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FRANCISCO TORRES FROM THE TOWERS

It Was a Ball!

by Valerie Sharpe
I.V. Free Press Staff Writer



Living up to it's reputation and popularly-used nickname, "Club Torres," Francisco Torres hosts several noteworthy social activities through the year.

On Saturday, January 22nd, Francisco Torres funded a Winter Semi-Formal. Organized by a promotions committee of four resident assistants and a resident director, the event was intended to offer residents a social activity off the property with a change of pace. Previously, the formal took place at The Graduate in Isla Vista. However, this year, the management of The Graduate thought it was poor PR to sell out the club to Francisco Torres for the night, so the formal event was held at The Pub on campus. For convenience and safety, there was a shuttle to take residents to and from The Pub throughout the evening.

A lot of people were initially pessimistic about the event. When asked early in the week if she planned to attend, one resident replied, "Are you kidding? You just sit there and watch people cry because someone left with someone else. It's just like high school." Lisa Lettini was hesitant to attend because she didn't have a date. Katie Charm said she "...didn't have a thing to wear." Also, the fact that the event was alcohol-free turned off some people.

Yet, when Saturday rolled around, attitudes changed. Having "...nothing better to do..." 500 to 600 residents searched their closets, asserted their independence and arrived — with and without escorts. According to Julie Pirolli, "The formal didn't get kicking until 11:00." But the dance music provided by a DJ was great and Francisco Torres wound up having another splendid social event to add to its repertoire.

Super Bowl Blast

On Super Bowl Sunday, residents will have the chance to cheer and boo their respective teams together. There will be two large screen TVs in the Fiesta Room. In keeping with the spirit of the game, Francisco Torres will sell 25¢ hot dogs and cokes.

Ski Trip by 3 North

On a more intimate level, some residents of Francisco Torres will be able to socialize in the beautiful, serene surroundings of northern California. Organized by their floor social committee, 3 North plans a ski trip to Mammoth the week of April 1st.

Upcoming Events:
Airbands 2, Feb. 9

SIDEWALKS, PARKING, & STREET CLEANING

FEDERATION MEETS TO BEGIN ADDRESSING LONG AGENDA

by Carmen Lodise
I.V. Free Press Publisher

About twenty persons attended the Monday, January 25th Isla Vista Federation meeting at which sidewalks, street cleaning, and parking problems dominated the discussion.

The Federation, a loose collection of Isla Vista property owners, landlords, agencies, businesses, student & community elected officials and the UCSB administration has been meeting off and on since 1985. County Supervisor and I.V. resident Bill Wallace chairs the meetings. The intention of the January 25th meeting was to begin discussing

At this point, we are forced to look for draconian solutions (to the parking problem).

Leo Jacobson
Isla Vista Association

a list of approximately 19 issues identified at the December 7th meeting as important to the community.

The most animated discussion was about the parking problem. Isla Vista Association leader Leo Jacobson. "With 18,000 students at UCSB, it becomes the community's responsibility to accommodate the added people in town. But, we don't have a responsibility to accommodate all of these additional cars!", he said emphatically. "At this point we are forced to look for draconian solutions."

This reporter suggested that UCSB follow the example of several other college towns and not allow students under 21 years of age to have cars at school.

But June Colfax, manager of the Berkshire Terrace apartments, quickly responded that "Students have rights. They're part of this community, too."

Glenn Lazof, general manager of the I.V. Recreation and Park District said he was concerned that I.V. businesses, apartment owners and the University administration seem to be ready to buy up vacant lots to be converted to parking spaces. "We may see all of the remaining vacant lots used up in this manner and still not solve the problem. I'm hoping that UCSB will build a large storage-type parking lot on campus. I know that they are considering it now," he told the group. "This could lead to a decline of as much as 25% of the cars on the street."

Jacobson was appointed chair of a committee to begin examining alternatives to the parking problem. It will meet at his house on February 9th and report back to the February Federation meeting.

