant County officials that they are not our masters!
FREE PRESS Looks Good

Editor:
I'd like to send the ISLA VISTA FREE PRESS to my sister in Arizona. Enclosed is my $3 for a subscription for ten issues. I enjoy the newspaper, and I would like to share it with her.

Melissa Baca
Isla Vista

Right to Religious Beliefs

Dear Editor,

Recently, in many local newspapers, the candidates running for the Goleta Water District opposing the McFarland/Lewis slate have lowered themselves by bringing McFarland and Lewis' church into the political arena. They have called the church a "right wing conservative cult" and those attending it, "I.V. moonies," referring to the fact that the church meets in Isla Vista.

Without going into all the hypothetical "whys" of such slanderous statements, these potential public servants seem to be ignorant of our constitutional right to freedom of religion and assembly, and laws against discrimination on the grounds of religion or creed. One can only speculate that, if elected, the candidates will oppose McFarland and Lewis' re-election, and they will become more open-minded and able to accept different points of view from all members of the general public, whether they be Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, or Buddhist.

John Sommers

Editors Note: Sommers is a leader in the same St. Anthony's (Evangelical Orthodox) Church that McFarland and Lewis belong to. This letter was written before the Free Press article on this church was published 10/21.

No on Q

Dear Editor,

The Committee for a Greater Santa Barbara recommends a No vote on Measure Q. We take this position, however, not because we favor the status quo or separate incorporations, but because we believe that annexation is the wisest course for the South Coast as a whole.

The merits of annexation are well-known: regional planning, most economical provision of government services, resolution of the airport island, and so on. The only problem with annexation is that it is considered politically unwise.

November 3rd shall allow the voters the opportunity to determine whether incorporation is politically viable. If it is defeated, then we hope that those who favored this incorporation plan because they thought it was politically viable will re-examine their position. Quite possibly, one of the major reasons why this incorporation plan shall be defeated is because many, if not most, of its proponents believe that annexation is ideally a better way to do it.

Political leadership is no only following people; it is leading people. Annexation is an issue which requires leadership. The defeat of Measure Q may provide the ideal opportunity for support for annexation to emerge. There is already considerable support for annexation in the Eastern Goleta Valley. Many Isla Vistans, while preferring an independent city of I.V., might support the right annexation plan. And, annexation would eliminate the concerns of Western Goleta about being stampeded by Isla Vista voters.

Plus, annexation would capitalize on the desire for change which the current incorporation proposal has created.

It is true that a prior annexation plan was defeated by Santa Barbara and Goleta Valley voters in 1975. Much has changed since then. The right new annexation plan could win in 1988.

Annexation is the best course for the South Coast in the long run. We urge a No vote on Measure Q in order to make this possible.

Lanny Ebenstein
Committee for a Greater Santa Barbara
ENDORSEMENTS

Measure Q: NO....

We believe that the County’s plan to create one city out of the two distinct communities of Isla Vista and Goleta would be a marriage of convenience only. Its organization would not reflect the very different local government aspirations of either community. Such a “city” would lead either to the kind of wild swings from Right to Left and back which occur in Berkeley city politics, or to the permanent disenfranchisement of Isla Vista.

Even if Bill Wallace is correct in his assessment that a coalition on environmental issues would usually hold four out of the seven seats on the City Council, there are other probably more important issues at the community level which deserve attention. For example, policing and rent control. We doubt that “environmentalism is enough to assure a sympathetic City Council for Isla Vista’s full agenda. After all it was this year’s “environmental” majority on the Board of Supervisors which passed a ban on open containers of alcohol, refused to put I.V.’s park bonds on the ballot, and failed to re-fund the Isla Vista Community Council.

Plus, as discussed on these pages in recent weeks, the alliance on even “environmental” issues between Goleta and Isla Vista activists is a shaky one at best.

But, are independent cities of Isla Vista and Goleta realistically possible as alternatives to this combined city? Because it is so hard-pressed with its Prop. A spending limit, County government would like to get rid of Goleta, meaning putting an independent City of Goleta on the ballot. Many people feel that this would not be possible to do without also placing an independent Isla Vista on the ballot.

Even if this is not possible without some changes of personnel on the Local Agency Formation Commission, an attempt to incorporate all of Goleta West of Patterson is likely to fail immediately after Measure Q’s defeat. Such a city would likely give I.V. voters 40% of the City Council instead Measure Q’s 16%. That would be a much better plan and would have to be seriously considered.

