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ISLA VISTA AND WESTERN GOLETA

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## IN ISLA VISTA'S HISTORIC "PEOPLE'S PARK"

# EOC SEEKS PERMIT TO BUILD 19,000 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION

TWO-STORY BUILDING WITH 102 PARKING SPACES ON LAND WHICH SAW WORST OF 1970 POLICE VIOLENCE



Photo of artist's drawing of proposed addition submitted with plans to County of Santa Barbara.

by Carmen Lodise  
Isla Vista Free Press Publisher

The St. Athanasius Church, until recently called the Evangelical Orthodox Church (EOC), has applied for a building permit in order to construct a two-story addition on the property adjacent to their current church located at 976 Embarcadero del Mar.

The EOC purchased the new site two years ago and according to John Sommer, one of the leaders of the Church, "We plan to put a building on the land which, if we ever have to, we can sell as an office building."

### Reactions

"It's awful, but what can you do about it? I can't even stop the two story monstrosity that's going up next to door to me," said one of the workers at an I.V. grocery store.

"It's terrible. I can't believe it's actually going to happen!" said a woman on the street.

"Actually, while I hate to see it happen, the design doesn't look as bad as I thought it was going to," said another person who reviewed photos of the plans.

The plans submitted to the County describe it as a multi-purpose facility which will have a meeting hall, church offices, a kitchen and restrooms. Technically it is described as an "addition" to the current church building, but it will have six times as much floor space (19,150 square feet vs. 3,025) as the current building which will continue to serve as the sanctuary of the Church.

The plan calls for the construction of 102 parking places to be located between the new building and the Isla Vista Service Center Building which houses the Open Door Medical Clinic, Community Credit Union, and Community Counseling Center. The parking lot will add a new entrance and exit on Embarcadero del Norte across from the Isla Vista Theater.

The Board of Architectural Review will examine the Preliminary Plans of the new temple at their public hearing, Friday afternoon, May 6th, in the Planning Commission Hearing Room #17, 123 E. Anapamu Street in Santa Barbara.

In a pre-application assessment letter dated last December, the County has informed the Church's architect that a major Conditional Use Permit will likely be required. Thus, the final decision on the approval of the project will be made by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors — an over the counter approval by staff is not possible. An application for a major CUP was submitted April 20th.

### No Water Meter

The property, located at the top of the business loop in I.V. where Embarcadero del Mar meets Embarcadero del Norte, does not currently have a water meter. However, Measure T which was approved overwhelmingly by Isla Vista and Goleta voters last November, amends the 15 year old moratorium on new water hook-ups to allow 10 acre feet for non-profit agencies and churches. According to Lloyd Fowler, the general manager of the water district, the Church has not yet applied for a water hook-up. However, the church would probably qualify for one under the guidelines the district is using to implement the amendment to the moratorium.

The County has given an initial estimate of 2.4 acre-feet of water necessary for the project, depending upon the type of landscaping used.

It was Measure T which also approved water for Isla Vista's parks and the construction of 20-30 new single-family residences in I.V. and another 15 in Western Goleta.

### I.V.'s "Perfect Park"

In 1970, the property on which the EOC plans to build its new church was the site of several

demonstrations as part of the three waves of civil disturbances which swept I.V. and the campus that Winter and Spring. At the time, this land became known as "Perfect Park."

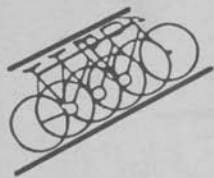
These several months of rebellion involved thousands of Isla Vistans and were aimed against the war in Vietnam and abuses by County government and the UCSB administration. While the burning of the Bank of America building was the most famous event of that period, none of the demonstrations was as significant to the participants as the one in "Perfect Park" on June 10th.

More than 700 residents, UCSB faculty, and local religious leaders were gathered in "Perfect Park" that night in a sit-in to protest previous police violence. As KCSB manager Cy Godfrey reported at the scene: "This is probably the most moving demonstration I have seen in Isla Vista or on campus...I would venture to say that probably everybody in this crowd right now is as sacred as I am."

Over 300 people were arrested, and many were beaten while they were being taken to jail. However, the remaining people were tear-gassed and clubbed into dispersing. The courts and reports of independent study groups at the time uniformly condemned the police actions, not the people sitting in the "park." And, the Sheriff in charge was defeated in a re-election bid that next Fall.

### Keeping Land as a Memorial

The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District has recently discussed with the EOC the possibility of exchanging this particular property for another property which the district owns at the corner of Estero Road and Camino Corto. The idea was for the community to save "Perfect Park" as a memorial to the Isla Vistans of a previous generation who set the stage for the community see CHURCH, page 12



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**WALLACE LISTS COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN I.V.**

RESPONDING TO LOCAL CRITICS, INCLUDING *FREE PRESS*

In response to a long time criticism about the absence of his community development efforts in Isla Vista, incumbent Supervisor Bill Wallace released a list of accomplishments last week.

While most progressive community activists in I.V. have praised Wallace's accomplishments in the environmental field (slow-growth, battling the oil companies, resisting the Hyatt Hotel project, etc.), many have complained that County government has done little in I.V. during his 11 year tenure as supervisor. Besides his opposition to I.V. cityhood, these activists feel that Wallace was slow to react to the UCSB over-enrollment question (although he has become a strong leader on this during the past year), and has generally implemented more community development programs in Goleta than here.

**Defunding of IVCC**

These people also feel Wallace was primarily responsible for the defunding of the Isla Vista Community Council (IVCC) in 1983 and are critical of the support he has given to the special interest government (the Federation) which has sprung up to replace the IVCC. Finally, these people point out that Wallace's support group (the Citizens for Goleta Valley) has little representation from Isla Vista in its leadership, and the *Free Press* has pointed out that almost all of his appointments to County advisory boards are Goleta residents.

It was these criticisms which have twice led to an Isla Vistan running for the Goleta Water Board against the traditional environmentalist slate put forward by the Citizens for Goleta Valley, and the challenging of Wallace himself by Mike Boyd in this year's supervisor race.

**Accomplishments**

Wallace's listing of accomplishments show \$250,000 in park-related projects over the past year, over \$1 million in public works projects since mid-1984, and over \$100,000 a year for social service programs in I.V.

