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Everyone knows that this year's Halloween is going to be different from last year's. Just how different will be presented at a Town Meeting, Monday, October 12th, 7:30 PM in the auditorium of the URC, 777 Camino Pescadero.

For months, the Major Events Committee, under the leadership of UCSB Dean of Students Leslie Lawson, has been discussing ways to limit the physical and psychological damage associated with what has become I.V.'s biggest festival — Halloween. More than twenty people from the campus, the community, the County, and various police jurisdictions have come up with a plan which they will present at this Town Meeting.

Last year saw a crowd estimated by police to be over 30,000 people jam into this one-half square mile town causing a lot of property damage and harassment of women. Bus loads of people arrived from all over the Western United States, and parking spilled over as far as the K-Mart Shopping Center. While there were no reported rapes, dozens of women complained of verbal and physical abuse as they walked I.V.'s streets. Over 130 people were arrested, mostly for alcohol abuse. A staff of 140 police officers — at a cost of \$45,000 — was required to keep what little order prevailed.

What worries planners most is that this year Halloween is on Saturday night, which probably means that there will be a

massive crowd on Friday night, too. Already, the Committee has sent tens of thousands of pamphlets to campuses on the West Coast with the intent of discouraging potential partyers from coming this year.

The most direct response to last year's event was the adoption several months ago of a new ordinance by the County which bans open containers of alcohol on the streets — thus, changing forever the character of weekend parties in I.V. But other "planning" has been more pro-active, including the installation of portable toilets along the streets and the establishment of a cadre of peer assistance persons to deal with abusive partyers.

The most controversial aspect of the planning has been the insistence by the Isla Vista Association (I.V.A.) that the entry of cars to I.V. be restricted at least during the evening hours. Most of the controversy during the planning sessions stemmed from the tardiness of the police in presenting a specific plan for limiting vehicular entrance, not from the concept itself. How local residents will be able to leave and enter I.V. during the evening crush of people and cars will be a major part of the Town Meeting's discussion.

STREET TALK

The ISLA VISTA FREE PRESS asked several I.V. residents what they like most and least about living here.



Francine Margono
I've been here two years. It's a pretty town, but too crowded, too many people.



Avery
I like the natural environment the most, the Ocean. But, even though I've been here six years, sometimes its hard to meet people.



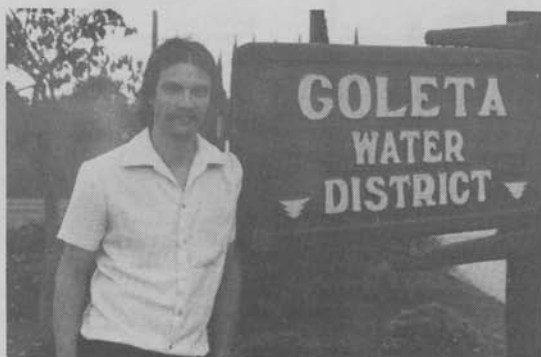
Brad Hendricks
Its my second year, and my bike keeps getting ripped off! Still, its nice being able to use a bike instead of a car.



Erik Harriman
Sex life is a big plus — of course, its getting a little scary lately. This is my first year in I.V.



Phil Horgan
I've only been here two weeks. I guess I like the Happy Hours the best.



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GREEK PARK RENOVATION SET

The Isla Vista Park Board unanimously agreed at their October 1st meeting to match the \$2,500 that the Inter-Fraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council have raised to begin a renovation plan on property owned by the District at Embarcadero del Norte and Segovia.

This half-acre plot in the section of town that most fraternity and sorority houses are located, has long been referred to as "Greek Park." For several years, the Greeks have had a maintenance agreement with the District that they would keep it up. However, this has never really been effective, according to Scott Abbott, assistant administrator at the Park District. Much of the discussion at the Park Board meeting centered on this question of maintenance.

Dennis Newberry of the IFC told Park Board members that the Greeks were adding the responsibility of developing and taking care of the Park to their constitutions so that scheduling events and clean up would become part of every year's agenda.

While the exact maintenance plan will be presented to the Park Board at their October 15th meeting, Abbott expects to recommend that the District have ultimate responsibility for regular maintenance of the Park, although the Greeks will be responsible for keeping it clean of litter, etc. on a daily basis. "The Greeks pay a lot of money in taxes to the Park District, and I think that it is appropriate for the District to use their tax monies in this way," Abbott told the *Free Press* after the October 1st meeting.



IFC rep. Dennis Newberry addressing the I.V. Park Board at their Oct. 1st meeting

The development plan calls for a wooden deck, BBQ pits, picnic tables, benches and two volleyball courts. The Greeks hope to raise another \$2,000 from the Greek Alumni Association and \$1,000 through the UCSB Administration in order to add a cement basketball court at a later date.

Although the park will be under the scheduling responsibility of the Greeks, it will remain open to the public. How this scheduling process will occur is still being worked out.



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AFTER THREE HOUR HEARING

A.S. ENDORSES NO ON Q

The UCSB Associated Students Legislative Council voted 14-1 to oppose Measure Q at their September 30th meeting after a three hour, often acrimonious debate. Only rep. David Lehr voted to endorse Measure Q on this November's ballot that would create a City of Goleta that includes Isla Vista and the UCSB campus.

At their October 7th meeting, the A.S. reps will consider allocating funding to the No on Q campaign in a manner similar to the UCSB Administration's commitment to the pro-Q campaign.

Three times, A.S. vice president Glenn Fuller, who was chairing the meeting, had to warn Measure Q supporters Leo Jacobson and Hal Kopeikin to tone down their personal attacks or leave the meeting.

Jacobson had stated that the I.V. Park District was a good example of Isla Vista community government, and that "...their history is one of corruption and intellectual dishonesty." Kopeikin accused the Measure Q opponents who were associated with the Park District of being a "clique" who wanted to defeat Q "in order to protect and promote their own little fiefdom."

In response, Glenn Lazof, Measure Q opponent and general manager of the Park District, pointed out that the Park District would remain in existence even if Measure Q passes. Further, he stated that these attacks on the Park District were a smokescreen intended to cover up the real "clique" in Isla Vista which is "...the 86 property owners and landlords in the Isla Vista Association (I.V.A.) who fought against Isla Vistas having a vote on independent I.V. cityhood, and who had supported the recently enacted ordinance which bans open containers of alcohol in the streets. I have been fighting for twelve years to keep these people from taking over Isla Vista," Lazof said vehemently.