.... and YES

Nothing is worse than continuing with the status quo. County government is inappropriate for such urbanized areas as Goleta and Isla Vista and the County seems to prove that to us every week. Any shift of representation closer to both communities is likely to improve living conditions for all of us.

And perhaps, the majority of voting I.V. residents no longer wants a “hands on” city government as envisioned especially in an independent City of Isla Vista. If you are satisfied with a City Hall in Goleta, if you just want a “better” community government but not necessarily the “best,” and not necessarily one that you have a personal responsibility for, then Measure Q might be for you.

In addition, it is possible that Isla Vistan and the environmentalists of Goleta may find more common ground on a broader range of issues (rent control, police/community relations, etc.) if we are forced to deal with them constantly. Certainly, limiting our interaction to “environmental” issues in Goleta Water Board elections has not produced much harmony. In fact, the declining turnout in I.V. in recent years indicates considerable alienation. Of course, it might be possible to forge a new alliance with other Goleta voters on this broader range of community issues — an alliance which would get enough accomplished of Isla Vista’s agenda to make giving up the dream of an independent City of Isla Vista worth the gamble.

Much is possible, but all is uncertain. And that definitely is both the allure and the terror of the proposed new city as compared with continuing with the County.

The bottom line is that you need to ask yourself what you want from a “city” government before you cast your vote.

In any case, vote like you will be living with the consequences of what ever happens, because you — or someone facing exactly the same living conditions — will have to live with the consequences.

Measure R: "GOLETA VALLEY"

What’s in a name?

We think that “Goleta Valley” is preferable to “Goleta” primarily because it would acknowledge a change in the status quo for both Goleta and Isla Vista. And, traditionally, “Goleta Valley” has referred to both communities.

Measure S: DISTRICTS

Regardless of how you vote on the creation of this proposed “city,” vote to establish a “districts” form of City Council. At-large elections would mean very expensive candidate campaigns, probably $30 to $40,000 campaigns. This would put a seat out of the reach of most I.V. residents, especially students, and leave to coalitions with Goletans who would unlikely support a “regular” Isla Vista activist (note the resistance of the Goleta "environmentalists" to select an Isla Vista on their “Three for Goleta” slate for the current water board election). With districts, I.V. voters (not Goleta power brokers) will be sending at least one representative to the new City Hall.

I.V. San. Board:
Wexler, Bearman

Scott Wexler and Dr. Dave Bearman clearly deserve your support. Bearman is an incumbent seeking re-election, while Wexler, the director of the Goleta Seniors’ Center, is challenging for one of the two open seats. Wexler also has the most amusing (and graphic) posters in the campaign.

Dick Smith is seeking re-election and does not deserve your support. Smith was a key player in the "Sewerage" scandal that raged in the media for weeks and which still may result in an expensive special election to fill a board vacancy which occurred under very strange circumstances.

The current directors (David Lewis, Smith, & Ken Hendrickson) embarrassed themselves and the Isla Vista Sanitary District in their manipulations of a former director’s resignation so they could avoid an election to fill the vacancy. These three were so desperate to deny the existence of the resignation letter even though the resigning director confirmed its existence.

Effective street cleaning is also an issue in this race. Currently the District is wasting money on a street cleaning machine in Isla Vista and parts of Goleta which is ineffective because there are too many cars parked along the curbs. Yes, Smith voted to deny partial funding of a people-powered street cleaning program which has been demonstrated to be more effective and less expensive than the machine program.

Both Wexler and Bearman support people-powered street cleaning in Isla Vista and appropriate sections of Goleta. Both of them are pledged to get rid of the cromyom and to restore democratic rule to the San. District.

Harvey Gish is also on the ballot, but he was recently appointed to fill the mishandled resignation. Thus, he is not an official candidate.

Measure T: IT’S UP TO YOU

This measure will amend the water hook-up moratorium imposed by Isla Vista and Goleta voters in 1972. Granted that 15 years is a long time to continue what everyone thought was an emergency, temporary moratorium, the voters of Isla Vista and Western Goleta have continued home the 250 permitted.

While a few of the persons who will be allowed to build have been on the waiting list for a permit for more than a decade, the vast majority have signed up in the past five years. In fact, the new water for this project might well be used to close the current usage deficit, rather than making new commitments.

The one positive benefit to the community would be enough water to support the new park system. Most I.V. Park District properties were purchased after the hook up moratorium was voted in, thus they lack water. This would have a very important impact on the community.