Street Cleaning

The parking and street cleaning issues overlapped considerably. Most people agreed that the mechanized street cleaning program of the Isla Vista Sanitary District doesn't do

much good because it can't reach the curb due to the abundance of parked cars. However, one woman from the West end of I.V. which is mostly single-family residences with ample off street parking, felt that the current system was quite adequate.

In examining alternatives for the part of town in which 95% of the people live, most felt that asking people to not park along the curbs one day a week didn't seem to be a solution both because there are no alternative parking spaces and because the police (Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol) say they don't have the personnel to enforce such a plan.

Dave Bearman, a board member of the I.V. Sanitary District (which also includes all of Goleta West of the airport), said that the I.V. Park District's people-powered street sweeping program seems to be far superior than the mechanized program conducted by the San. District, at least in I.V. However, there seems to be a problem with the two I.V. residents on the San. Board (Harvey Gish and Dave Lewis) in continuing the park district's program.

Begun as a demonstration project about one-year ago, the people-powered program will run out of County and UCSB funds in April. The park district has been asking the I.V. San. Board to pick up the tab through June when it is hoped the University administration, the County and the San. District will jointly fund the project into the future.

In response to some skepticism on the part of John Sommer, a fellow St. Athanasius Church member with Gish and Lewis, the Federation agreed to set up a committee chaired by Bearman to examine the effectiveness of the park district's street sweeping program and report back at the February meeting.

Completing Sidewalks

The Federation members also struggled with the problems of completing the construction of sidewalks in I.V. and tightening up the structure of the Federation. Wallace asked to ask County staff to further examine options for building more sidewalks in order to improve pedestrian safety. It also was agreed to place Federation organization at the top of the agenda of next month's meeting. One of the problems is that the URC, the current meeting place of the Federation, wants to begin charging \$50 per meeting for the space.

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STUDENTS TRY TO HELP HOMELESS

Several UCSB students involved with the Community Affairs Board's Isla Vista Project and Homeless Project approached the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District board of directors at their January 21st meeting in an attempt to reopen the evening drop-in center that the district operated on and off for several months last year.

The drop-in center was operated at the old park district offices at 889 Camino del Sur.

"There already exists reasonable food and medical care support for this area's homeless," said Briget Wandruff of CAB's Homeless Project, "but what they don't have is the kind of support for those who want to get going to get off the streets. We want to re-open the park district's 'community center' project as a drop-in center between 7 and 11 PM."

After some skepticism from both board members and the district staff which had been most closely involved with the previous efforts, the board directed their staff to work with the CAB volunteers to see if a satisfactory program could be worked out. Wandruff acknowledged the shortcomings of



BRIGET WANDRUFF of the CAB's Homeless Project in front of the old Park District offices at 889 Camino del Sur which she hopes will be re-opened as an evening drop-in center for the community's homeless.

an all volunteer staffed program and said she planned to seek a grant to get a core paid staff.

I.V. FOOT PATROL INCREASES TICKETING

Sgt. James Drinkwater told the I.V. Federation at their January 25 meeting that the Foot Patrol has stepped up its issuing of tickets for illegal parking to almost 400 a month in the past few weeks. "Myself and my partner issued 18 in just two hours today," he said at the meeting.

"We're looking especially for cars parked in red zones, in intersections, and more than 18 inches away from the curb," Drinkwater said.

TEXACO TO SELL BIGGEST OPEN SPACE REMAINING IN ISLA VISTA



Texaco has announced that it wants to sell the 24 acre parcel it owns that surrounds Isla Vista Elementary School to the East and South. They have already offered it to the Goleta Union School District, but no response is as yet forthcoming.

The land is popularly known as the Getty property after one of its previous owners.

Fence to be Constructed

John Buttny, administrative assistant to County Supervisor Bill Wallace told those gathered at the January 25th I.V. Federation meeting that Texaco will be constructing a temporary fence around the property as early as this weekend in order to prevent any future parking on the land by Francisco Torres residents. Texaco told Buttny that the fence will come down when they sell the property.