Wallace also mentions that Isla Vista was recently down-zoned "to prevent any increase in its density" at a total cost of \$50,200 over two years, that his staff participates in the Major Events Coordinating Committee, that the County pays for the rent on the Federation's meeting room, and the presence of the new campus/community office in the Isla Vista Service Center building.

Some of the parks-related projects include the redesign of County Park (\$180,000), \$32,000 in County money for the new street cleaning program, beach access repairs and street barrier maintenance programs operated by the Isla Vista Rec. & Park District, and approximately \$30,000 per year in special funding to the Park District's general operations.

**Public Works**

Public Works programs have included



County Supervisor Bill Wallace addressing an anti-overenrollment rally on the UCSB campus last year.

almost \$120,000 in emergency beach accessway repairs, over \$50,000 for a new traffic light on El Colegio, and about \$900,000 in street repairs, plus curb cuts and other repairs to improve handicapped access.

Wallace's report mentions that he guided through County government a community-supported, IVCC program of red-curb and bikeway striping in I.V.'s commercial area.

Wallace also points out that the County is supporting the expenditure of an additional \$95,000 in block grant funds this year to two Isla Vista social service agencies and the acquisition of a low-cost apartment in downtown Goleta in conjunction with the Isla Vista Community Development Corporation and the Community Housing Corporation.

**WATER SUPPLY**

**RESEARCH SHOWS LOCAL  
WATER SUPPLY COULD  
NOT WITHSTAND  
RECURRENCE OF PAST  
DROUGHTS**

In research presented to the Santa Ynez River Hydrology Committee April 26, UCSB assistant professor of geology Joel C. Michaelson has demonstrated that there have been several periods of low rainfall in Santa Barbara county which would severely challenge the current water supply if they were to recur today. "There is almost no chance that our water supply would be sufficient" to deal with some of these historical periods, he says in his report.

Michaelson's research covers a 400 year period and is based on an analysis of the rings of big-cone spruce trees.

## SUPREME COURT RULING EX-RESIDENTS MAY VOTE AT OLD ADDRESS IN SOME CASES

In a ruling that may have a big impact on elections in Isla Vista, the State Supreme Court has ruled that voters may continue to vote in the precinct of their former address, if their new residence is not considered "permanent."

However, Carol Acquistapace, Santa Barbara County's Chief Deputy County Clerk-Recorder in charge of voter registration, has told the *Free Press* that she doesn't think this ruling changes much of the situation involving local voters. "If you haven't established a new address, you can vote at your old one as long as your registration is active," she said after an initial check with the County's attorneys.

The ruling, involving a 1983 City of Santa Cruz election, states that a voter can continue to vote at their previous address until they have established a new "permanent" residence. Many of the voters involved with the Court ruling had moved into tents or cars, and did not consider these as new permanent residences.

Acquistapace's interpretation of the ruling — based only on newspaper accounts — would appear to continue to require voters who have moved since they last voted to re-register at their new address. I.V. voters often vote at the address they most recently registered, regardless of their current address. This appears still to be illegal under Acquistapace's initial interpretation.

The deadline for registering to vote in the June 7th election is Monday, May 9th, 5 PM. Even if you are at the same address as a year ago, you must reregister if you failed to vote in the November, 1987 election because there is now an annual purge of non-voters in this county.

## TEXACO PROPERTY COUNTY GOES INTO ESCROW

The County of Santa Barbara has taken up an option on the Texaco property, the largest remaining piece of open space in Isla Vista. The parcel, long referred to as the Getty property after its previous owner, occupies 24 acres to the East and South of the Isla Vista Elementary School.

"Now comes the hard part," said County public works director Chuck Wagner. "We need to come up with the \$500,000 needed to buy the property."

Wagner is looking for some combination of state and local funding. "Perhaps up to \$100,000 from the I.V. Park District, if their June bond passes, and a few hundred thousand from the State if their bond measure passes in June. Plus, some Coastal Conservancy money and the offshore oil mitigation fund possibly. I've been authorized by the Board of Supervisors to come up with a package that doesn't include county general funds money."



Shannon O'Reilly in Managua, Nicaragua is in Isla Vista this month to collect bikes and bike parts for community workers there. Photo by Rogelio Trujillo.

## Bikes & Parts to Nicaragua

### ISLA VISTA, BERKELEY COLLECTION POINTS FOR MAY

Isla Vista Bikes & Recycling and the Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District are cooperating to assist I.V. residents interested in donated bicycles and parts that will be shipped to Nicaragua in early June.

Shannon O'Reilly grew up in Santa Barbara, but he has lived in Managua, Nicaragua since 1985, where he has been operating the "Bikes, Not Bombs" program. Currently, he is visiting California for a month in order to collect enough bikes and parts from Isla Vista and Berkeley to fill up a bus he will drive back in June. He is hoping to take back about 100 bikes and hundreds of pounds of parts to be distributed to teachers, health care workers and co-operatives in Nicaragua.

If you want to contribute an old bike (or parts of one), take it to Isla Vista Bikes & Recycling, 961 Embarcadero del Mar (next to Rexall Drugs) during their business hours, 9:30 AM-6 PM daily. The I.V. Park District has agreed to store the bikes and parts until O'Reilly puts them on the bus in early June. Over 1,000 bikes have been sent in previous years.

For more information on this project, call Jennifer Vassos at 685-3178 or Robert Bernstein at 685-1283.

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## LITERARY CONTEST

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## ALSO RECOMMENDS REPLACING SAND COUNTY E.I.R. STAFF TO INCLUDE RELOCATION OPTION TO SEAWALL SEAWALL NOW SEEKS PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL

In response to a request by Isla Vista *Free Press* publisher Carmen Lodise, the staff of the County's Resource Management Department has agreed to include the relocation of existing bluff-top Del Playa buildings as a project alternative in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) they are preparing on a proposed 1,100 foot seawall on Isla Vista's bluff.

Joy Hufschmid, of the County staff, announced her decision to include this project alternative at the April 28th hearing on the EIR draft and then closed the hearings. The County's planning commission must now review the EIR as to its completeness. Hufschmid estimates that this will be reviewed within four to six weeks.

