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Goleta at the Crossroads, Part One

Goleta's Schools Face Big Changes

Discipline How It Works

by Katherine Foster, Isla Vista FREE PRESS Reporter

Most thirteen-year olds are bursting with energy. They want to discover the world, test themselves. But just at this wonderful point in their eagerness, school enters the picture.

Kids have to go to the same place everyday, sit in the same rooms and even in the same seats. Everyday from morning until afternoon. And then there's homework to do in the spare time

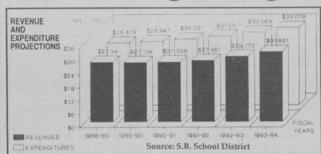
The FREE PRESS interviews some of the students who set fire to the Goleta Valley Junior High.

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remaining to them.

Fine. Kids have got to learn how to work, to study, to prepare themselves for adulthood in society. Adults understand this, and in many ways, that's what they

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SCHOOLS FACING BIG BUDGET DEFICITS

The Santa Barbara School Board is considering closing down Dos Pueblos High School and combining the students of their three high schools into two (San Marcos and Santa Barbara High).

As an alternative, they are also considering closing all of their junior high schools and making the three high school campuses grades 7 through 12.

None of these alternatives are very good, but a look at the figures gives adequate justification for the very drastic actions they are considering.
Just 10 years ago, the high schools and

junior highs had a total of 11,806 students, down from the 1973-74 total of 13,037 thought to be near the physical capacity of the school system.

Today find only 7,595 students enrolled - a drop of more than 40% over 15

Since schools receive most of their revenue from the state based on the number of students enrolled, funding has dropped drastically in real terms as en-

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Special Report

STYROFOAM

a Problem We Can Do Something About

by Kim Stauley, Isla Vista FREE PRESS Writer

This generation of humans has truly become the first to have lost its innocence - we have it within our power to destroy the Earth. And it turns out that it's not nuclear weapons that pose the problem. It's environmental pollution resulting as a by-product of our economic activity.

Collectively, we now have become like Adam and Eve looking at the apple

- should we eat it or not? It is so difficult not to. There is so much institutional inertia compelling us to continue on the economic path we have been on since the Industrial Revolution, and the institutional arrangements that might turn this around appear to be so weak

But, there is one area that, as individuals, we can make a significant startstyrofoam.

Is that foam egg carton an essential item in your life? Can you live without that styrofoam "clam shell" that houses your Big Mac? Is the convenience of styrofoam products worth the resulting negative environmental effects?

Holes in the ozone and decreasing space in our landfills are prompting politicians, environmentalists, and Isla Vistans alike to seek solutions to these critical problems.

Styrofoam products such as coffee cups and "to-go" food containers usually use chloroflourocarbons (CFC's) in the manufacturing process. Within the past ten years scientists have proven See STYROFOAM, page 2

"greenhouses" effect. Additional horror stories are distinct possibilities if we continue to manufacture CFC's. Environmental catastrophes occur over time, but no one knows if the consequences will appear tomorrow, six months from now, or in five years. What we do know is the changes that are occurring are serious. The effects thus far are only a small fraction of the possible global scenario; we need to take heed.

CFC's & Styrofoam

During the styrofoam manufacturing process, about ninety percent of the CFC's are emitted into the air. The remaining CFC's escape during storage, use, and degradation of the styrofoam products. Onceairborne, they rise to the stratosphere where they can remain for up to onehundred years. Research suggests that the amount of ozone has declined several percent since 1969. From 1978-86 there was a 4.4-7.8% decrease in ozone levels in the non-polar regions. In 1985, Antarctic researchers were shocked when the springtime ozone had diminished to nearly half of what they had measured a few years

What's even more scary is that scien-

tists assert that even if we stopped using all CFC's now, it would take ten years to notice an impact on the rate of ozone depletion.

If melting polar caps, food chain dis-ruptions and skin cancer don't convince you that styrofoam is bad news, the list

> · Styrofoam is a persistent waste material. Unlike paper products, styrofoam does not biodegrade in landfills. Thus, the space it consumes is never reduced. Landfill space is becoming an increasingly scarce commodity. Santa Barbara County, for example, has a capacity of only 18 more years of use even after the completion of the current expansion plans. And such land is expensive. For these reasons, Wilson Hubble, the superintendent of the solid waste division for the County describes styrofoam as a major problem.