At this point, Fuller admonished Lazof, too.

"In contrast to the I.V.A.," Lazof continued, "the Park District's policy makers are elected and all of their meetings are noticed to the public.

The president of the I.V.A., twenty-five year I.V. resident, Curtis Anderson's appeal to



GOLETA BUSINESSMAN and ex-UCSB student Dale Wilson tells the A.S. reps that he is partially responsible for Isla Vista residents being so unpopular in Goleta. Nonetheless, he spoke in favor of Measure Q.

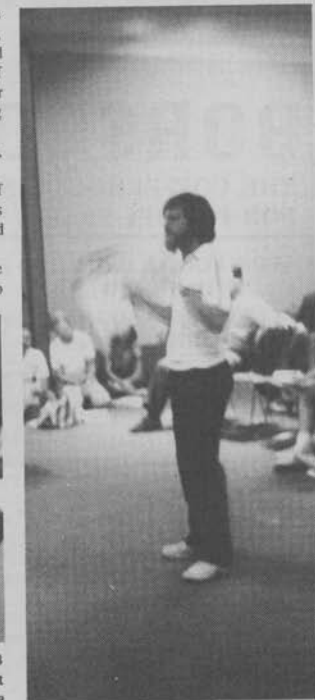
A.S. for support of Measure Q was based more on reason than emotion. He stated that if I.V. doesn't join in the proposed City of Goleta, I.V. residents won't have any control over growth, pollution, and noise in Goleta, issues which in his opinion also affect the quality of life in Isla Vista.

Goleta businessman and former UCSB student Dale Wilson also spoke in favor of Measure Q. "I graduated from UCSB in the early 1970's," he said. "Thus, I am partially responsible for the bad reputation Isla Vista students have in Goleta. But, at the time it (the 1970 riots) seemed necessary, and in retrospect, it still seems that way."

"But, I need you in the City of Goleta," Wilson continued. "I.V. is necessary to shape Goleta, and without you, I'm afraid of the massive development that will take place there. Besides, there are a lot of UCSB students who live in Goleta already."

Dick Jensen, an assistant vice chancellor who was responsible for the wildly inaccurate enrollment projections of the Huttenback years, explained the UCSB Administration's position in support of Measure Q. Chancellor Uehling has recently assigned Jensen to participate in the pro-Q campaign.

Jensen stated that the University Administration wanted to have the campus included in the largest possible local government because of certain "operating economies" and in order to "limit the number of governments we have to relate to." He said



HAL KOPEIKIN asking the A.S. reps to vote in favor of Measure Q.



SCOTT WEXLER urging the A.S. reps to vote against Measure Q.

that "we don't favor an independent City of Isla Vista because it doesn't resolve the local government problem in the entire Goleta Valley, it gives us another government to relate to, and because the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) isn't likely to approve it."

At this point, A.S. rep Dan Birdsell said he thought Jensen's comments were a "bunch of bullshit," and that the Administration's real motive in opposing I.V. cityhood was "to keep students powerless."

Kopeikin then stated that I.V. cityhood was not a priority of UCSB students generally, but was only desired by a small

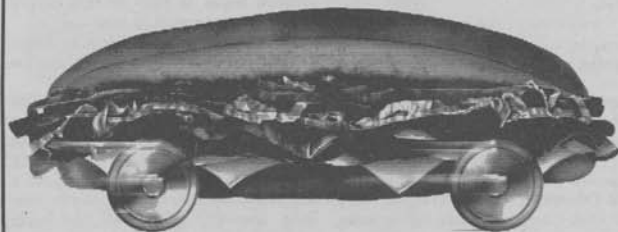
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From Student Ghetto to Community

Without question, the civil disturbances of 1970 were the spark that created a "community" in Isla Vista.

All of the studies of that period conclude that it was an extraordinary combination of national and local events and circumstances that led to three intense waves of civil strife, one of which resulted in the burning of the local branch of the Bank of America. Violent demonstrations against the Vietnam War occurred in over 400 campus communities across America, but in no other community was such an outrageous step taken — to burn to the ground such an obvious symbol of the war.

There was, of course, a distinctly local flavor to the events of 1970. The major offshore oil spill of 1969 was still fresh in everyone's mind, as was the successful effort to block the UCSB Administration's plan to build a highway through the Goleta Slough to serve the campus. For months, the UCSB Administration and the Sheriff's Department had been harassing the Black Students' Union, and then the Administration fired a popular, anti-war professor. Finally, the brutal over-reactions of law enforcement officials to what were widely seen as legitimate actions — first against war and injustice, and then in support of civil liberties — combined to create a pressure-cooker situation that erupted several times over six months.

Powerlessness

But overwhelmingly, each study of that period comes back to the same major conclusion — that Isla Vista residents felt powerless to affect public policies either nationally or locally. They were perpetual victims of political and economic forces beyond their control. And the complicity of the UCSB Administration and the County in creating these circumstances was too painfully obvious.

But, it wasn't the riots that created a community out of Isla Vista: it was what happened in response to the riots as residents joined together to create and sustain organizations which insulated them from the harshest of outside political and economic forces.

First, residents came together politically with the formation of the Isla Vista Community Council (IVCC). At a time when County officials were actively resisting attempts by students to register at their campus address, more than 4,000 residents voted in the first IVCC elections held May 5, 1970. Only 3,400 residents were officially registered to vote at the time, but IVCC rules allowed any resident over 16 to vote for council members. The function of the Council then (and now) was to establish community consensus on important issues and to lobby for adoption of these policies by the empowered governmental bodies.

Secondly, while both the County and UCSB officials were vitriolic in their condemnation of the actions of individual demonstrators, the several studies done on the causes of the riots so unanimously criticized the roles played by both of them, that each began to respond quite positively to suggestions on how to ameliorate living conditions in Isla Vista. The County even placed a moratorium on more building in Isla

Vista (although this wasn't such a concession because UCSB enrollment dropped almost 20 percent by the Fall of 1970), and the UC Regents allocated several hundred thousand dollars to assist in getting several community organizations off the ground.