In an April 22 letter to Hufschmid, Lodise pointed out that the Isla Vista Community Council's (IVCC) planning commission had completed several studies in 1982 on the potential of relocating existing bluff-top buildings inland, leaving a park running the length of Del Playa from the Main Campus property line to Camino Corto. The IVCC's plan also called for the one-waying of auto traffic on Del Playa, the construction of sidewalks and a protected two-way bikeway, and the undergrounding of a six-inch perforated pipe which would end

most of the water seepage into the face of the bluff ("spring sapping").

### Other Recommendations

Hufschmid also stated the EIR would recommend that, if the seawall is constructed, it include a cement base (called a

see related story  
"A REDEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY FOR ISLA VISTA"  
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"toe") extending three feet in front of the seawall in order to prevent undercutting (or "scouring") of the seawall and the annual replenishment of any sand removed by action of waves hitting the base of the seawall. A 1982 EIR on a 3,386 foot seawall along Del Playa estimated that as much as 2,000 cubic yards of sand might need to be replaced annually. This replenishment process would itself need environmental review if it is required in the final plan.

Nigel Buxton, a Del Playa resident and landlord who is the agent for the property owners in seeking to build the seawall, told

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## MUSIC

### Joe Jackson, Live

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Joe Jackson has always been his own man. He is overly-sensitive, easily-irritated, and stubborn to a fault. He is well-known for telling his audiences to shut up and be quiet during his softer songs. He insults members of his band if they make mistakes. And he plays games with his fans by constructing long elaborate introductions to his more popular songs so they won't applaud as soon as he starts them.

There are examples here of all these sides of Joe Jackson. On the first version of "Is She Really Going Out With Him?" from the 1980 tour, Joe attempted a gospel rendition but can be heard to tell his band, "Now that is probably the worst singing I've ever heard in my life." By the 1982/83 tour, Joe was performing a do-wop version, and explained why he gave a tambourine to one band member, "He can't sing, you see, he's got to do something." And on the 1984 acoustic version he trades in backing vocals altogether for a piccolo.

And there is an astonishing example of Joe Jackson's fans' willingness to love him no matter how much of a jerk he is being. On the version of "I Don't Wanna Be Like That," he turns his back on the audience because they were singing along (something he hates), and he improvised a line and forgot about it, only to turn around and hear



hundreds of people sing it back to him.

Despite how much abuse he heaps on his audience, Joe Jackson loves to play live and feels that it is the best way to present and enjoy music. This collection of recordings is a testament to those beliefs and a must for every Joe Jackson fan.

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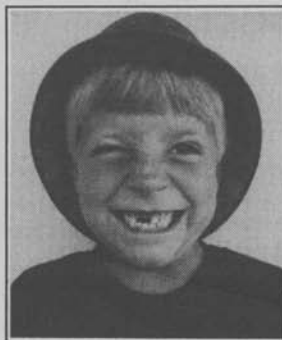
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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Stand and Deliver**, directed by Ramon Menendez

The quality of education and the current crisis faced by our public school system does not, at first, seem a likely subject matter for a gripping, highly entertaining motion picture. Nonetheless, that is exactly what director Ramon Menendez serves up with *Stand and Deliver*, featuring Edward James Olmos in a superb performance as high school teacher Jaime Escalante, a sort of modern day Quixote, successfully doing battle with the seemingly impenetrable windmills of our educational system.

That our schools are plagued by a myriad of problems is certainly not going to be news to anyone. The inner-city strife and difficulties faced by students at an East Los Angeles barrio high school, among them, the low expectations set for them by teachers, who are sadly far from the "cream of the crop" themselves, are at the heart of *Stand and Deliver*.

As Señor Escalante, Olmos is a most unlikely hero, but clearly a man of intense idealism and true heroic proportions. The film is based on the factual story of a math class at the East L.A. high school where the real Escalante teaches today. Olmos, as the middle-aged, paunchy, balding Escalante, delivers a performance of such power that his somewhat stilted, wooden weekly appearances as Captain Castillo on *Miami*

*Vice* are quickly forgotten. In the Escalante role, the audience is treated to the same remarkable strength and talent Olmos demonstrated in both *Zoot Suit* and in the PBS presentation of *The Ballad of Gregorio Cortes*.

Edward James Olmos clearly carries the film with his stunning performance of the instructor with the near-magical ability to inspire students to achievement light years beyond even their own wildest expectations. But Lou Diamond Phillips, fresh from his striking portrayal of Richie Valens in *La Bamba*, is also especially strong as a student struggling with the lure of life as a street tough, but challenged, as are the other students, to prove themselves academically by the ever stimulating Escalante.

*Stand and Deliver* is a fine film, highly entertaining and all the more uplifting by virtue of it being a true story. The film underscores many of the more grievous problems with our educational system, but more importantly, it is a clear message of affirmation as to just how amazingly, wonderfully successful the proper methods, in the right instructional hands can be. This one is well worth seeing.

(*Stand and Deliver* starts this Friday at the Goleta Theater.

— Rick Williams



Happy Trails playing at the 1988 Spring Festival in Anisq'Oyo Park.

Photo by Keith Magican

**GOLETA THEATERS**

**Cinema Theater**

**#1. Dead Heat**

Fri, Mon-Thur

5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Sat-Sun 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

**#2. (separate admissions)**

*Good Morning Vietnam*

Fri, Mon-Thur 5, 9:20

Sat-Sun: 12:45, 5, & 9:20

*Biloxi Blues*

Fri, Mon-Thur: 7:20

Sat-Sun: 3:00 & 7:20

**Goleta Theater**

*Stand and Deliver*

Fri, Mon-Thur: 5:20, 7:30, 9:30

Sat-Sun: add 1:15 & 3:20

**Fairview Theater**

**#1. (separate admissions)**

*Return to Snowy River, Pt. 2*

Fri, Mon-Thur: 7:30

Sat-Sun: 3:30 & 7:30

*Three Men & a Baby*

Fri, Mon-Thur: 5:30 & 9:30

Sat-Sun: 1:30, 5:30 & 9:30

**#2. Wallstreet**

Fri, Mon-Thur: 5:20, 9:45

Sat-Sun: 12:45, 5:20, 9:45

*Moonstruck*

Fri, Mon-Thur: 7:45

Sat-Sun: 3:00, 7:45

**ENTERTAINMENT/ARTS CALENDAR**  
**Isla Vista/UCSB/Goleta**

**Wednesday 5/4**

**MUSIC**

Mirage (jazz), Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.  
 Student Inaugural Celebration, dancing in Storke Plaza to Shaken not Stirred and Common Sense, 8-11 PM, UCSB.