Buttny said that Texaco is seeking \$500,000 for the property. Because it does not have a water permit, it is unlikely that the purchaser could build on the property until the voter-approved moratorium on new water hook ups is lifted.

Wallace said that he and County staff will look into a possible combination of funding sources in order to secure the property for the community. One such source might be two open space purchase bonds on this coming June ballot, one by the I.V. Rec. and Park District and one by the state.

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ENTERTAINMENT & ARTS

FEAR HEIPLE, EDITOR



Genius/Goofballs NRBQ will perform at Oscar's, 1128 Chapala St., Santa Barbara, on Friday, January 29. Local rockers *Toad the Wet Sprocket* will open up for NRBQ.

NRBQ — wherever music goes, these guys have been there and left.

After some twenty years and fifteen albums, NRBQ remains the child prodigy that the Bigtime Headmaster just doesn't know what to do with. Sure, a quick study with a tremendous intuitive command of all subjects but, and this will go on your permanent record, young band, your attitude is sorely lacking. Just as many years of critical praise dripper than this has done nothing to dampen that ever-expanding lack

of attitude. The child rages on in wide-eyed wonder.

In their own left-handed way, NRBQ can remind us of the singularly remarkable diversity that a world with bigger ears once welcomed from the Beatles. Let that dangerous comparison stop here, however, for NRBQ is another animal entirely.

When Keith Richards was putting together his dream band to back up Chuck Berry for *Hail, Hail, Rock'n Roll*, bassist Joey Spampinato got the call. Way back when, the Q did an LP with Carl Perkins. These are the same guys that were asked to contribute a jazz instrumental to a Thelonius Monk tribute album (Terry Adams is, after all, part Monk, part Jerry Lee, and a little part Samsomite gorilla) and then recorded with Skeeter ("End of the World") Davis on a stone country effort featuring Al Anderson's tasty Telecaster work. Not bad for a handful of rascals who decided to call themselves the New Rhythm and Blues Quartet.

But mere chameleon-ism don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing and "new-comer" drummer of 14 years Tommy Ardolino sees to just that. Yes, the real bottom line with these guys is that when they lock, and it can happen at any time in a set, they rock...FEROCIOUSLY ... just for the fun of it.

They've written enough great songs to give car radios everywhere reason to hope for an afterlife. On stage, from Sun Ra to the Chipmunks to Herman's Hermits to Johnny Cash to Carla Bley, anything goes when a quartet is long in the tooth, but still wet behind the ears.

So do yourself a favor and get a dose of this extraordinary little bar band. Wear whatever you please. They will.

— Jeff Levy

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music review

MEAT PUPPETS, *Huevos*. (SST)

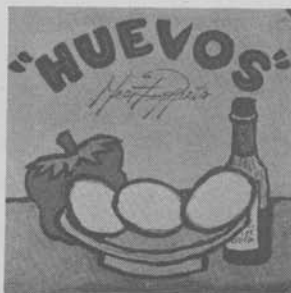
Strange things happen in the desert. Mighty strange things. One of the strangest is this Phoenix-based trio.

Huevos is their fifth album and their best to date. It follows *Mirage*, which was released last Spring. *Mirage* had a restrained feel to most of it. It seemed as if they were trying to move beyond their punk-trash roots into the mainstream of rock and roll. But on the last song of the record, "Liquefied," they unleash the raw energy pent-up by their ill-advised stab at respectability. Let's call it even.

Huevos finds the boys back at square one. They are much better musicians than when they recorded their first songs in 1981. And they have had the opportunity to experiment with a variety of stylings during their extensive tours. For example, at a punk concert in London, they opened their set with the theme to "The King and I." The ensuing downpour of beer bottles convinced them they were on to something.