Regents Funding

It was through such "Regents' Opportunity Funds" that the I.V. Medical Clinic, the Isla Vista Credit Union, and the Isla Vista Community Council obtained important seed money. Also, the Regents and the County jointly funded a "foot patrol" policing function, although the County's share came from a federal grant. Even the Bank of America threw in some money toward the funding of an "Isla Vista Service Center" complex which would house many of Isla Vista's first community programs.

It was both the initiation of these community organizations and the support they received from local residents that created the basis of the "community" of Isla Vista. Suddenly, there was a whole group of community institutions attempting to relate to their basic needs, attempting to represent their opinions and aspirations.

Community Organization

These organizations began to create other options. For example, IVCC's Planning Commission developed and implemented the beginnings of a bikeway system and other auto-reduction programs. The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District was also initiated from IVCC's Planning Commission. Other organizations sprang up, most resulting from a special committee of the IVCC — the Youth Project, the Children's Center, the Fid Co-op, the Human Relations Center, and others. Several of these received initial financial support from both the Regents and the County. The Let Isla Vistans Eat (LIVE) program begun in 1983 to feed hungry residents began in much the same way.

Suddenly, Isla Vistans were no longer powerless... and the town hasn't been the same since.

These organizations eventually took on a life of their own. The IVCC obtained a grant which allowed the Medical Clinic to purchase the Isla Vista Service Center building. Isla Vista voters in 1975 passed a \$1,115,000 bond measure (ironically, the same amount of money that Tom Storke received when he sold his land to the Regents for what is now Storke campus) and the I.V. Recreation and Park District is now the biggest landowner in town. The Youth Project and Children's Center are now one organization, the Human Relations Center has moved to Goleta (but an offshoot, the Community Counseling Center remains), the Fid Co-op is still going strong, while the Credit Union still converts the savings of some residents into loans to others.

The Park District is the only official local government unit with taxing authority completely controlled by I.V. residents. It's five member Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters of I.V. (excluding campus and Francisco Torres residents) to staggered four year terms in Novembers of odd-numbered years.

A Tenants Union

There was even a strong Tenants' Union

in Isla Vista for several years. However, the scramble for living space became too intense between 1974 and 1977 when UCSB expanded its enrollment from 12,000 to 16,000 while the total number of dwelling units remained approximately the same (due to a moratorium on new construction enacted by Isla Vista and Goleta voters in 1972 due to a water shortage which continues even today). It's pretty foolhardy to organize against your landlord when it's hard enough to find a place to live at all!

UCSB's enrollment level is over 18,000 today while the only significant additional new housing units in I.V. since 1972 have been the Santa Ynez Apartments on Storke Campus (which holds about 700 people).

Cityhood Plans

Continued evolution eventually led the community back into conflict with both the UC Administration and the County, especially on the issue of Isla Vista cityhood. In 1972, the Isla Vista Community Council (using County and UCSB funds) completed an exhaustive study of local governmental options facing this unincorporated community of 17,000 people (now about 18,500). This interesting and innovative report was entitled THE ISLA VISTA GOVERNMENT STUDY. Over 83 percent of the 4,000 plus residents who voted in the first plebiscite on local government options selected independent cityhood for Isla Vista. Eight successive such advisory elections —

most recently in November, 1986 — have produced much the same results, although never so emphatically. But this next step in community development has been opposed through the years by both the County and the UCSB Administration, who have combined their efforts to prevent this from coming to an official vote.

In 1984, the cityhood question and related issues led to a cut-off of funding to the IVCC from both the County and UCSB. The same year, the Regents ended their funding of all Isla Vista organizations and shifted the University's funding of the I.V. Foot Patrol from Administration sources to student registration fees for both the 11,000 UCSB students who live in Isla Vista (including campus) and the 7,000 who do not! On the other hand, the County still funds about \$80,000 per year to Isla Vista social service organizations and the Park District.

But, the bottom line is that Isla Vista is alive and well, and its community organizations are well into their second decade of development. While the composition of the population continues to evolve, and some kind of municipal government is urgently needed, residents are no longer totally powerless to affect their lives in Isla Vista, and it is unlikely that they ever will be again.

This short history of Isla Vista's community building efforts since 1970 was written by Carmen Lodise.

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AROUND TOWN

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C.A.C. BOARD VACANCY. There is a vacant seat on the Board of Directors of the Community Action Commission representing the Isla Vista/Goleta area. The CAC is a countywide private non-profit organization which administers day care, Head Start, senior, energy, and immigration projects. They also operate an Advocacy Office in Isla Vista at the URC, 777 Camino Pescadero. The Board of Directors is policy making. The primary role of Board members is to act as a liaison with their communities and help determine how CAC can best serve seniors, low income, and minority residents. If you are interested in applying, or want more information, call Helga Lemke at 964-8857.

RECYCLING CENTER OPENS AT LUCKY'S. Although it was one day late in opening because of last Thursday's earthquake in L.A., the new aluminum and bottle buy back program has opened at the Lucky's Store in the University Village Shopping Center, 7127 Hollister in Western Goleta. The hours currently are 3-8 PM Mondays and

Thursdays, 2-8 PM Fridays, and 11:30 AM to 7 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. A buy back machine will be installed by November 1st, and will be usable 24 hours a day. The recycling center is operated by ENVICOM and pays 1¢ for each container marked with "California Redemption 1¢." A similar operation will open in Isla Vista by January 1st. In the meantime, Isla Vista Bikes & Recycling at 961 Emb. del Mar continues to pay 30¢ per pound for aluminum and accepts glass for those who wish to recycle in I.V.

DSU STARTS UP AGAIN. Leaders of the Democratic Student Union met last Friday to reorganize after the Summer lull. Running on a progressive platform emphasizing student and community issues, DSU won most representative seats in last Spring's A.S. Leg. Council race but lost all three officer races in run-offs. Part of their new agenda is to explore becoming a chapter in the international student union movement. DSU has set October 20th for a public forum about its plans for this year.

AN ARTIST LEAVES TOWN. Patrick Palumbo, the creator of the "Shark Car" featured on the front page of our Fall issue, has left Isla Vista to take the dream trip of his life to Tahiti. Patrick worked much of this past year at the Unocal gas station here in I.V., where his car — in its various transformations — was usually on display. Before he left last Thursday, he told the *Free Press* that he sold "The Shark" for \$300, "but



PATRICK PALUMBO

it had a broken head gasket," he insisted. Thanks Patrick, for the great art while you were here.