· When styrofoam is incinerated, toxic by-products are emitted into the atmosphere, and there is some evidence that toxics leach into the food products that are contained

in styrofoam.

 Our fast-paced, convenience permeated lifestyles have created many styrofoam products that we use one time and then throw away. Out of sight, out of mind . . . for now anyway. Besides the unsightly litter this creates, there have been numerous incidents of death and

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From International to Community Efforts to Curtail StyrofoamUse

Responding to the obvious need for an international agreement on the chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) threat, thirtyseven nations that use and produce CFCs have agreed to a schedule of cutbacks in CFC production. This achievement was the result of an international meeting in Montreal, Canada in 1987. The international protocol states that by 1989 CFC production be reverted to 1986 levels, and by 1999 to about fifty percent of that. The protocol however, does allow developing countries to increase their use of CFCs if it will help their economic development.

Environmentalists, including Carl Sagan, feel that while the protocol is a step in the right direction, it does not offer enough protection. In a recent article, Sagan writes, "What is needed is a worldwide ban on CFCs as rapidly as possible; then wait a century or two while the atmosphere cleans itself. The longer we dawdle, the greater the dan-

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has responded as it typically does to environmental problems. They are conducting two major studies: one, examining policy trends and two, setting down policy options that would help stabilize the atmosphere.

In the private sector, as a result of the international protocol and public pressure, several U.S. companies will have to alter their current operations. DuPont, the world's largest producer of CFCs, and other large chemical companies will be compelled to place more money into the research and development of safe alternatives. Some fast food restaurants have banned (Subway, Burger King), or are in the process of banning (Carl's Jr.) styrofoam. While others (McDonalds) are still researching the alternatives

The states of California, Michigan,

Oregon, Vermont and New York have either introduced legislation or developed a plan for manufacturers concerning the prohibition of manufacturing and/or selling styrofoam made with CFC's.

Local Responses

Several communities have taken this issue into their own hands. Berkeley has not only addressed the CFC issue, but ALL the environmental factors associated with styrofoam. In September 1987, the Berkeley City Council unanimously passed an ordi-nance prohibiting the sale of styrofoam food containers made with CFCs. Presently Berkeley is working on a proposal to ban all styrofoam products sold in Berkeley targeting the associated landfill and litter problems. The Los Angeles City Council also

recently passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale, manufacture and distribution of styrofoam products made with CFC and/or hydrocarbon-based chemicals effective as of July 1, 1989. The City of Santa Monica has

banned the use of styrofoam packaging materials at two beachside McDonald's restaurants due to the incessant litter problem. These McDonald's are now only allowed to use recycled paper products.

Individual concern continues to be pivotal in the struggle to save life on this planet from environmental pollution. International agreement is a step in the right direction, but bureaucracy and loopholes decrease the possibility of significant change. National change occurs slowly because it tends to concentrate on complicated legislation providing economic incentives to producers. Local change appears to be easier as foresighted individuals develop community support.

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SMALL TURNOUT FOR FEDERATION

Although less than twenty people showed up at the December 5th Federation meeting, several good suggestions were made. The best one was to invite the 6600 block of Del Playa to become a member of the Federation, since so much time is spent talking about that area of LV. County Supervisor (far right) told the meeting that he was taking the Redevelopment Agency to the Board of Supervisors Dec. 12.

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injury to marine animals who mistake styrofoam litter for food.
Styrofoam remains in the environment for hundreds of years, be it in the stratosphere eating ozone, in land files as "solid waste" or on the land and in the ocean as "list.

 Styrofoam is made of non-renewable resources: natural gas and petroleum. Oil can only be obtained by increasingly hazardous methods such as off-shore drilling, which itself poses significant dangers to the environ-

 Pintane, the common substitute for CFC's in the manufacturing process of styrofoam, is highly flammable and oxidizes very quickly in sun light contributing to smog and poosing health hazards to workers.

Most uses of styrofoam are frivolous

and substitutes are readily available. The social cost of continuing to use "to go" containers and packaging material made of styrofoam clearly outweighs the benefits. Styrofoam is not the only cause of ozone depletion, and it isn't the only reasonour land fill space is filling up so quickly. It is just part of a whole mountain of problems propelling us toward that point of no return in environmental pollution. But styrofoam has the one distinct advantage that we can do something about it.

With styrofoam, we don't have to wait for international treaties — we can act as individuals and as communities. Start carrying a glass coffee cup in your backpack or briefcase. Ask for paper products when you get food "to go". Call your County Supervisor and tell him we want a local ordinance banning styrofoam uses as soon as possible.