On the other hand, the addition of at least 25 new homes in I.V. will likely fill up every vacant lot in Isla Vista’s West End. That the Isla Vista homeowners’ association (the I.V.A.) hasn’t taken a position on Measure T seems somewhat negligent. However, it probably just indicates the depth of their involvement in supporting Measure Q, plus what a difficult choice Measure T represents.

If Measure T passes, between 30-35 homes are likely to be built in Western Goleta. This impact will not be as dramatic as in Isla Vista.

The other likely impact of Measure T would be that I.V.’s St. Anthanasius (Evangelical Orthodox) Church would receive sufficient water to build their temple in "Perfect Park," — the property they own at the top of the Loop in I.V.’s commercial area which was the scene of major demonstrations in 1970.

All together, we still don’t know how we will vote on Measure T. But, we wish you good luck in making up your mind.

Measure W: NO!

Measure W would allow the County to spend more money than the limits imposed by Statewide voters in the Gunn Initiative (Prop. 4).

That this is on the ballot at the same time as Measure Q is pretty cheeky. Fundamentally, Prop W is an attempt by County government to turn the screws on Goleta and Isla Vista voters to vote Yes on Q else they can expect more such "special assessments" in the future.

Say no to such manipulations by these bureaucratic thugs. Vote for the city government of your choice — whether or not it is currently on the ballot. Then vote No on W, and turn the screws back on County government. After that, turnabout is fair play.

GOLETA WATER BOARD:
CRAWFORD, MYLOD, FULKS... & Boyd

For reasons stated in our editorial last week, we enthusiastically endorse the slate put forward by the Citizens for Goleta Valley: Katie Crawford, Pat Mylod, and Gordon Fulks. However, we also have endorsed Mike Boyd as a protest vote on the lack of representation of Isla Vistan in Goleta Valley environmental politics. By the way, candidate David Lewis still hasn’t attended any live forums!
"Making Good Use of Your Health Care Provider - Part II"

In the previous issue I attempted to show that health care providers take care of our illness and injuries, while maintaining health must be done by each of us individually.

When you need professional help try to use it wisely. Therapies, treatments, surgery and drugs are all very powerful modalities. During illness or injury, any one of these may be of great value, but if they are not necessary they have the potential for great harm. Medications that can cure one illness don't necessarily cure another; they are not tonics, or prescriptions for general well being. Learn how to take care of minor cuts and scrapes, sunburn, colds and diarrhea. Americans spend billions of dollars each year on unnecessary doctor's appointments and useless medications for the common cold.

General "check-ups" have probably been over-rated in the past. A check-up should focus on the particular risks for an individual. Children in their first two years of life should be seen periodically for growth and development checks and immunizations. Women in their reproductive years should have regular exams relevant to problems in reproductive health. Over age 40 periodic screening for cardiovascular diseases and cancer should be done.

When you must be seen for an illness or problem, call for an appointment ahead of time to ensure that you are seen in a timely fashion. If you think you have an emergency, say so. Try to state all of your problems or concerns at the beginning of your visit. Out of embarrassment or fear many people save their biggest concern until the end of the appointment, when there may not be time to address it adequately. If you think your treatment is not working or is causing side effects let your doctor know. If you don't understand, ask questions. Be aware of what is being done for you.

If you are dissatisfied, or don't have confidence in your practitioner, don't feel bad about changing or getting another opinion. The same time," don't doctor shop. Let the next provider know that you are seeking a second opinion, or are already under the care of someone else. Multiple concurrent therapies can have conflicting effects, and may be dangerous.

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at 3 PM on Saturday. — or even earlier if, in their opinion, that all parking places in town are taken. If you do not have I.D. with you that demonstrates that you live in L.V., you'll have to keep driving and find a parking place somewhere on campus or in Goleta. Residents who can prove it will be allowed through the barriers according to Jackie Larson of the CHP.

For both evenings, El Colegio Road will become one way heading East toward Main Campus, and Los Camaros will be one way heading North toward the mountains.

Parking will be allowed on campus over the weekend until it fills up, according to Mari Tynell-Simpson of UCSB Parking Services. Once it is filled, however, cars entering from the East Gate will be ushered through campus and out onto Los Camaros via Mesa Road.

K-Mart store manager Ron White told the Free Press that they will not attempt to prevent overnight parking in their huge parking lot at Storke Road and Hollister Avenue.

The UCSB Athletic Department and all police organizations vetoed an imaginative plan to have paid valet parking on Storke Field for the weekend.