NO ON Q COMMITTEE IN I.V. The October 6th meeting was well attended and much was accomplished. Everyone felt good about the recent *No on Q* endorsement from

the A.S. Leg. Council. After a spirited discussion, it was decided to reaffirm the distinction between this campaign and the Boyd for Water Board effort, and a benefit dance at Borsodi's with COMMON SENSE was announced for Wednesday, October 14th. The No of Q Committee has hired former Network staffer Farfalla Borah as its coordinator. Next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 13. For address or more info, call Farfalla at 968-0478. —G.H.

I.V.C.C. ELECTION. Several District seats and two at-large seats are up for election November 3rd on the Isla Vista Community Council. For district seats, a petition with 30 signatures of residents of that district must be submitted in order to qualify a candidate; 50 signatures from any I.V. resident for the at-large seats. Anyone 16 years of age or older who lives in I.V. (including on campus) is eligible to run for the I.V.C.C. Get a petition at the I.V. Park District office, 961 Emb. del Mar, or the A.S. office, second floor of the UCen.

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DEMOCRATIC STUDENT UNION leaders at first Fall meeting. Pictured from left to right are Megan Gildersleeve, Dan Birdsell, Dave Karoly, and Emilio Pozzi. Dan Zumwinkle is in the foreground with his back to the camera.

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I.V. CITYHOOD HISTORY, Part II

A SECOND EFFORT (1975-82)

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voters passed a \$1.15 million bond measure which allowed the community to purchase 27 acres of developed and undeveloped land in the community. These properties and their development and maintenance, plus the continued operation and growth of the Isla Vista Medical Clinic, Credit Union, Youth Project & Children Center, Fild Co-op, and Community Counseling Center remain as the legacy of the intense community development efforts of the 1970's. Let Isla Vistans Eat (LIVE) was added to this list of community-run support services in the early 1980's. At one time, the Rochdale Housing Co-operative was a community-run program, but it has shifted to control by the UCSB Administration in recent years.

The Dos Pueblos Years

After the second attempt for an Isla Vista cityhood election was killed by LAFCO, another proposal was prepared by the IVCC in 1978, but it wasn't submitted. A strong push for a combined city of Isla Vista and Goleta at that point by newly elected County Supervisor (and I.V. resident) Bill Wallace accounted for the inaction. After getting LAFCO approval for an official election on his plan (called *Dos Pueblos* at the time, Spanish for *two communities*), Wallace withdrew it without a citizen vote because of some conditions not to his liking that were imposed by the rest of the County Supervisors.

However, a community consensus reemerged in the early 1980's strongly favoring an independent City of Isla Vista. During the 1982 elections for representatives to the IVCC, over 3,000 residents voted in the accompanying plebiscite on cityhood options, and they favored an independent City of I.V. over a combined city with Goleta by a 2-1 margin. In addition, a slate of IVCC candidates campaigning for a combined city with Goleta all lost seats to independent cityhood candidates.

This election was probably the most controversial one in Isla Vista community government history. Part of the reason for the controversy was that the IVCC's then executive director (John Butny) was active in recruiting the IVCC slate in favor of a city combining Isla Vista and Goleta. That slate was also supported by County Supervisor Wallace and Ed Maschke of the Goleta Water Board which, at the time, was dominated by environmentalists based in large measure on the overwhelming votes they received in I.V. The pro-Goleta cityhood backers were also able to get an endorsement of their candidates and cityhood position onto a Democratic Party slate leaflet endorsing candidates for the State legislature -- evidently without the approval of the Democratic candidates.

Cityhood & Water Politics

After his candidate slate and cityhood position were defeated so soundly, Butny resigned as the IVCC's executive director to take a similar position with the Rochdale Housing Co-op. At about the same time, Butny was chosen by the "Citizens for Goleta Valley", the leadership of the Goleta



1975 INCORPORATION PROPOSAL
cover graphic by Mike Gold

environmentalists, as a candidate for the Goleta Water Board.

Although Butny was widely appreciated as a warrior in Goleta Valley environmental battles, 25 Isla Vista community activists signed a letter strongly objecting to him being selected as the "Isla Vista" candidate on the "environmentalist" slate. These objections stemmed primarily from his role in the previous year's IVCC election and cityhood plebiscite. Noting that it had required huge majority votes in Isla Vista to overcome the break even or losing votes from Goleta which had allowed the "environmentalists" to dominate the Goleta Water Board for most of the previous decade, and that Butny's attempt to get community support for his pro-Goleta cityhood position had been soundly rebuked by I.V. voters, there was a great deal of resentment among I.V. activists that the Citizens for Goleta Valley group was apparently forcing on the voters a candidate so out of step with the community.

When the Citizens for Goleta Valley insisted on keeping Butny as the "Isla Vista" candidate in their slate, the Isla Vista activists reacted by fielding an independent "environmentalist" candidate for the Water Board (see Carrie Topliffe's account of this struggle and her candidacy for the Water Board in the March 28 and May 7, 1987 issues of the ISLA VISTA FREE PRESS).

For reasons unrelated to this conflict, Butny eventually withdrew from the Water Board race. The remaining two members of the Citizens for Goleta Valley slate teamed up with Topliffe, but only in the I.V./UCSB campaign. While Topliffe won all I.V./UCSB precincts, she did so poorly in Goleta -- where she didn't have the campaign support of the Citizens for Goleta Valley -- that she came in fifth overall for three seats. But the support one of the Goleta environmentalists (Donna Hone) received by joining up with Topliffe in I.V. was sufficient to re-elect her.

It is not an overstatement to say that these events shook the alliance between Goleta environmentalists and Isla Vista activists to its foundation.

Repercussions

While a truce has emerged in recent years, it is an uneasy one at best. And repercussions of the conflict still significantly affect contemporary Isla Vista events.

For example, Butny is currently Bill Wallace's administrative assistant, and the leaders of the pro-IV cityhood slate which defeated Butny's slate in order to get elected to the 1982-83 IVCC included Glenn Lazof (now general manager of the I.V. Rec. & Park District) and Mike Boyd (still on the IVCC and more recently elected to the I.V. Park Board). And while Lazof and Boyd are leaders in the current campaign against Measure Q, Wallace and Butny are in the leadership of Measure Q's advocates.