This personal action may be a small part of the whole problem, but we've got to start somewhere and most importantly, we have to start now.

Curtailing Styrofoam Use

UCSB Students Make Good Start

For all you skeptics, it is possible to create change if you speak out. Over one thousand UCSB students signed a petition last year calling for a ban on styrofoam containers on campus.

Due to the work of individuals comprising Earth First!, Calpirg, and Scienitsts and Engineers for Responsible Technology, a petition was presented to the Associated Students Legislative Council. Leg. Council, which represents UCSB students, voted that the use of styrofoam on campus should be discontinued in light of its trivial usage compared to its social cost, and the introduction of less harmful, biodegradable materials as alternatives be pursued.

As a result, from student pressure and education, the UCen Governance Board has agreed with the students and has already phased out styrofoam products and switched over to biodegradable paper products.

Logistically, the transition from styrofoam to paper seems to have occurred with little difficulty. The main customer complaint concerns the paper cups for hot beverages. The cups do not provide substantial insulation, thus beverages do not stay hot as long and the cups are sometimes too hot to hold. Further increasing this problem, the 8-ounce cups are not made with handles. The solution thus far has been to use two cups, or use napkins to prevent burning ones hands. The only item without a suitable substitute is a bowl for soup. The paper soup bowls are problematical due to leaching.

Financially, there is a significant difference between styrofoam and paper products. Surprisingly, each paper cup costs approximately five cents more than its styrofoam counterpart. The switch from styrofoam to paper products will increase the four million dollar budget anywhere from fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars.

Kenji Matuoka, director of the UCen dining services believes the social benefits of using paper are definitely worth the minor logistical problems he and his customers are working to overcome.

Due to the foresight, knowledge and concern of a few people, more people have been educated on the styrofoam problem and a change implemented. This will further promote education, foresight and change on this critical issue.





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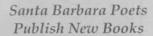
Ziggy Marley, Conscious Party





Roy Orbison (1936-1988

The music world was saddened to learn of the death of one of its most original characters when Roy Orbison died of a massive heart stroke last Tuesday night. One of the most distinctive singers in rock, Orbison was known for his crescendoing falsetto, introverted manner, and bluesy rockabilly ballads.



Even in a literary community like Santa Barbara, it is a cause for celebration when two local writers publish new poetry collections at the same time. Santa Barbarans Lauren Mesa and Barry Spacks, both award-winning poets, each published new poetry collections recently, and will read their works on Sunday, December 11 at 8 PM in the Unitarian Society's Parrish Hall, located at 1535 Santa Barbara Street. The reading will be free to the public.

Barry Špacks is the author of Spacks Street: New and Selected Poems (1982), which won the Poetry Medal of the Commonwealth Club of California, as well as two novels and five other poetry collections. His most recent book is Brief Sparrow (Illuminati, 1988). Among other honors and recognitions are the St. Botolph's Arts Award and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. A professor emeritus from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a "persistently visiting" professor at UCSB, Spacks is also an actor and singer-songwriter who lent heart, soul and body to the musical ensemble Three Hands Clapping.



John Mayall and the Bluesbreakers will perform at the Graduate in Isla Vista this Saturday night. Born in Manchester, England, Mayall is considered the "Godfather of the British Blues." Opening up for Mayall will be Danny Phillips on the acoustic guitar.

"Barry Spacks' Poems have always been exceptionally readable because, even when the subjects are poignant or distressing, the words are at play, rejoicing in their adequacy to life," wrote America's poet laureate Richard Wilbur. "Clear, energetic, prodigal, ebullient, human, these poems are good company."

Lauren Mesa won second place in the National Writers' Union Competition in 1986, and this year earned first place in the Southern California Poetry Journal's Competition. A painter and calligrapher, Mesa illustrated Middle-Ground (Silverfish, 1987), her first poetry collection, and has also published poems in numerous literary magazines, including the Cumberlana Poetry Review, and the Laurel Review CutBank and Poetry. Mesa counts among her artistic influences Gerard Manley Hopkins, Rilke, and the writers of the Biblio.

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Movie Review

TequilaSunrise

written and directed by Robert Towne (Warner Bro.)

How's this for a plot; boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl?