**RADIO**

The Bent End, performance rock hosted by Mary Ellen Mason, 10-midnight, 91.9 KCSB.

**ART**

Native American Women's Art, continues through May 20, UCSB Women's Center Gallery.

**Thursday 5/5**

**MUSIC**

The Neville Brothers, the Graduate, 935 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.  
 Ms. Allen's plus another band, at the UCen Pub, 8 PM. UCSB.  
 David Tovar, Jaime's, 5838 Hollister Ave., Goleta.

**FILM**

The Bridge on the River Kwai, 7, 10 PM, Campbell Hall, UCSB.  
 Broadcast News, 9, 11:30 PM, I.V. Theater.

**RADIO**

Isla Vista Today & Tomorrow hosted by Mitch Stockton & Glenn Lazof, 9-10 AM, KCSB 91.9 FM.

**SPECIAL EVENT**

Chicano Art: Public Ceremony and Artists Reception for artist Jose Montoya and the Royal Chicano Air Force art group as they donate their archives to the UCSB Library, 2 to 5 PM, UCEN Art Gallery, UCSB.

**LECTURE**

"Mexico: Twenty Years after the Massacre of Tlatelolco (1968-1988)" by Elena Poniatowska, 4 PM, UCSB Girvetz 1004.

**Friday 5/6**

**MUSIC**

Henry Rollins Band and Isla Vista's Alice Fell, 9 PM, Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.  
 The Twisters, Jaime's, 5838 Hollister Ave., Goleta.

**FILM**

Broadcast News, 9, 11:30 PM, I.V. Theater.

**Saturday 5/7**

**MUSIC**

Reggae Dance w/Crucial DBC, Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte in Isla Vista.  
 Moving Parts, Jaime's, 5838 Hollister Ave., Goleta.

**FILM**

Festival of Foreign Animation, 8, 10 PM, Campbell Hall, UCSB.

**Sunday 5/8**

**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**

Best Years of Our Lives, Faces of War Film Series, 7, 10 PM, UCSB Campbell Hall.

**Monday 5/11**

**LECTURE**

A Reading By Pulitzer Prize-Winning Poet Rita Dove, 4 PM, UCSB UCEN Pavilion.

**FILM**

Unfinished Business and Survivors by Steven Okazaki, 8 PM, UCSB Girvetz Hall 1004.  
 Whisper, the Waves, the Wind, documentary by performance artist Suzanne Lacy, noon, UCSB Women's Center.

**Tuesday 5/12**

**FILM**

Living on Tokyo Time by Steven Okazaki, 8 PM, UCSB Campbell Hall.

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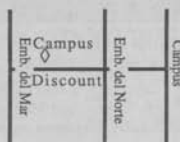
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# AROUND TOWN

## DEMS CHOOSE DELEGATES, NO ONE FROM ISLA VISTA

Supporters in the congressional district of Jesse Jackson and Michael Dukakis met last Sunday afternoon to select potential delegates to the National Democratic Convention to be held in Atlanta this Summer.

The Dukakis caucus was in Ventura, while the Jackson caucus was in Carpinteria. Don Givertz of Montecito and Sue Stevens-Brody of Santa Maria were two of the four Dukakis delegates chosen; the other two delegates and the alternates were from Ventura County.

Shirley Kennedy of Goleta, plus Jenero Valdez and Sheila Price of Santa Barbara were chosen as Jackson delegates.

Isla Vista resident Cynthia Archuleta and Abby M. Young attempted to be elected delegates at the Jackson caucus, but neither obtained sufficient votes from the sixty or so persons present. Archuleta has been active in the local Students for Jackson campaign on campus while Young has been an intern for Assembly rep. Jack O'Connell.

A total of four persons will be going to the convention from this congressional district; who they are depends on the results of the June 7th primary.

## WATER FOR I.V.'S PARKS APPROVED BY WATER BOARD

Isla Vista's park system finally has enough water to supply all of its twenty properties now that the Goleta Water Board has approved the Isla Vista Rec. & Park District's two-year-old request.

At its April 12 meeting, the Water Board allocated 5.5 acre-feet to the Park District. This water was made available by the passage of Measure T on the last November 3rd ballot.

"The I.V. Park District has been allocated a water supply," said Water District general manager Lloyd Fowler. "Now it's up to them to decide where it's going to go."

The only Park District property ready for a water hook-up at the moment is Anisq'Oyo Park, according to Glenn Lazof, the Park District's general manager.

Lazof said he has delayed turning on the park's water meter until he can arrange for a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony to take place.

"We have to wait until the water in the duck ponds recedes anyway," said Lazof.

Despite the allocation of water made to the Park District, Lazof said the development of most of Isla Vista's parks depends on the passage of Measure B, the "benefit assessment" proposal on the upcoming June 7 ballot.

"If Measure B loses," said Lazof, "we're facing a 30 percent cut in maintenance of the parks. I believe that with the history we have, we can really show people what can be done with a little water."

— Andrew Shulman



Isla Vista resident Cynthia Archuleta addressing the Jesse Jackson caucus on May 1st in Carpinteria. She failed to be selected as one of the possible delegates to the Democratic National Convention to be held in Atlanta.

## ISLA VISTA STINKS!

For those wondering why the fragrance of the Spring air in downtown Isla Vista has turned so sour, it's because the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District is carrying out its annual fertilization program.

IVRPD general Manager Glenn Lazof told the *Free Press* that "We use organic fertilizers, in this case steer manure, and they are a lot more fragrant than the chemicals that most parks use."

The stink should last only two or three more days. The IVRPD has been using organic fertilizers since it began operations in 1973.