In addition, Boyd is an "independent environmentalist" candidate for the Goleta Water Board this November, while the Citizens for Goleta Valley have their own three-member slate entitled "Three for Goleta" running for the three seats available. Although Boyd has a specific and reasonable platform for management of local water resources, a major reason his candidacy is receiving support among many community and student leaders is that the Citizens for Goleta Valley have again failed to field a slate including an Isla Vistan. Ironically, Carrie Topliffe is now in the leadership of the Citizens for Goleta Valley and is active in their slate's campaign in I.V. for the upcoming election.

Another result of this clash amongst "allies" is that County (and UCSB Administration) funding (a total of \$18,000 per year) for the Isla Vista Community Council was discontinued during the height of the 1983 Water Board controversy and this funding has not been resumed. The only funding the IVCC currently has is a \$500 grant from the UCSB Associated Students.

However, largely through Wallace's efforts in association with the UCSB Administration, what is called the County-Campus-Community Office opened last Spring at the Isla Vista Service Center. Although its function is much more passive than IVCC's, it has not been lost on I.V.'s community activists that not only is its operations not subject to community-control though elections as is the "environmentalist" candidate for the Water Board, but that it is located in what was the old IVCC office.

Finally, the Isla Vista Federation -- a conglomerate of special interest groups (landlords, property owners, and businesses) plus three elected bodies (the IVCC, the Associated Students, and the Park District) -- has emerged over the past two years to discuss and make recommendations on community matters to County Supervisor Wallace, a function which formally belongs to the IVCC in its capacity as the Isla Vista Municipal Advisory Council.

Next week, the *FREE PRESS* will examine the 1983 campaign to get an I.V. cityhood election and how that was transformed into the present Measure Q.



After the UCSB Administration's plan to annex Isla Vista, Goleta, and Hope Ranch to the existing City of Santa Barbara was trounced by area voters in March, 1975, a second advisory election on local government options (called a *plebiscite* in Isla Vista) was called by the 1974-75 Isla Vista Community Council (IVCC) for May 27th.

This plebiscite produced another landslide favoring the independent incorporation of I.V. as opposed to joining with Goleta in a combined city. Dutifully, the IVCC prepared and submitted another request to the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) in late 1975. If LAFCO had approved the request for an election on I.V. cityhood, and if it had been approved by Isla Vista voters, the new City of Isla Vista would have been created on July 4th, 1976 -- the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

However, LAFCO rejected the request from I.V. for the second time, and again on a 4-1 vote. In voting no, LAFCO members felt that a City of Isla Vista would probably impose rent control and they were personally against such an approach to landlord/tenant relations. LAFCO members also stated that the proposed city was not "financially sound" because it would have to rely too heavily on property taxes for sufficient revenues (this was pre-Prop. 13). However, Isla Vista representatives at the time felt that the real reasons were political both because Isla Vista looked as good on paper as any other city in this county, and because this was the second time that four Republicans voted against with the one Democrat in favor.

During this second campaign, the UCSB Administration again asked the UC Regents to oppose I.V. cityhood. While they did, their vote a lot less than unanimous than the first time. In fact, at least five Regents voted in favor of the community's position, but it wasn't enough. The Regents' final position was to oppose IV Cityhood in favor of the "largest" city government possible, most likely a combined city with Goleta. During these Regental discussions, the IVCC had asked the Regents to remain neutral, since what form of local government prevailed in Isla Vista (including the UCSB campus) was hardly an issue of statewide concern.

Other Successes in I.V.

In the meantime, the creation of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District had been allowed by LAFCO to go onto the official ballot, and I.V. voters had approved its formation in late 1972. In 1975, Isla Vista

EDITORIAL

Isla Vista is in another one of those crisis situations with the Goleta environmentalists. As if we didn't have enough problems with our common foes!

It is a lot like the 1983 situation, when I.V. activists felt they "had" to run an independent candidate for the Goleta Water Board against the three member slate put up by the Citizens for Goleta Valley.

In 1983, the I.V. candidate was Carrie Topliffe. This year, the candidate is Mike Boyd.

In both instances, the up front issue that justifies an "independent environmentalist" campaign is lack of I.V. representation in Goleta Valley politics. That is, while I.V. is supposed to be supplying the votes to elect environmentalists to the Goleta Water Board, no one from the center of I.V. politics is allowed to be on the Citizens for Goleta Valley candidate slate. Their perception is that no one from I.V. is "qualified" enough to be electable in Goleta where the majority if votes lie.

As in 1983, the issue lurking behind all of this is I.V. Cityhood vs. a combined City of Isla Vista and Goleta. If someone who is popular in I.V. — Boyd has been the top vote getter in both I.V. Park Board and Isla Vista Community Council elections, is on the Let Isla Vista Eat (LIVE) board, and was recently elected to a statewide board of park districts — is perceived as not being "electable" in Goleta, what does it say about trying to do a combined city together?

Except, this time its not quite as clear as it was in 1983. First of all, the combined city option is actually on the ballot this time, whereas it was just lurking in the background in 1983.

Secondly, there is not so much unanimity of support amongst I.V. activists for Boyd as there was for Topliffe in 1983.

In addition, Topliffe declared her candidacy in April, several months before the November election. And, even that early she had a broad-based steering committee which was meeting weekly. Boyd, on the other hand, declared his candidacy at the last minute, and even now doesn't have a campaign committee ready to hit the streets on his behalf. Yet, there is no getting over the fact that Boyd has paid his dues in I.V. — probably much more so than anyone of the "Three for Goleta" slate has done — either in I.V. or Goleta!

Boyd is making much of the fact that he is the only candidate in this Water Board election who is opposed to Measure Q (combining I.V. and Goleta into one city). Presumably, he will pick up a lot of votes from people who will be voting against Q. Plus, he has an imaginative campaign platform, one that might draw a lot of votes not only in I.V., but also in Goleta — perhaps even enough to win a seat. In any case, a lot of Isla Vista activists like it that someone has stood up to these people in Goleta because it appears that they keep refusing to treat Isla Vista folks as equals.

Over the past few weeks, the Goleta environmentalists have been putting immense pressure on Boyd to drop out of the race and to endorse their slate. Their argument is that Boyd is really only a "spoiler" in the race, but he is likely to draw off enough "environmentalist" votes from them to keep the Water Board in the control of the pro-rowth forces.