Since then they have swallowed and regurgitated a variety of guitar-based styles, including Jeff Beck, Jerry Garcia, Credence, Leo Kottke, Neil Young, and an aperitif of Judas Priest. They proudly proclaim their admiration for Billy Gibbons and the Texas boogie of Z. Z. Top cab be felt lurking in the background of many of their songs.

But they seem to take these styles and



fry them in the sparse fury of their own Sonoran Desert. Then they add wild non-linear lyrics and deliver them in yelps, gurgles, and croaks. From *Huevos*' "Paradise" we find the image of "ivory whales high on corn bread." After hearing the song, one cannot imagine ivory whales high on anything else.

The Meat Puppets are singer/songwriter/guitarist Kurt Kirkwood, his brother Chris on bass, and drummer Derek Bostrom. Their concerts are wild, unpredictable events, and, happily, one is scheduled for February 6th at UCSB's UCen Pub.

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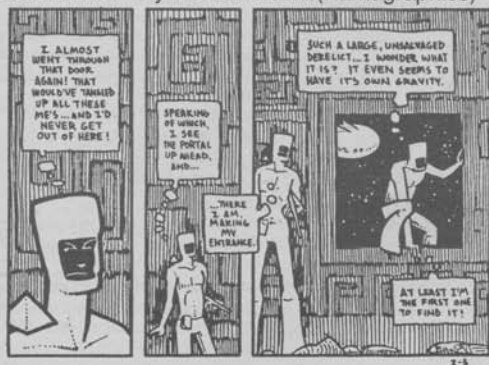
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comic book review

PARTICLE DREAMS

Written and drawn by Matt Howarth (Fantagraphics)



We all know what science fiction is, right? Space ships, ray guns, evil aliens, good aliens, and heroic men-of-action, right?

Well, usually.

Sometimes, albeit rarely, science fiction by the likes of Philip K. Dick, Barry Malzberg, and John Brunner will transcend these codified structures. And a few others, such as Stanislaw Lem and William Tenn, will actually ridicule them. But in the juvenile genre of the comic book, outer space is rarely more than a good setting for a punch-out between air-headed jocks motivated by some sort of futuristic Monroe Doctrine.

Particle Dreams is an exception.

It is the creation of Matt Howarth, whose stories first appeared in *Heavy Metal*. Howarth uses *Particle Dreams* as a vehicle for science fiction short stories and the chronicles of one Keif Llama. Llama is a lower-level functionary of a vast inter-galactic bureaucracy whose goals are as imperceptible as its rules and regulations are ubiquitous. She is usually sent out on assignment to unravel conflicts in the field, but occasionally she is minding her own business or training at the academy when she gets caught up in someone else's trouble.

Howarth's artwork is crisp line drawings with painstaking pointillism and sparing use of shading film. He loves to draw aliens. Whereas most comic book artists draw aliens as human bodies with large funny heads, Howarth's aliens are amazingly varied, ranging from huge blubbery worms decked in fashionable sunglasses to sentient stones and gaseous life-forms secretly envying the physical bodies of others.

His plots reel the mind. There are conspiracies and counter-conspiracies. And such precious short subjects as a girl's attempt at suicide who discovers reason to live in a drug-induced delirium. His masterpiece is the Mobius strip story. He has drawn two of these and they come with instructions for cutting strips out of the comic book and pasting them together into a Mobius strip so that a continuous story loop is created. This is perfect for "patience," a portrait of assorted beings waiting in line for bureaucratic processing, and "Folding Logic," a marvelous visit to a place that negates causality (see above).

After six issues of *Particle Dreams*, Howarth has decided that he has sufficiently laid the foundations for launching Keif in her own self-named comic book series. So in the future, don't look for *Particle Dreams*: look for *Keif Llama*. You'll be glad you did.

— Nils Hoffman



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Who cares any how? Bring on hoops and Spring Training!