## LANDLORD FINED \$700

Judith Evered, a landlord who had been renting "sheds" in her backyard on Del Playa to eleven students, was fined \$700 last week by the local Municipal Court. She has agreed to stop renting the units which do not conform to local building codes, but the students can remain at the site until their lease is up in June.

## ARMS SPENDING RISES

Global military spending soared to a new high in 1987 — about \$930 billion, an increase of \$50 billion over 1986. The U.S. spent \$293 billion, while the Soviet Union spent \$260 billion. Together the two countries made up 59% of the world's total. Developing countries spent \$140 billion.

The Reagan Administration wants to increase U.S. arm sales abroad next year to a total of \$15 billion, with \$3.6 billion going to Israel, \$3.3 billion to South Korea, and \$2.7 billion to Egypt, and significant increases to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

— Los Angeles TIMES  
1/12/88 & 5/2/88

## GOLETA

### NEW CITY AND ANNEXATION PLANS BOTH NOW CIRCULATING

### BOTH EXCLUDE I.V./UCSB

A new plan to annex much of Goleta East of Ward Memorial Drive is being circulated by a citizens group which calls itself "Committee for a Greater Santa Barbara."

Lannie Ebenstein, president of the Committee, is passing around a draft proposal to 150 "community leaders" and the media.

In the meantime, the Goletans Organized for Orderly Development (GOOD) held a public meeting April 29th at the Goleta Library to kick-off a signature collection drive for a new City of Goleta which would stretch eastward to the present limits of Santa Barbara, but would exclude Isla Vista and the UCSB campus. I.V. and the campus are also excluded from the annexation plan.

GOOD president Richard Martinez told the *Free Press* that the turnout at their April 29th meeting was "Discouraging — only about 10 people." But he expects the signature gathering campaign will gather momentum when it gets going.

### Annexation Plan

The annexation plan has been rumored for months. Many of its advocates opposed the Goleta Valley cityhood plan on last November's ballot, preferring to annex I.V. and Goleta to the present City of Santa Barbara. These rumors had included the UCSB campus within the boundaries of the proposed annexation, thus undercutting I.V.'s eventual chances for cityhood. However, the Committee's plan, if accepted by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and local voters, would be a severe blow to Goleta's incorporation aspirations because it would significantly reduce the number of people and tax revenues to a City of Goleta.

The boundaries of the annexation plan extend West as far as Ward Memorial Drive, that is, to the Santa Barbara Airport at the Ocean. "We did this to include all of the Santa Barbara ZIP CODE areas," Ebenstein told the *Free Press*, "and so that the Goleta Sanitary District could be absorbed."

### Citizen Petition Process

While the Goleta incorporation group is beginning to collect signatures, the annexation plan is still quite a while away from that stage. A petition containing the signatures of 25% of the registered voters in the area proposed to be incorporated must be collected to initiate the review process for new cities. While the County Board of Supervisors could also initiate the process, they have already declined to do so. The annexation plan can be initiated in the same two ways, however only 5% of the registered voters need sign the petition.

Ebenstein said, however, that his group would like to have a November advisory vote on the various options facing Goleta (and Isla Vista) voters before they begin a petition campaign. This would appear to

leave the field open for the Goleta incorporationists, at least for the time being.

### In Isla Vista?

There continues to be no activity in Isla Vista regarding the resurrection of an independent City of Isla Vista. Calling an election on such a plan has been rejected by LAFCO three times, most recently in 1984. While LAFCO stated that a City of Isla Vista was not financially feasible, most supporters dismiss this as "politics" since such a city would provide more services at less cost than would either combining with Goleta into one city or annexing to Santa Barbara.

## HYATT HOTEL FURTHER DELAYED BY SUPES

The 400 room Hyatt Hotel project slated for Haskell's Beach in Ellwood has been further delayed by the County Board of Supervisors on a three to one vote April 4th. Supervisors Wallace, Rogers, and Myoshi (the "environmentalist" majority) are asking that an independent consultant look at the economic feasibility of a smaller hotel, a project which Hyatt has so far refused to consider. Supervisor Yager opposed the new requirement, and Holmdahl had left the meeting by the time the vote was taken. It is expected that this will delay the project for several months, or kill it since Hyatt feels a smaller hotel would be unprofitable.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### G.M.'s Qualifications

Dear Editor,

In your April 27th issue, a Mr. Pfauter wrote a letter to the *Free Press* asking about the qualifications of Glenn Lazof as the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District's General Manager. As the Chair of IVRPD's board of directors and therefore Mr. Lazof's employer, I'd like to offer some information.

First, a few words about the position itself. The General Manager is responsible for managing over \$1.5 million of property, overseeing a \$370,000 general fund budget and thousands of dollars in State grants. The GM is responsible for all district personnel matters; there are 10 regular employees, a dozen or more part timers, and 1000 hours of work study.

Additionally, the manager must comply with a plethora of confusing and contradictory legal codes and requirements, be active in community organizations, and be responsible for all district publications. Twice a month, the GM produces a lengthy written report to the board covering all aspects of district operations.

The district does try to pay competitive wages in order to attract professional staff. Nonetheless, according to the 1986 California Parks and Recreation salary survey, the salary of the IVRPD's GM today, after three years on the job, is 15% BELOW what was the average salary for comparable recreation and park districts in California two years ago.

Mr. Lazof has a political science degree from UCSB, certificates in Tree Management and Turf Maintenance, and many hours of additional course work in Finance Management, Personnel Management, and Liability Insurance, to list just a few of his qualifications.

Prior to becoming the district's GM, Mr. Lazof had eight years of hands on experience in grounds maintenance, including three years at the district. The hiring process was an open one and there were many applicants. One of the reasons Mr. Lazof was chosen over the others was the board's emphasis on the improvement of grounds maintenance. People who have been in Isla Vista since he became GM in May, 1984, may judge for themselves if this was a wise choice by the board.

Sincerely,  
Laura Price, Chair  
IVRPD

### It's Tough Being a Candidate

Dear Editor,

What has happened to the sense of fair play? Four candidates have paid their filing fee and four names will appear on the ballot for the job of Supervisor for the Third District.

Two candidates have been labeled the frontrunners. What makes this seem to be the fact? They have collected and spent more money than the other two candidates. I

would like the voters to think about the following: What type of strings or obligations are attached to this money? Will this make the person the best one for the job?