For a while, it appeared that Boyd might do that. Initially, he had struck a deal with the Goleta environmentalists that if they would keep the Yes on Q campaign separate from their Water Board campaign, he would drop out sometime in October. Despite the rather patronizing name they chose for their slate ("Three for Goleta"), the Goleta people appear to have kept their word on this handshake deal. However, it now appears that Boyd has been so encouraged with the support his candidacy has been receiving, not only in I.V., but also in Goleta, that he may stay in the race no matter what.

On the other hand, much of the support Boyd has received in I.V. (especially from key student leaders) is rather tentative. These people are really most interested in defeating Measure Q, and are willing to support Boyd only as a by-product of this effort because it is a statement on the representation issue. A few community leaders aren't even willing to go that far — they want to work to oppose Q, but they are so distraught with Boyd's run for the Water Board which splits up the "environmentalist" votes, that they might end up not working in the No on Q effort at all because it appears so closely tied to Boyd's Water Board campaign.

Meanwhile, an idea has immersed recently to negotiate an AFFIRMATIVE ACTION APPOINTMENT PLAN for County Supervisor Bill Wallace's appointees to County government advisory committees in exchange for Boyd dropping out of the Water Board race. Given Wallace's leadership role in the environmentalist movement, interchanging water and county government politics seems appropriate.

If Wallace were to expand the participation of I.V. residents on such boards to one-third of his 50-60 appointments (I.V. is one-third of his district), not only would a lot of local people get some good experience, presumably one or two people would stand out enough so that the Goleta environmentalists could never say again that they "just can't find any 'qualified' people from I.V. to be on their slate".

Since the issue that so many people support Boyd on is representation in the leadership of the alliance between I.V. and the Goleta environmentalists, such an affirmative action plan would seem to accomplish a lot of what Isla Vistans are seeking in supporting Boyd. Currently, less than 5% of Wallace's appointees to such County boards are people from the "mainstream" in I.V. (ironically, Boyd is one of them). While Wallace promised the A.S. Leg. Council last Spring that he would begin recruiting students and other I.V. residents for such appointments, he hasn't really gotten his plan off the ground. Thus, if student and community leaders could gain something positive and measurable from this seemingly futile



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confrontation, something good might come out of it.

While Boyd seemed at first to embrace this compromise, he currently isn't quite so certain.

An even more troublesome point is what will it say about this so-called "alliance" if the Goleta people and Wallace don't accept this seemingly reasonable compromise?

But, perhaps it is too late to reach any compromise. On the other hand, it is further development in Goleta that the environmentalists are trying to prevent by regaining control of the Water Board with the assistance of Isla Vista voters — it's too late to prevent overdevelopment in I.V.!

So, while Boyd is considered by many to be about as smooth as a bull in a china shop, as one wag put it recently, "At least he's *our* bull, and after all, it is *their* china shop."

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"In its early stages, urban growth was limited by the range of the pedestrian. Medieval cities have a common ground plan of 1,500 by 5-600 metres, with a resulting built up area of between 60 and 200 hectares" (page 91).

The dimensions of Isla Vista proper, excluding the campus, Francisco Torres and the beach are about 1470 by 900 metres. The area, calculated from an Isla Vista Community Council Planning Study, is about 139 hectares, minus what cliff erosion has occurred since the 1969 base map.

So, at least please don't add to a global greenhouse climatic catastrophe by unnecessary driving inside Isla Vista.

From the September Santa Barbara County Trails Council newsletter:

"The rumor is that Sun Mesa, owner of the 254 acre More Mesa, will ...erect a six foot chain link fence with ... NO EASEMENT TO THE BEACH. Any property owner may erect a six foot fence

NATURE NOTES

by Martin Kellogg



around his (her) property without a County permit. Due to the U.S. Supreme Court decision concerning beach access in Ventura County — known as the Nolan ruling — the attorneys for Sun Mesa feel that public access and trails are not required even though they have been used for generations."

More Mesa is the coastal tableland immediately to the East of the Isla Vista mesa, just the other side of Goleta Beach. It is most widely known as a clothing optional beach, but the mesa is a valuable wildlife habitat, regularly supporting some locally rare bird species, and is a corridor for movement of animals to and from our mesa and its adjacent natural areas.



by SCOTT WEXLER

A TEST FOR I.V. RESIDENCY

Oh, if only I was made ruler of the world — or at least Isla Vista. Boy, things would sure be different around tiny-town.

For one thing, I would be choosing who would be allowed to live here and who wouldn't. In my infinite wisdom as ruler, I would not be arbitrary in my decisions but rather would devise a test; a questionnaire with teeth, if you will.

Such a test would have nothing to do with race, or sex, or religion. It would present me with a picture of attitudes and outlooks which influence how people relate to this town. Then, depending how you do, some of you would stay and most of you would go.

Here are some of the questions I would ask:

- #1. Do you go home for the holidays?
- #2. Would you rather see brutish neanderthals playing rugby or watch graceful (if hairy) jugglers juggling?
- #3. Do you know anything about "Das Institite"? (And if you do, were you a spy for the police?)
- #4. Do you subscribe to the excuse of "supply and demand" in the setting of rent rates?
- #5. Is the Frat/Sorority Rush Week the high point of your entire Isla Vista experience?
- #6. Do you know what the symbol and slogan of I.V. are?
- #7. Does a car with a good, functional side mirror bring out a vandalous urge in you?
- #8. Do you think that your record collection is so bitchin' that *everyone* on your block should hear just how bitchin' it is?
- #9. Is your beer money coming from your parents?

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MUSIC REVIEW:

THE SMITHS, *Strangeways, Here We Come* (Sire/Rough Trade)

by Fear Heiple

There's good news and bad news about the new Smiths' album, *STRANGEWAYS, HERE WE COME*.

The good news is that it is more excellent music from the Smiths. The bad news is that it is probably their last new record.

The Smiths' record label, Rough Trade, announced last August that guitarist/music writer Johnny Marr had left the group and that other guitarists were being auditioned for the band. Once a replacement is selected, a tour to promote "STRANGEWAYS" will be launched. And, Smiths fans can expect eventual release of a live album featuring the old lineup which was recorded last winter.

The Smiths announced earlier this year that they had signed a million-dollar contract with EMI, and EMI will presumably be the one to release the new, Marr-less Smiths music.

What is alarming to Smiths lovers is the fact that Johnny Marr was more than a guitarist. He was the band's founding member, he wrote all the music, controlled the arrangements, and originally recruited singer/lyricist Morrissey into the band. The Smiths will not be the same without him.