Tequila Sunrise tries to be unpredictable, but isn't. While good doesn't exactly triumph over evil, the people who the audience are supposed to like all come out on top, and everybody the audience isn't supposed to like gets shot.

But that's okay. The actors are gorgeous, the photography beautiful, the setting marvelous, the editing crisp, and the script, for the most part, pretty good.

Sure, the audience I saw the film with cracked up when detective Kurt Russell lamely spills his guts to restaurateur Michelle Pfeiffer, apologizing for having seduced her in order to get information about his drug-dealing buddy Mel Gibson. And Pfeiffer seems like a woman from another planet trying to simultaneously depict an iron-like toughness about running her business and a flakey vapidness when it comes to her sex life. And Mel Gibson is supposed to be a warm sensitive guy who is also the biggest cocaine dealer in South L.A.

Butit's a fun, albiet superficial movie, with gasoline explosions and a rousing climax. Get yourself a date and go.

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BURNING DOWN SCHOOLS

Recently, the Isla Vista FREE PRESS interviewed some of the five teenage boys involved with setting a fire in the offices of the Goleta Valley Junior High School last June. Also present during the discussion were some of their friends. The interview is intentionally written in such a way to disguise the identity of the person speaking. No one from this group has been interviewed by the media before this.

Free Press: The article about the school burning in the Santa Barbara Independent portrayed you as "Skinheads". Is that

A: It's not true. Two of us did have shaved heads, but that doesn't mean anything, It's not like we are neo-Nazis or punkers setting out to burn down the Court House.

Free Press: The Independent also said that you were all "runaways" and that you hung out with "the group of Goleta youths who attacked the Junior High's vice principal" the week before.

B: That's not true either. We weren't all runaways, and while we knew the kid who had a fight with the vice principal, we never hung out with him. They're just trying to make us out as real weirdos, outcasts. In fact, people treat us like gods now. People ask what happened in awe. They wished they could have been there. The newspapers even said that we weren't students at GVJH, but four out of five of us had been before we got kicked out.

Free Press: So you were trying to get revenge when you burned the office building?

C: No, it wasn't anything like that. We were just drunk. We had been drinking midnight. We usually party there on the weekend. Four of us split two twelve packs of beer and one drank a pint of tequila. We didn't have any marijuana.

About 1 AM we decided to start moving. We walked over to the school and one of us kicked in a ground level window. Another one kicked at it, too, trying to show it was reinforced and wouldn't break. But it did. Another one reached in and unlatched the door. It was all open to us. We walked in.

We started throwing things around. We broke up some trophies, we broke all of the computers, we (urinated) into the P.A. system - that was great. We tried to get into the vice-principals office - he's a real d-, but it was locked. Then we started throwing papers around, until the floor was probably four inches deep in papers. Pretty soon we left.

Then one of us went back inside — he said he forgot something. After a few minutes, we went looking for him, and there he was lighting little fires in the papers on the floor - one here, one there. We tried to put them out, but there were just too many. So we had to leave.

We could smell the smoke from the fire while we were going home.

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the newspaper accounts said that you lit the fire because "a match represents awesome power to a teenage boy. It's a way to exercise power in a world you feel nowerless in.

D: That's b.s., too. Sure, it's everyone's dream to burn down your school . . to just get rid of it. Whenever a fire alarm goes off or you hear fire sirens, everybody hopes it's their school. But, that's not why we did it. The fire thing was just one guy's act. Besides, I'm sure we caused a lot more damage before the fire was set than the

Don't get me wrong. We did hate the school. Especially the vice-principal because he went out of his way to get some of us kicked out of GVJH. But everybody hates him. The guy he replaced had been at GV] H since it was built and he only ever expelled two kids in all of those years. But this new guy thinks he's some kind of stud - he's trying to change the whole school. I mean, he kicked out one of us for just having a pack of cigarettes on him.

But still, we didn't go into the school intending to start a fire. If we had, we wouldn't have left our fingerprints all over everything.

It was just too much alcohol.

Free Press: How did you get caught? E: The neighbors had heard us drinking on the playground before we went into the school. They saw us, recognized a couple of us. It wasn't tough to follow it from there.

Free Press: What did you learn from this? F: When someone asks me if I was the one who burned down the school, I say yes, I did it. But, we didn't do it for revenge or



The office at Goleta Valley JH is still boarded up after last June's fire.

anything like that. We'd been drinking too much and it got out of hand. When someone is drunk and gets into a car accident, they don't start calling them "weirdos", "skinheads", and all that other stuff. It just happened.