The people in the Third District are the first and foremost.

Susie O'Rourke  
Candidate for Supervisor  
Third District

### Proposition 71

Dear Editor,

Californians for Quality Government, which is leading the campaign to pass Proposition 71 on the June ballot, is one of the largest statewide coalitions ever organized. It includes organizations representing various facets of education, public safety, business, labor, health care, seniors, law enforcement, and good government organizations.

Why is such a broad coalition supporting a ballot measure that has not been widely publicized? Because Proposition 71 is a common sense approach to update what is popularly known as the Gann spending limit, which was enacted nearly a decade ago. The current spending limit is choking government's ability to provide vital health, education, transportation, public safety and other services.

Proposition 71 will not increase taxes, nor will it eliminate the spending limit. What it will do is change the spending limit formulas to more accurately reflect today's economic and social realities, enabling state and local government to make more efficient use of already collected tax revenues.

Why do we need a change? California has changed dramatically since 1979 when the current pending limit was passed. A few examples: In 1979, school populations were declining. Today we have 140,000 new children entering our schools each year. Our schools are badly overcrowded and California also has the largest class size in the nation. The current limit does not allow for this growth in our student population.

In 1979 no one had heard about AIDS and toxic waste was not a major problem. Today California has 100,000 AIDS patients and toxic waste is a statewide problem. Further, our senior population is growing twice as fast as the general population. Hard as it is to believe, we have less uniformed officers patrolling our state highways than we did in 1974. And, the list goes on.

This is why a broad local coalition has also been formed to help our Santa Barbara County citizens understand the importance of voting "yes" on Proposition 71. They share the concern of the bipartisan Commission on State Finance which warns that if the outmoded spending limit is not updated, California will be forced to slash more than \$23 billion from the existing level of education, health care, and other vital functions within the next 10 years.

Sincerely,

William J. Cirone  
Co. Supt. of Schools

## from the Publisher's Desk



### SAVING "PERFECT PARK" FOR THE COMMUNITY

The St. Anthonasius Church (EOC) has every right to build their new temple anywhere they own property (and can secure a water meter). But the land they presently plan to build on is an historic landmark in Isla Vista — "Perfect Park." Granted that the community has twice passed up the opportunity to purchase this property in favor of other options, the securing of "Perfect Park" and the placement of a memorial there to the Isla Vista residents of 1970 still remains an important priority — if an exchange can be worked out to the mutual benefit of both the Church and the community. Because, if the temple is eventually built in "Perfect Park," the members of the current Park Board may well be remembered for what they didn't accomplish — rather than for the many things they did.

### WHY I'M NOT ATTENDING THE CHANCELLOR'S INAUGURATION

I won't be attending Barbara S. Uehling's inauguration bash today.

I have to admit that I felt some feelings of self-importance when I received in the mail a personal invitation to the gala event. These feelings were only partially diminished when I found out that the "general public" had also been invited.

And, it's not that I have other plans for that afternoon.

And as a person trained in economics, I'm curious what the Nobel Laureate economist Lawrence R. Klein will find to say in his key note address — maybe he has brought along an econometrics model demonstrating the minor impacts on the Chancellor's reign which will result from her adding the CIA to the UCSB faculty and her plans to import 10,000 new residents to this area.

No, my reason for not attending the inauguration is personal — at least I guess it is. I'm not attending because the new Chancellor hasn't deigned to pay any attention to Isla Vista since she arrived here last Summer.

I don't feel that I am taking this stance without sufficient provocation. I think that I have personally gone out of my way to establish a dialogue with the new chancellor about the importance of campus/community relations.

Even before the Chancellor arrived here, I sent several letters to her, including copies of the *Free Press* issues last Spring on campus/community relations — interviews with campus officials and I.V. residents. I also sent her a letter-to-the-Editor that was published in the NEXUS which said that during the selection process for her predecessor, a meeting with community leaders had informed the selection committee that "Isla Vista" was the most important community issue facing UCSB, but that Huttenback had largely ignored I.V., or intentionally trampled on our self-image and aspirations (back when we had both).

I also attended her opening press conference, and asked if she was going to ignore I.V. like Huttenback did. While she side-stepped a direct answer, she left the impression that she knew I.V. was important and that she would be an "involved" chancellor. At the time I gave her several background documents regarding campus/community relations, most notably the 1970 Trow Report commissioned by the UC Regents. That Report said that "Isla Vista is as central to the University's life and functions as what goes on in its laboratories and lecture rooms," and concludes that the University had a specific responsibility for improving living conditions in I.V.

I also attended a "background briefing" meeting she had with the press last December, again raising the question of what she was going to do about relating to Isla Vista. And, of course, I have been sending her a (free) subscription to the *Free Press*.

All of this effort to relate constructively to the new Chancellor appears to have had no impact. She has not yet been seen in Isla Vista by any of the leadership of the many community organizations here. She has continued Ed "Fast Eddie" Birch as the highest University official with a liaisoning responsibility to Isla Vista — without any input from the community as far as I have been able to tell. And, while the U picked up the tab for most of last year's defensive program for Halloween and some street-cleaning expenses, we still have no formally stated position on campus/community relations *vis a vis* I.V. — except that she endorsed uniting I.V. and Goleta into one city (defeated 2-1 by area voters last November).

Frankly, I was annoyed when I read last week that the Chancellor was able to find the time recently to visit three ghetto high schools in Los Angeles on a recruiting mission. Yet, she hasn't found the time to visit UCSB's ghetto — Isla Vista.

So, while I'm certain that my presence won't be missed, I will pass up the inauguration ceremony. I just can't bring myself to participate in the ritual passing-of-the-torch from one uncaring *comandante* to the next.

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## Isla Vista's COMMUNITY SERVICES

**ISLA VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL.** The community's elected representatives who attempt to establish community consensus on a broad range of issues and lobby these positions with the County and other empowered agencies. Currently no phone or office. Call representative Mike Boyd, 968-2349. **Currently Inactive.**

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## MARKETING DATA

- 18,500 people live in Isla Vista, including on-campus
- 7,500 I.V. residents are non-students
- over 5,000 I.V. residents are employed full-time
- 14,000 people live in Western Goleta
- 10,000 Western Goleta residents are non-students
- 7,500 are employed full-time
- the median income is +\$40,000 in the 51% of the households which are owner-occupied

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## It's Tough Living Here

Sometimes living in this town can be really depressing, a real downer.