Super Bowl Pick

Before we turn our fancy to these favorite past times, here's a pick for all us sickos who *must* bet a Diet Coke on the Scab Bowl, I mean Super Bore, I mean Super Bowl. This comes courtesy of "Chris the Bartender." Chris is the man who picked Washington in the Summer as the Super Bowl Champs. He also missed only one pick in the playoffs, that being Cleveland's loss to Denver — a tough loss indeed. Chris says go with the Skins, the better team, to win going away. Two words of warning: 1) It's risky to bet against John Elway, and 2) Chris' pre-season pick in baseball was St. Louis. Close, but no cigar!

Maybe #1 in Nation

This week's other tip — get out of

your arm chair and check out some local terrific talent on the basketball court. No, not UCSB's upset-minded Gauchos — we're talking about High School Round Ball.

Santa Barbara High School features two intriguing teams. On the boy's side there is 6'6" senior Paul Johnson who is headed for U.C.I.V. next Fall and some scouts think he is Jerry Pimm's best recruit to date.

But the feature show at SBHS is on the girl's side where Coach Ken Nedler of San Marcos High thinks that this is the best girl's basketball team he's ever seen — "I think they're probably the best team in the nation!"

The Lady Don's feature seven players 5'11" or over, a surprising fast break, and depth all along the bench. The Don's showcase front line is the Frowiss Twins, 6-2 senior Shannon in the middle, with sister Heather at 5-11 at forward.

Janelle Thompson leads the team in the back court. Nedler refers to her as the "silent assassin."

Throw in six footers Kate Carnell, Carrie Kaysic and Kristin Capp, you have maybe the best "Don" team since Jamal (Keith) Wilkes and Don Ford lead SBHS to the State Championship in the early 1970's.

Next Week: Rotisserie Baseball



WHERE TO WATCH THE SUPER BOWL

by L. J. Romo

I.V. Free Press Staff Writer

Yes sports fans, Super Bowl Sunday is once again upon us.

It's that one day of the year when you can make a complete fool of yourself by screaming and chanting for your team and (almost) no one will think you're too weird.

If you're having a hard time decided whether to do your performance in the privacy of your own home or to go public with it, several I.V. and Goleta restaurants are doing their best to entice you to take your act on the road.

Here's the run down as best as we could establish at press time:

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SPINNAKER'S GALLEY 955 Embarcadero del Mar, Isla Vista.

Spinnaker's will be showing the game on their two big screen TV's, and will offer a prime rib special and several beer bargains. In addition, prizes will be raffled off every five minutes during the game. Open 9 AM to 10 PM Sunday.

THE PUB In the UCen on the UCSB campus.

The Pub will be showing the game on their big screen TV and offering happy hour prices on everything. Open beginning 11 AM until after the game.

BOB & JEFF'S 140 South Los Cameros, Goleta.

Bob & Jeff are going to set of a TV out on their patio (weather permitting) to go along with their large screen on the wall inside. The regular Sunday champaign brunch begins at 8 AM. Special menu items through the day include a Tri-Tip BBQ and homemade lasagna. Prizes will be distributed throughout the game. Open 8 AM to 11 PM.

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ENTERTAINMENT/ARTS CALENDAR IslaVista/UCSB/Goleta

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Miguel Cruz and Skins, Caribbean music, UCen Pub, 8 PM. UCSB.
Celebrity City, The Shack, 5796 Dawson, Goleta.

FILM

Journey of a Young Composer, New Soviet Cinema Series, 8 PM. UCSB Campbell Hall.

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The State of Contemporary Painting, panel with Christopher Knight, Howard Singerman, Francis Colpitt, and Phyllis Plous.

FRIDAY 1/29

MUSIC

Chuck Rock and the Migraines, at The Shack. 5796 Dawson, Goleta.
Group Dynamics, Borsodi's, 939 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.

LECTURE

Persistence and Change in U.S. Foreign Policy: Latin America and the Middle East. by Noam Chomsky, 8 PM. UCSB Campbell Hall.

Saturday 1/30

MUSIC

Crashing Plains, the Mudheads, Chuck Rock and the Migraines, at The Shack. 5796 Dawson, Goleta.
Tom Ball and Kenny Sultan, Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte in Isla Vista.