MTD has altered its bus service for the weekend. According to Judy Jackson of MTD, regular bus service will continue both Friday and Saturday "as long as it is safe." But they expect the #18 line which actually comes in to I.V. to be halted rather early. The #11 and #23 lines should still be able to travel along El Colegio going East, but the West bound route will be detoured out to Hollister Avenue. At press time, it remains uncertain whether or not the busses will be of assistance to persons parking in Goleta and trying to get back into I.V. on foot. For direct info, call 683-3702 when you want to travel.

150 Police

Again this year, there will be approximately 150 sworn police personnel in I.V. for both Friday and Saturday evenings. Many of these officers are a special class of volunteers from throughout the County who receive approximately 100 hours of training and are used in these kinds of situations. You can expect that they will at least match the 125 citations they gave last year.

The County said that this extra police force cost $40,000 last year.

The "Good Old Days"

Actually, Halloween in Isla Vista began changing a few years ago. According to long time participants, it used to be much wilder, with a lot more fires burning in the streets and police-caused confrontations with parties. But last year there was a 300% increase in police personnel, and the police finally didn't feel out-numbered so they went much cooler. Also, their presence in mass prevented some of the excessive crowd behavior such as fires in the garbage bins.

The biggest problem last year appeared to be the sheer size of the party that too often verged on being a "mob."

After the party this year, the planners will sit down and see if their efforts had a positive impact. We wish them good luck.

And we wish everyone a Happy Halloween — Isla Vista style.
LANNY

EBENSTEIN

FOR

S. B. SCHOOL BOARD

If elected, I will work for neighborhood, traditional, and orderly schools. I believe our schools should be places where children can obtain good educations in a good environment. From my experience as a past president of the board of directors of the Goleta Valley Community Center, and as a former Isla Vista resident (as long ago as 1962!), I believe I am in the position to bring the concerns of Isla Vista and Goleta to the Santa Barbara Board of Education. Included in my platform is the pledge to seek an auditorium at Dos Pueblos High School.

ENDORSED by Mike Boyd, Bob Lovgren, Larry Brown, Londi Ciabattoni

VOTE NOVEMBER 3rd

PAID FOR BY THE LANNY EBENSTEIN FOR SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE
by BOB LOVGREN  
Owner, S.O.S. Liquors  
President, I.V. Merchants Ass'n

The publisher of the FREE PRESS has chided me recently for not writing more businesslike in this column. After all, it is supposed to be "From a Business Perspective."

As a business person, you would think that I think about business a lot. Well, I do. I think about many things: the world, the nation, dinner, men, women, students, business, and sometimes just nothing at all.

During the course of a business day, the mind wanders from one place to the next, from concept, to idea, to problems, to food, and back again.

Standing on the cliff just at dusk, I am watching for the first star after sunset. You know, "Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight..." Off in the northeast sky I see the first star and make my wish — something about business, maybe. As it grows darker, more and more stars come out — ten, twenty, one hundred — until you can't count them all. An infinity of stars. You get to thinking about all of those stars and what might be out there. Is there other intelligent life out there? With so many billions of stars, there must be.

But, what if there isn't? What if we are alone in the universe? This Earth and the life on it is the happy consequence of billions of events which came together into a lucky combination. What if this is the only time and place in the universe when this has happened? It could be that we are alone.

And, if we are alone, wouldn't it be the ultimate tragedy to destroy ourselves and the Earth with it. Strangely, the whole evolutionary process that has brought us this far now gives humankind the ability to destroy that which it has produced. All that lucky combination of events that may have happened only once would be gone.

The infinite variety of evolutionary chances that came together over an infinity of time to form this planet would go back to the void and never come again. No one would know that we had been here and we would never know if there had been anybody else.

One business person thinks, ponders, and wonders about such things — as he goes about his business.

* Sort of.

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PART II OF AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ISLA VISTA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

HOW TO GET INVOLVED AT THE IVRPD

Q: WHO RUNS THE IVRPD?
A: The IVRPD policies and procedures are set by a five member Board of Directors who are elected to staggered year terms of office in November of every year. The Board meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7:30 PM at 961 Embarcadero del Mar.

Q: WHO MAY VOTE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?
A: Anyone registered to vote within the off campus portions of Isla Vista.

Q: WHO CAN BE A DIRECTOR?
A: Any registered voter in the District

Q: ARE SOME DIRECTORS APPOINTED?
A: The Board only makes appointments to fill vacancies which occur when a director resigns between elections. Currently, we have two appointed directors: Laura Price and Bettina Stokton. The elected directors are Mike Boyd, Phil Campbell, and myself, Lisa Rothstein.