Oh, there's the obvious — high rents, low pay, high density, low life, high wires, etc.

But a friend of mine found a new phenomena to be depressed about — the fact that around here you just can't beat the Joneses.

Recently my friend came into some money. Not enough to retire on (so he continues to work tirelessly) but probably more money than I'll ever see at one time in my lifetime. Until coming into such good fortune, my friend drove a prayer-car; he always had to pray that it would get him where he was going. So one of the first things he did with his new fortune was to buy a new car.

A new car is one that no one but you has ever driven before. You know it's new as soon as you get inside just from the smell. This one had all the latest gadgets — flip-lights, cruise control, radio scan, power antenna, all the things the modern (lazy) new car owner expects.

Now, when you get a new car you expect the world (or at least your neighborhood) to stop what it's doing and gape in awe and wonder. In the car commercials people run out from their homes to inspect and praise it as if they themselves only owned a horse and buggy. The ads bring high energy stardom to the one who owns this fine machine. Fireworks, bands, parades, balloons,

by Scott Wexler



back-slapping, maybe even a date with a gorgeous model — all (or at least some) of this goes to the happy new car owner.

This is what my friend at least half-way expected as he drove home to I.V. in his brand-spanking new umteen-thousand-dollar-car.

But disillusionment began to set in right away as he entered I.V. People weren't impressed with his new car; no one turned their head to watch him as he drove by. He began to notice for the first time that there were an awful lot of people driving new cars in this town. Not only were these cars just as new as his, most were obviously more expensive and probably had even more gadgets than his.

He wasn't the grand-marshal of the parade after all — he was only one of the tuba players.

Yes, it's tough to beat 'em around here.

But I must say that I was impressed with his car. But then again, my car is old enough that I have to search for my radio stations, pull up my antenna myself, and roll my windows up and down.

## FRANCISCO TORRES FROM THE TOWERS

*Leisure Time  
at Club Torres*

by Valerie Sharpe  
I.V. Free Press Columnist



Rumored to have once been a Holiday Inn, FT's two sleek towers surrounded by picturesque palms, resemble a hotel. In reality, FT is owned by Alan Ohara, a corporation that builds and manages hotels. Ironically though, the likeness isn't just skin deep. Except for registration materials and grades that appear periodically in their mailboxes, residents could easily forget that they're students attending a university.

Year round, residents lounge by the sparkling, blue, olympic-size swimming pool, absorbing the glorious, southern California rays. Tanned, lithe bodies glistening with oil display the latest in "barely there" bikinis. Not to be mistaken, this practice in leisure is not just for the sake of the health and fitness craze — it's social. With music emanating from radios and open windows, poolside banter abounds. An innocent eavesdropper would be well informed as to who's seeing who, who's breaking up with who, what parties are raging in IV, who passed out last night and who should go on a diet.

While dates are made and studies are halfheartedly begun, 1/4 of FT's residents (those living on the poolside of North Tower),

watch from their windows as this visual socialization transpires. Male residents ooh and ahhh at the shapely female bodies and occasionally holler words of approval, though, most deny it. "I'm not that much of a pervert!" claims one resident. However, one sincere male admits that he peeks through the bushes with his zoom lens. Another honest man says, "I just look to see if there's anyone there...so I know if I need to go out and read."

At night, residents can congregate in comfortable lounges to enjoy flicks - courtesy of FT TV. On Wed., Fri., and Sat. the management shows popular movies ranging from "Pretty in Pink" to "The Graduate" to "Nightmare on Elm Street." This serves as an alternative to the fast paced party scene. FT has also begun to hold dances in the Fiesta Room every Fri. night. The first dance two weeks ago was poorly attended, but if residents show an interest the dances will continue.

### Study Time

While FT may be a veritable oasis of social happenings, importance is also placed on academics. Resident Director, Amy Geller has organized the Tutorial Program for residents.

## A Redevelopment Agency?

The County's Public Works Director, Chuck Wagner, has been discussing the potential use of a "redevelopment agency" to deal with some of Isla Vista's most pressing "quality of life" problems, especially the lack of adequate off-street parking.

At a February 22, 1988 meeting of the Isla Vista Federation, Wagner spoke glowingly — but sketchily — about the benefits of a redevelopment agency approach to paying for projects in I.V.

"The main advantage is that the projects are paid for out of the increase in tax revenues in the area, not by the taxpayers in increased tax rates," Wagner told the group. "When such an agency is created, the total assessed valuation on which property taxes are paid is frozen. The redevelopment agency sells bonds, and pays them back over several years from the increased tax revenues from any increased assessed valuation beyond the base year. With the County's current situation of being up against the Gann spending limit, I don't think that the County will mind I.V. keeping these tax increases, because we're already receiving several million dollars each year more than we can spend."

Wagner has since received approval from the County's Administrative Officer to pursue this redevelopment option for Isla Vista.

### A Ploy by Wallace?

However, as it turns out, this is the only thing that Wagner has accomplished since that February meeting, leading some cynics in I.V. to believe that this option was being presented by County staff in order to help in County Supervisor Bill Wallace's reelection campaign. While Wallace (first elected to the Board in 1976) is much appreciated for his accomplishments in the environmental field, he is often criticized in Isla Vista for the absence of County participation in community development projects here. The County bringing out this redevelopment agency concept in the few months before the up-coming June election seemed to some too coincidental, especially when nothing has been accomplished after the initial presentation.

"Honest to God," Wagner told the *Free Press*, "I was the one to think up the redevelopment option, not Bill. I have been getting a lot of heat lately about doing something about the parking problem in I.V. With the Gann limit becoming a bigger issue, it makes a redevelopment agency look pretty good as an option."

"And Bill shouldn't be blamed for any lack of progress on following up on it — would you believe that I am a busy person? And honestly, I'm just opening the door on this concept — I haven't done any serious research, yet."