In an interview in *New Musical Express*, Marr expressed surprise that Morrissey and the rest were planning to continue on as the "Smiths." This leads to some speculation that use of the name will end up being decided in court. Marr, for his part, was interested in projects outside of the Smiths and had already been working with Bryan Ferry and the Talking Heads.

A worse backdrop for the U.S. release of *STRANGEWAYS* can not be imagined.



This is the Smiths' first release since last Spring's *LOUDER THAN BOMBS* which was intended to catch the U.S. up to date on their music. *LOUDER* was a 24-track double album that included B-sides, rarities, and an odd new song (which is the only kind of new song Morrissey knows how to write).

Steady college and club play has introduced the Smiths to American listeners, and *STRANGEWAYS* only confirms the effectiveness of the collaboration. The ten songs on this album range from creative pop ballads like "I Started Something I Couldn't Finish" and "Stop Me If You Think You've Heard This One Before," to a typically quirky Smiths' dance song "Girl Friend in a Coma," and the bizarre "Death of a Disco Dancer" which features Morrissey on piano. Johnny Marr adds a dash of strings and saxophones for a classy, ethereal effect.

Rumor has it that Marr will be working with the Pretenders next. But it is clear that the Smiths as we have known them are gone forever. And it is doubtful that any music from the new Smiths will be up to par, or in this case, up to Marr.

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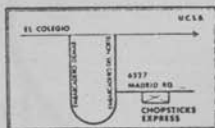
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A BIT OF OLD MEXICO Surprising Tijuana

by Carmen Lodise

For many travelers, and even weekend adventurers, Tijuana is just a place to pass through on the way to Rosarito Beach, Ensenada, or points further South. Even for many who actually visit there, it's only an inexpensive place to satisfy that shopping urge that overwhelms all of us now and then.

That's too bad, because these people seldom come to appreciate just how much traditional Mexican charm actually exists there. And there is no better time to experience that side of Tijuana than during the Independence Day celebration, September 15th to the 17th.

It's surprising how modern Tijuana has become in the past few years. In the process, it has become a lot more tourist-friendly, too. While I still don't drink the tap water, or eat salads at inexpensive restaurants (because the ingredients are usually washed in tap water), a thoughtful traveler to Tijuana need no longer be guaranteed of experiencing Montezuma's Revenge. Bottled water is available in most grocery stores (just like it is in the States) and most hotels place some in each room. Even the ice cubes in your margaritas are made with *agua purificada* nowadays. And the roads aren't significantly below the standards of many sections of Isla Vista and Goleta in these cost-conscious times.

Of course, TJ still has its innumerable street vendors, raunchy night clubs, and shops selling things unique to border towns. And it continues to be a most inexpensive place to have your car painted and/or reupholstered. The dog track and jai-lai games are still there, too. But, there's a whole lot more if you look for it.

For example the Municipal Market — located next to the big cathedral on Ninos Heros at Calle 2 — contains as good a collection of Mexican restaurants as you'll find North of Guadalajara. The food is truly great, including some really amazing tasting soups, and every kind of Mexican vegetable, meat and seafood dish that you've ever heard of (and some that you probably haven't). Yet, you'll really have trouble spending more than \$1.50 a person for a full meal. The twenty or so restaurants in the Market are open from early morning until early evening, and you know that the tortillas are fresh because you have to walk past the tortilla-making machine

on your way in the front door. Its fun to pause for a few minutes to watch the three or four attendants of this contraption (literally a *tortillarilla*) as they struggle to keep the seemingly endless line of new tortillas flowing.

The fruit stands at the Market serve an unbelievable array of tropical fruits. It's great being able to get a naturally ripened mango for under a quarter and a pineapple for less than fifty cents.

Another delightful discovery is the charming yards you'll glimpse during a late afternoon stroll in even the scruffiest neighborhoods. These respites from the tawdriness of what after all is a Third World city are often as charming as any you'll find more than a 1,000 miles from the border. People are quite proud of their gardens and usually invite the stroller to get a good view of them by leaving their outside doors wide open much of the day.

But, it is the Independence Day Parade that reminds the visitor that, no matter what it might appear on the surface, Tijuana is a traditional Mexican town. All over Mexico, from September 15th to the 17th, towns dress up for this mega-event commemorating the declaration of war in 1820 which resulted in Mexico's independence from Spain. And in every town it seems the same, although there are always a few local twists. The holiday always includes cultural events, fireworks, and usually a sporting match or two. But the biggest event is always the parade.

The Tijuana parade starts out with several marching bands (as you'd expect from similar celebrations in the States) but then it changes to dozens of groups of children — the second grade from each elementary school in the city, then the third grade from each of the elementary schools, then the fourth grade, etc., all the way through the high schools. Following the children are the students of the local military schools. Their stern, crisp marching-style is a little jarring after the exuberance of the children. Even the business schools have contingents marching in this parade!

The school groups are followed by row upon row of fire trucks, three or four abreast — nine rows of fire trucks in one Tijuana parade I attended. And then six or seven rows of paramedic vans, the local police



CABALLEROS in recent Tijuana Independence Day Parade.

force, the national guard, and other military organizations. You wonder what would happen if there was a real emergency during one of these parades! You also wonder how there could be anybody left to watch the parade — isn't everybody in town in it? But of course, there are thousands of observers crammed along the curbs — and all of them are cheering as if they knew every marcher personally.

In the meantime, hundreds of street vendors are yelling at you from every direction, selling their hot dogs, goat tacos, balloons of a hundred different colors, cotton candy — everything you can imagine. And yes, the buzzing things on the watermelon slices are bees!

For the most part, the dozen or so parades I've seen regale contemporary Mexico. It is only near the end that you find mariachis and caballeros with their grandiose sombreros — a fleeting glimpse of Old Mexico added almost as an afterthought. Mexicans are proud of the new Mexico they have built, especially in Tijuana. The whole downtown area has been revitalized in recent years, and there are now even trees planted along the main drag. The freeway interchange at the border has been completed to provide for easy access into downtown or bypasses to the South and to the East. There are dozens of modern hotels and hundreds of new restaurants — although much of the old remains.