It was a mistake.

As a result of the incident, most of the boys are in some kind of probation school, but one is in a youth camp down South. The school district has not yet made the parents of the boys pay the \$25,000 deductible on its \$300,000 insurance claim. One of the boys thinks that this is because the school office had no burglar alarm and no fire alarm, making it difficult to pursue this matter legally. Although the school had announced that the office would re-open in September, it is still boarded up.



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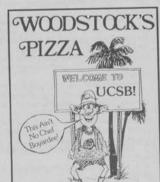
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rollment has declined. The year, the District expects a revenue shortfall of close to \$1,000,000, and the coming years are expected to be even worse. See the chart on page one of this story.

"We've cut district personnel to the bare bone already," says Marilyn Gross, president of the Dos Pueblos PTA. "Where can we make any more changes that won't have even more devastating impacts on the education system," she said in a recent interview.

The District has said that it has had to cutback on several course offerings, especially in foreign languages, business education, and the visual and performing arts. Some teachers are already traveling from campus to campus to make some courses available systemwide.

And as the teaching staff is cut back,

fewer and fewer younger teachers survive, thus depriving students access to recent college graduates.

"I really don't think that Dos Pueblos has been targeted for closing," says Kathy Zonano, a 12th grader at Dos Pueblos who is a student representative to the school board and involved in this discussion since it began. "On thing is certain though, they aren't going to close Santa Barbara High. There's just too much prestige involved."

"But it is just as likely that they will chose to close the junior highs at this point," she concluded.

Things do not look much better in the coming years. While enrollment is expected to begin increasing about 1991, it will never get back to the number of fifteen years ago. The school administration gave up its office building on Santa Bar-



Kathy Zonano, a senior, thinks decision about closing D.P. hasn't been made yet.

bara Street six years ago, having rented it out. Already, some classrooms at existing schools have been rented out as it comes

available.

Things are not likely to be the same again.

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expect most from the school system. But do kids? Often times the result of these different expectations result in "discipline" problems.

Dealing with "Discipline"

If kids give into their natural sense of rebellion at all of the control mechanisms schools use, who gets the brunt of their energetic disagreements? It's teachers.

Would parents want to teach 150 kids a day as they try to stretch their wings? Only the most dedicated would.

"To teach in Junior High you have to be a good, good teacher," says Goleta Valley Junior High School principal Linton Roberts.

"Youngsters are good," he stresses, but "they are going through the most emotional and physical changes since babyhood. They are trying to be independent and are not totally able to do that. We have to understand this metamorphosis is going on."

"Mostkids with discipline problems in school are just bored," says Margaret Connell, a twelve year member of the Santa Barbara School District Board which includes both the high schools and the junior highs, but not the elementary schools in Goleta and Isla Vista.

"These are really the easiest to deal with," she went on.

But what about kids with more serious problems?

More Serious Problems

"Some students feel like failures since the second grade. They are not getting many rewards in school where, by federal law, they have to spend a lot of their time," Connell said.

"In the past, we've tended to categorize kids, in different reading groups for example," she went on. This can influence a teacher's expectations of what students can do and how he or she treats them in subtle, unintentional ways. Teachers sometimes give more time to answer a question to a student they expect has the right answer and less to students they expect don't, Connell explained.

But feeling left out is just one aspect of a child's frustrations in school. Some suffer from tragic home situations.

"Youngsters bring the complexities of their lives to school and they are not always lista Vista FREE PRESS, December 8, 1988, page 10

able to deal with them," says Roberts. In many cases, it is necessary to know the home environment and to be working with the parents of the students, too.

"There's only so much teachers and school can do if they don't have the support of the parents," said Pat Finn, co-president of Goleta Valley Junior High's Parent-Teacher association.

One of the major tools the schools have to deal with kids who are discipline problems are the school counselors and psychologists. "But, due to budget cuts, there are fewer and fewer trained counseling staff persons on the permanent faculty.

At the elementary level, Goleta Union School board member Richard Mayer said that "We're just hanging on by the skin of our teeth with the psychology and counseling programs."

Psychologists often rotate from school to school in the junior high and high schools, according to Connell. Even then, psychologists primarily test students for special education classes and don't do much counseling, she explained. In fact, the school district has taken to contracting out counseling services to a private, non-profit organization called Klein Bottle/Social Advocates for Youth.