### Other Projects

"I also think that a relocation plan for bluff-top properties is a great project for the redevelopment agency, and some money toward purchase of the Texaco property (around I.V. Elementary School), and any

redevelopment projects in the business district, too," he said.

Wagner is now attempting to set up a public meeting in late May with some consultants who have donated their expertise on redevelopment agencies. He will be gone for the next two weeks on vacation. However, if there is sufficient support in Isla

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**Chuck Wagner**  
County Public Works Director

Vista for the agency, and if there is support on the Board of Supervisors, Wagner feels that there could be one established by the end of Summer.

### UCSB Admin. Interest

Wagner told the *Free Press* that Suzanne Ness of the UCSB administration spoke with him last week about the viability of this option as opposed to the establishment of a "community services district" to broaden the County's ability to fund new projects in Isla Vista. "But, the 'incremental financing' of a redevelopment agency makes it much less expensive. Of course, we could do some combination of both," Wagner said.

### Drawbacks

There are some serious shortcomings to a redevelopment agency approach, however.

"I never have understood some people's attraction to a 'redevelopment agency' concept in Isla Vista. I just don't think the finances are there," said Tom Stone, the City of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency's attorney, and also the attorney for the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District since its inception in 1972. The City formed a redevelopment agency over a decade ago primarily to pay for the construction of a massive downtown shopping mall which will break ground later this year.

But Stone was surprised to hear that property taxes increase at the rate of \$200,000 a year in I.V. now. Thus, he estimated that an Isla Vista Redevelopment Agency could float about \$2,000,000 in new bonds each year. While this might not be enough to complete the bluff-top housing relocation project in a timely way, it does open up opportunities for other projects.

Stone said that it would be legal for the County to guarantee the bonds, thus making up any shortfall in the ability of the community to make large payments in the early years. He did not know if it would be legal for the University to guarantee the bonds.

Stone also commented that the projects undertaken by redevelopment agencies usually lead in themselves to an increase in assessed valuation in the project area, but that this is not a likely outcome of the bluff-top relocation or off-street parking

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the *Free Press* that the cost of the project as submitted to the County is about \$650,000. If the County requires the addition of the cement toe and annual sand replenishment, the cost of constructing the 1,100 foot seawall would be increased, but not substantially.

### Cost of Relocation

The relocation project, estimated in 1982 to cost about \$9 million, would be accomplished through the establishment of a "redevelopment agency," which under State law is designed to alleviate a "blighted" area which exists as the result of inadequate or poor land-use planning in previous years. Owners of bluff-top properties would be paid the value of their Del Playa structures and be encouraged to rebuild on secure parcels inland so as to not diminish the total

number of dwelling units in the community. Approximately 150 dwelling units are involved in a total redevelopment; 84 are involved with the 1,100 foot project proposed by the owners.

The *Free Press* has found out that a redevelopment agency in Isla Vista might be able to sell about \$2,000,000 each year in new bonds, making this alternative to the seawall feasible but slow (see related story on this page).

### Next Step for Seawall

The next step in the County review of the seawall project will be in late May when the Planning Commission takes up the question of whether or not to approve the seawall. Their decision can be appealed to the Board of Supervisors.

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projects in Isla Vista. "The properties inland probably won't pay as much taxes as the ones on Del Playa, and any vacant properties on which parking structures might be located would remove these properties from the tax roll entirely," he said. "But, perhaps overall, it won't turn out to be that different."

### Who Controls Agency?

Who controls the redevelopment agency is also another potential problem in Isla Vista.

Stone said that a redevelopment agency can be run either by the County Board of Supervisors or by a committee selected by the Supervisors; there is no provision in the State legislation for the election of the ruling board. While a petition containing

the signatures of 20% of the residents of the redevelopment area mandates that the County consider establishing such an agency, the County can take up the matter on its own.

Whoever controls the agency selects the projects it will accomplish. Given that Isla Vista community government is currently dominated by property owners through the Federation, there is a real question as to whose interests the agency would take care of — the property owners or the 96% of the town who are renters. An optimist would hope that these interests would coincide enough that a redevelopment agency would be able to accomplish a lot.

"You've got to remember," said Chuck Wagner, "that a redevelopment agency is a real emotional issue."



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community spirit which resulted in the formation of the I.V. Park District and the many other community agencies which still exist, while permitting the EOC to build their church at a site they found favorable.

The discussions, however, which all took place during public meetings of the Park Board, did not produce a trade. A representative of the Church stated during one meeting that "Really we're not interested in a trade unless you're talking about the del Sol property. This trade talk is all the creation of the newspaper" (meaning the *Free Press*).

The Park Board was unwilling to discuss trading the del Sol property along Camino Corto at El Colegio because they have received several thousand dollars in State grants in order to preserve the vernal pools there.

But, there is some question as to whether or not the board and the Church were talking about the same things during their "negotiations." For example, a member of the Park Board in declining to pursue the trade concept further, said that she didn't want to see the grove of Eucalyptus trees on the Estero property destroyed when the EOC built its church, but the representative of the Church said afterward that they had no intention of destroying the grove if they were to trade for the Estero Road property.

#### Two Previous Opportunities

On two occasions, the I. V. Park

District could have purchased "Perfect Park." However, on the first occasion in 1973, I.V. residents voted to instead purchase the land now known as Anisq'Oyo Park, mostly because it was bigger.

In 1977, the Park District could have purchased the property with the \$1.15 million revenues of the first park bond. However, the owners refused to sell it for less than \$350,000, a price reportedly much greater than the EOC had to pay for it just two years ago.

In 1978, the District also passed up purchasing the present EOC building site at 976 Embarcadero del Mar with the intent of using that facility as a community center. However, with great reluctance the board bowed out of the bidding at \$135,000 for a property their consultants said was worth only \$95,000 at the time. The EOC, which had been renting the site before that, purchased the building shortly thereafter for an unknown amount.

The Park District purchased the Little Acorn site (across the street) instead, intending to build a community center on it. However, a 1979 advisory vote in I.V. went against the construction of a new building to house a community center, 54% to 46%. The district has not pursued the idea of a community center for several years, but recently the board has talked about placing a bond measure for a "recreation center" on next November's ballot.



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