For the budget minded visitor to Tijuana, I recommend the Paris Hotel (telephone # 85-30-23), just off Revolution on Calle 5. It's only \$11 a night for two with a parking garage — highly recommended — across the street for an extra \$4. Although

you couldn't quite call it "charming," it is very clean and the owner speaks excellent English. The Caesar Hotel (# 85-1666) across the street is much more posh at \$28 for two, including parking. It is said that the "Caesar Salad" was invented here in years past. The Palacio Azteca (# 86-5301), on 16 de Septiembre near the bull ring, is a modern hotel with restaurant and bar overlooking a pool.

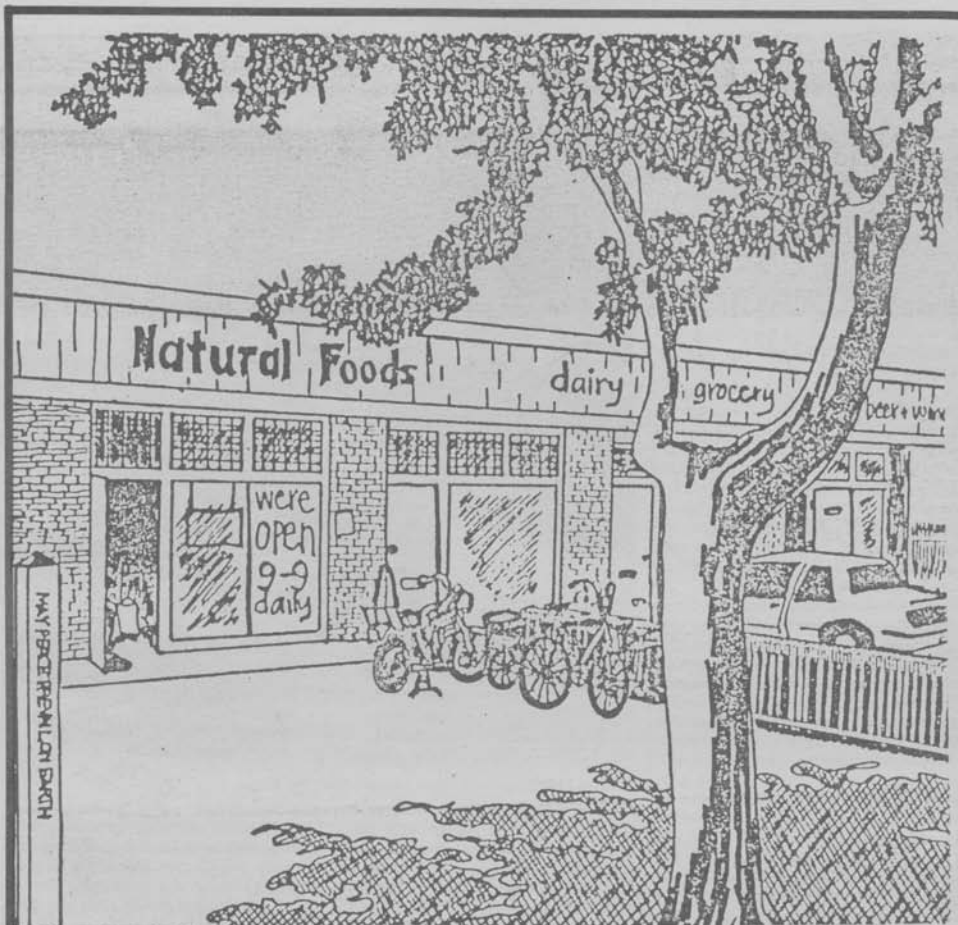
It is wise to make reservations in advance for weekend visits to Tijuana since most of the nicer places fill up by 2 pm on a Friday and even earlier on Saturdays. You can direct dial TJ from most places in the States by dialing 011-52-66 (preceded by 10288 if you don't have AT&T) and then the Tijuana number.

Public transportation in Tijuana is excellent and inexpensive — a car is hardly needed to get around the city. Busses cost ten to twenty cents, even to travel several miles. You can even go the 15 miles to the beach town of Rosarito for under \$1. And taxis cost only a dollar or two to travel any place in the city. If you do drive there, however, be certain to check your car insurance policy — it may not apply in Mexico. Vendors selling such insurance for about \$5/day clutter both sides of the border. My favorite is "Dirty Dan" Sanborn's in San Ysidro because they give you a free map with traveler's information. And, while you don't need any personal travel documents to visit TJ, you do need ownership papers to secure car insurance.

All in all, if you can get by the glare of its border town glitz, a few days in Tijuana can be a lot of fun.



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UCSB ADMINISTRATION spokesperson Dick Jensen (center, with dark jacket) at the A.S. Leg. Council meeting. To his left is Betty Thomas, coordinator for the Yes of Q campaign. To Jensen's right is Curtis Anderson, president of the Isla Vista Association which supports Measure Q. Standing in the rear is John Watson who spoke against Measure Q.

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group of community activists. He told the A.S. reps that, "Students aren't like these activists, they are just like the rest of the people in Goleta."

Isla Vista Community Council rep and Park Board member Mike Boyd told A.S. that, "I hope that you listen to our constituents on this issue. Nine advisory elections in I.V., the most recent one just last November, plus two conducted by A.S. for only students, have all supported I.V. cityhood and opposed incorporating with Goleta."

Goleta resident John Watson drew a lot of applause when he pointed out that "we shouldn't even have to be here discussing Measure Q. I.V. and Goleta residents petitioned LAFCO for their God given right for self government, and the County turned it around and is forcing us to consider a combined city instead of the independent ones we asked for. The County told us 'we won't give you the kind of government you want; we'll only let you have the one that we want you to have!'"

David Lehr noted at this point that "if A.S. were motivating students the way we should be, the way we can if we do it correctly, then we could be heard in a City of Goleta."

IVCC rep Sharlene Weed disagreed, saying that having one I.V. city council seat of seven in this City of Goleta is "no big change" from the one of five we currently have with County government.

Shortly before the vote, Jacobson asked A.S. reps to vote "as if you are going to live here forever, as if you are going to live with the consequences of your vote. Don't be 'ballot box citizens' like the people you see on Del Playa who will sign any petition that is placed before them."

A.S. president Curtis Robinson then pointed out that A.S. reps *had* been studying this issue, and that they should vote this evening in order to give their constituents the benefit of their informed opinion. The result was a nearly unanimous endorsement of a No vote on Measure Q for this November 3rd election.