Alternative Schools

"The kids who drop out of school for personal or drug problems often wind up in "alternative classroom" situations, explained Marilyn Gross, president of the Dos Pueblos High School PTA. In these classes, teachers work one-on-one with students, trying to get them back on track and into regular classes, she said.

But these classes often play to the lowest common denominator. One student we spoke with complained that he is being taught 6th grade level math in one of these alternative schools although he had already completed eighth grade math satisfactorily before he was sent to the "alternative" school.

Older Students

It appears that the farther along students progress in public schools, the "discipline" problems become less pronounced. The contrast between the junior high and the high school on this point is remarkable. "Dos Pueblos doesn't really have a big discipline problem," Gross maintained. "The kids are given responsibility early on," she said. Students from all grades can enroll in a "leadership" class, where, working with the vice-principal, they make decisions for the rest of the students. "The other kids tend to follow their lead," she added.

Discipline is up to individual teachers, explained twelfth-grader Kathy Zonana, a two-year member of Dos Pueblos High School's élected student senate. At DP there is no detention system, she says.

High school students tend to get sent

to the "alternative" schools because they are not advancing academically, not for disciplinary reasons.

Pat Finn seemed to think that problems were imbedded in the kids from their background. "Kids who are problems don't stop being problems because the problems go way back," she said.

But student Kathy Zonana was more optimistic. "We aren't taught peaceful ways of making our feelings known. Students can have a voice if they are taught how to use it," she concluded.

Some teenagers are articulate. What of the ones who aren't?



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Guilt is an insidious emotion. The slightest feeling of guilt can reduce the most Butkus-like man or Thatcher-like woman to a beaten, slouching, cringing, corner-shadow dog.

Not owning up to guilt can make us do things that are totally opposite of what is not only the best for us but also the very things that can alleviate the guilt feeling itself.

I am a perfect example of this, I'm afraid to say. I'm riddled with guilt. I know what to do to rid myself of the problem, but I just can't bring myself to take the necessary steps.

You see, I've had this pain in one of my front lower teeth for over a year now. I'm fairly sure that the pain is the direct result of the build up of plaque. In fact, I think I've got enough plaque to build a seawall.

The reason I can be so sure of the cause of my pain is because it's happened before. And there's the root of my guilty feelings. The last time I had this problem, my dentist lectured me that I wasn't taking proper care of my teeth, that I wasn't those in the control of the care of the teeth, that if I came to him again with the same problem, he wouldn't help me. He lectured me so much that I was wishing I could turn on his drill so I wouldn't have to histen to him carry on. I mean, I'm a grown man, a pillar in my community, with a responsible job, and this gay is showing me the up and down stroking of the brush and the



Guilt

proper way to floss like I was in the third grade!

I just can't go back to the dentist and confess my guilt. I brushed like he said and flossed like he said but my pain tells me that I must have sinned against the ADA, god, and country. And, I know the dentist's retribution will be swift and certain.

I'm not concerned with the sometimes eye-popping pain in my tooth; with the high-pitched, piercing mosquito whine of the drill that can drive me to my knees; with the mile long needle that I'm afraid will come out of the bottom of my chin; with the scraping to be done with his Marquis de Sade tool set. No, these are petty concerns and would not for a second keep me from visiting the dentist. I just can't go because of what I know I would get — The Lecture.

As I see it, there are only three possibilities open to me endure the pain forever; dogood deeds and hope my Kharma cures the pain; utilize the old string and doorknob school of dentistry. Any of these are better than facing the dentist.

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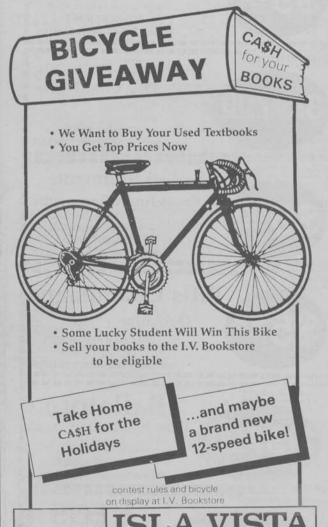
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From the Publisher's Desk

It always burns me whenever I see a news story that Davis or Berkeley or Santa Cruz has introduced some new recycling project or an innovative social service or a solar energy project. Or one of their police departments has been awarded by a citizens group for having successfully introduced a new rape prevention program. Or one of their road departments adds some new bikelanes to cut down on accidents.

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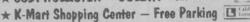
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