Last Rites, Bob & Jeff's Pizza, 140 S. Los Caneros, Goleta.

FILM

Robo Cop, 7,9,11 PM. I.V. Theater.

Sunday 1/31

MUSIC

T'ir Na Nog, traditional Irish music and

theater, Irish food and beer on menu, Borsodi's. 938 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.
RADIO

60's Revisited hosted by Gerry DeWitt. 9 AM to Noon, KTYD 99.9 FM.

Fear of Music — Progressive rock hosted by Fear Heiple. 8-11 PM, KTYD 99.9 FM.
FILM

Trial on the Road, New Soviet Cinema Series, 8 PM. UCSB Campbell Hall.

Monday 2/1

MUSIC

Spontaneous Combustion — Jazz at Borsodi's. 938 Emb. del Norte, I.V.
ART

Other Worlds, photographs by Eve Fowler, UCSB Women's Center, show runs through Friday.

FILM

Suspect, 7,9,11 pm. I.V. Theater.

LECTURE

A Critical Look at Arms Control and Defense Spending, by Pat Schroeder, 7 PM, UCSB Campbell Hall.

Tuesday 2/2

MUSIC

The Volcano's — Santa Barbara's most popular local band. Alex's Cantina. 5918 Hollister, Goleta.

Just Us, folk music, Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.

RADIO

Dire Straits and the Police live in concert. 10 PM to Midnight. KTYD 99.9 FM.

FILM

Half Life: A Parable for the Nuclear Age, 8 PM, Isla Vista Theater.

Wednesday 2/3

MUSIC

Mirage, jazz fusion, Borsodi's. 938 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.

Last Rites, The Shack. 5796 Dawson, Goleta.

Happy Trails, Alex's Cantina, 5918 Hollister, Goleta.

Editorial

NEW PARK BOND ELECTION

Isla Vista vs. the County

In their attempt to put on next June's ballot a \$500,000 bond to purchase land in Isla Vista, I.V. Recreation and Park District officials are about to come to the place where they stumbled last Summer in their attempt to place a similar bond on last November's election.

Behind them is the months-long series of committee and board meetings, the public hearing in Anisq'Oyo Park, the report from their hired consultant, and dozens of hours of staff time to get to this point. Ahead is the actual campaign to pass the bonds, a campaign in which the Park District staff and board cannot officially be involved but can be as individuals. All of this will culminate in June when community residents will vote yes or no on the bonds.

But in between, over the next three weeks, park district officials will try to convince the County Board of Supervisors to place the bond question on the ballot.

The County's Previous Display of Arrogance

The Board of Supervisors don't have the legal authority to prevent the measure from going on the ballot, but this did not stop them from doing it last Summer. In late July, Park district officials had requested that a \$5,000,000 bond be placed on last November's ballot. But, the Board of Supervisors refused to do it on a 3-2 vote. This action came despite the advice from the County's own attorney that it probably wasn't legal. Because the vote by the Supervisors occurred with only one week to go before the deadline for placement of issues on November's ballot, there wasn't enough time to either ask for reconsideration or to pursue other alternatives.

Park District Has an Ace Up Their Sleeve

This time when they talk to the Board of Supervisors, park district officials will be armed with an alternative. Their bond consultant has told them that they don't need the County's approval to place this question on the ballot; they can hold their own election through a private firm. The District has even secured bids from several such private firms. This unorthodox method, while legal, is also more expensive than going through the County's election system. Thus, the Board of Supervisors, by denying the Park District access to the County's consolidated election process, cannot deny I.V. residents the opportunity to vote on a new land-purchase bond; they can only make it more expensive to conduct the election.

We commend park district officials for their resourcefulness in getting around what has been a traditional roadblock to I.V.'s community development efforts — the County. Once again, the inappropriateness of County government has been exposed, but also once again, the community has been able to rise above the obstacle presented by the County's pettiness.

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