Q: HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT MEETINGS?
A: An agenda is posted in the glass bulletin board at the corner of Seville and Embarcadero del Mar, usually by the Friday before the next Board meeting. If you want an agenda sent to your home directly, come to our office and leave us your address.

Q: WHAT IF I HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK TO THE BOARD ABOUT?
A: You can speak on any item under the Board's areas of responsibility during the Vox Populi agenda item near the beginning of each Board meeting. If you have an item which you wish the Board to take action on, State law requires that it be posted on the agenda in advance of the meeting. To do this, come by the District office before noon on the Friday preceding each meeting. Public members are always welcome to participate in meetings and may speak on any item on the agenda. The Board very much encourages your attendance and participation.

Q: WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO PARTICIPATE?
A: The District has several committees: Fiscal, Personnel, Physical Improvements, and various Ad Hoc Committees. All have spots for public members. Come by our office to find out about openings.

Q: WHERE DOES THE PARK DISTRICT GET ITS OPERATING REVENUE?
A: We have a variety of sources including concessions, fees, property taxes, voter approved special levies, and now this year, a Benefit Assessment. We also have "contract work" with the County and the University.

Q: WHAT IS THE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT?
A: The "Benefit Assessment" is a yearly charge to property owners for work which an independent civil engineer has certified is of direct benefit to their property. This year the assessment was $30 per household, $2.50/month, plus an additional rate for commercial properties. Vacant properties and properties owned by non-profits pay nothing.

Q: DOES THAT MEAN THAT MY RENT WILL GO UP?
A: If your rent only goes up $2.50, then it could be as a result of the assessment. Many people feel that rents are based on what the market will bear and therefore only indirectly reflect assessments. It is interesting to note that even as the IVRPD assesses this $30 for the first time, some rents are actually going down.

Q: DO I HAVE ANY SAY ABOUT TAXES OR DISTRICT SPENDING BEHINDS VOTING FOR DIRECTORS EVERY TWO YEARS?
A: Yes! Although not required by law, the IVRPD will be putting the Benefit Assessment to a vote this coming April. If you don't think the improvements you will be seeing in our parklands are worth the $30 per year per household, then vote NO on the Benefit Assessment in April. Of course, if you do appreciate the improvements, be sure to turn out and vote YES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST.

Lisa Rothstein
Chairperson, IVRPD
A petition containing the signatures of over 2,000 people was gathered opposing Tipi Village, but most of these signatures were from Goleta. Some were even from the Santa Ynez Valley.

A Gamble
In an attempt to diminish these intra-community wars, the leaders of the recall campaign took a calculated risk. They walked into the next meeting of the I.V. San Board and gave the petitions containing the 1,600 signatures to the Board of Directors. They also announced that they were calling off the recall campaign. They then asked the Board to reverse its decision made two weeks earlier to have the Sheriff immediately evict the Villagers and to wait the 3-4 months that it would take the County to decide on the Park District's campsite plan.

The I.V. San Board quickly voted unanimously to call off their eviction effort! Needless to say, there were visible signs of relief on both sides of the issue.

Supers Rejected Campsite
A few months later, the Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 against the re-zoning of Tipi Village into a campsite. The most strident voices at the hearing against the campsite were families from the St. Anthanasius (Evangelical Orthodox) Church and a couple of people who lived near the Village. But, as the UCSB NEXUS reported at the time, the "final blow" against the Village was "organized, researched and carried out" by the Evangelical Orthodox Church (10/17/79, page 1).

The NEXUS also reported that the testimony against the Tipi Villagers was "emotional, although not strickingly to the point," and gave the impression that the Villagers were "being accused of being drunken, disease-carrying rapists."

Traditional prejudices against I.V. also played a part. Supervisor David Yager (Montecito) said in voting no that "there were already too many transients in Isla Vista!"

Keeping to their promise to live by the results of the Supervisor’s decision, the Villagers abandoned Tipi Village within a few days. Before they left, they held a dinner party for all of the people who had helped in the effort to save the Village — it was one of the warmest and saddest events I ever attended in I.V.

County Supervisor Bill Wallace (Isla Vista) was the only Supervisor to vote in favor of the campsite option. A few months later when he was running for re-election, hand-painted signs appeared around I.V. urging people to "Vote No on Tipi Bill."

He won re-election handily.
The last time Isla Vista fielded a candidate for the

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