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## A HISTORY OF ISLA VISTA, Part 7

### THE PEOPLE IN THE GREEN AREA

Isla Vista homeowner Bruce Murdock stood before the Local Agency Formation Commission one day in the Fall of 1976. The map of I.V. he was showing the Commission had I.V.'s West End colored red, while the rest of the town was colored green.

"You've got to save us from the people in 'The Green Area'!" he cried out.

by Carmen Lodise  
Isla Vista Free Press Publisher

The battle between the 50 or so resident-homeowners who make up the membership of the Isla Vista Association (IVA) and the community's elected leadership has raged almost since the IVA's formation in 1969.

The IVA has opposed all three attempts by Isla Vista residents to secure an election on becoming a city (1973, 1976, and 1984), the first Park Bond in 1974 (which failed at the ballot), the second \$1.15 million Park Bond in 1975 (which passed), and the \$10 per household tax for park services passed by I.V. voters 71-39% in 1984. Currently, the IVA is opposing the 1988 \$500,000 Park Bond (Measure A) and the continuation of a \$30 per household benefit assessment for parks (Measure B) on the June 7th ballot.

The IVA also favored the ban on open containers of alcohol enacted by the County last year and the inclusion of I.V. in a City of Goleta defeated by area voters 2-1 last November.

But no political campaign has so indicated the alienation of Isla Vista's resident property owners from the mainstream of political life in I.V. as did the 1976 attempt by these residents to secede from the I.V. Recreation and Park District (IVRPD). What made this effort even more painful, was that the District, formed in 1972, was one of the few community projects that most IVA members had once supported.

#### The Isla Vista Association

Most of the IVA membership are resident-property owners living at the West End of town in the area zoned R-1 for single-family homes. Although students and tenants are eligible to join the IVA, long time IVA leader Les Baird told a 1985 IVA meeting that "We've never had more than a half dozen student members in the IVA since we started."

Although a majority of R-1 residents are usually renters, the IVA has convinced most outside authorities that it is the IVA leadership who are the representatives of that end of town. Further, these same outside authorities view the IVA as the representatives of the "permanent" residents of Isla Vista, as opposed to the "transient" students who make up the majority of the rest of I.V., and the tenants who make up 96% of all of Isla Vista.

#### Property Rights

It is illegal to deny political rights to non-property owners, just as it is to deny civil rights to people because of their ethnicity. But in the real world, ethnic minorities are discriminated against and outside political authorities usually weigh the testimony of resident-property owners greater than they do tenants in matters

relating to Isla Vista.

This bias has assisted the IVA leadership in all of their battles against the majority residents of I.V., and they were counting on it when they asked the County's Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to detach the R-1 area of Isla Vista from the boundaries of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District.

#### LAFCO as the Judge

LAFCOs exist in each California county. The membership of this Commission is composed of two members of that county's board of supervisors, two people sitting on city councils in that county, and a fifth "public" member chosen by those four. In this county, the "public" member has always been a wealthy person from either Montecito or the Santa Ynez Valley. LAFCOs are empowered by the State to decide whether or not any government reorganization should be placed before the voters and it is LAFCO which has three times denied I.V. residents the opportunity to vote on becoming a city.

It was to LAFCO that the IVA appealed in 1976 to detach the R-1 section of I.V. from the Park District. The LAFCO membership of the time was quite familiar with the Isla Vista situation since most of them had been on the Commission when it had rejected the first I.V. cityhood election request just two years before, placing the annexation of I.V., Goleta, and Hoce Ranch to Santa Barbara on the ballot instead. After the annexation plan was defeated 3-1 by area voters, LAFCO had turned down I.V.'s second cityhood election request just a few months before the IVA's R-1 detachment request.

#### County Assessor's Role

Besides their alienation from the majority tenants of I.V., the homeowners were angry because they were having to pay more taxes than the rest of town due to the unbelievable unfairness of the County Assessor. Although the standard practice of that pre-Prop. 13 era was to re-evaluate properties every four years for purposes of assessing property taxes, I.V. had not been re-assessed for seven years. Some people speculated that the County Assessor had I.V.'s re-assessment intentionally in order to make the property tax base of the proposed City of Isla Vista look bad during the LAFCO proceedings.

But shortly after the second I.V. cityhood election request was turned down by LAFCO, the County Assessor announced that the R-1 section of I.V. would be re-assessed for that year's taxpaying purposes, but that the rest of I.V. would not

see GREENIES, page 11

## SPECIAL HUMAN SERVICES SURVEY FOR ISLA VISTA & WEST GOLETA

A special survey of human services needs in Isla Vista and Western Goleta is being carried out by the Let Isla Vista Eat (LIVE) program. The survey, which will be included in next week's edition of the *Isla Vista Free Press* asks respondents to rank the importance of 20 publically-supplied social services they need and use, from employment assistance to crisis intervention. Volunteers are also distributing the questionnaires in front of the UCen and in Isla Vista near the markets.

For information on how to participate in this survey or to assist in its distribution, call 968-2111.

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## PARK DISTRICT TO RE-OPEN RED BARN

Three months after they closed the Red Barn to night-time parties due to a violent incident there supposedly caused by shaved head young adults ("Skin Heads"), the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District has decided to take a chance and re-open the Red Barn.

"We've talked to the Foot Patrol, and I think that the situation has changed enough so that we can resume normal operations," general manager Glenn Lazof told the board in recommending the action. "We only

intended the closing to be temporary."

Sgt. James Drinkwater of the Foot Patrol told the *Free Press* that while it's true that there haven't been any similar incidences since the Red barn was closed, "We'll just have to wait and see if they begin again."

The Red Barn had been closed by Lazof's order in February after several people were beaten up by Skin Heads thought to be from Oxnard. The Park Board supported Lazof's order at their February 4th meeting.

## County Supes Forum in Goleta, May 23rd.

NETWORK, the South County liberal environmentalist group which went inactive a few months before the Isla Vista Community Council (IVCC) did last Fall, is rearing its head to hold a forum featuring the four candidates for the County Supervisor's seat in the Third District (Isla Vista, plus most of Goleta and the Santa Ynez Valley) up for grabs June 7th. The forum will be held on Monday, May 23rd, 7:30 PM at the Goleta Community Center, 5679 Hollister.

The forum is attracting extra attention because it will be one of the few forums held in the district during this campaign. No forum has so far been scheduled in Isla Vista.

While everyone in the community is invited to attend the forum, NETWORK can make an endorsement that evening if 25 paid-up members are present at the forum.

Meanwhile, organizational endorsements have begun to roll in over the past two weeks. COMPAC, the political wing of the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce, endorsed challenger Jim Thompson, while incumbent Bill Wallace was endorsed by three unions — the County Employee Association, County Firefighters Association, and the Commercial Workers Union.

## SABADO TARDE RESIDENTS — Look Out May 16th

The County Transportation Department will close off Sabado Tarde to all on-street parking on Monday, May 16th so that they can begin the process of re-blacktopping the street. While the real work will be done during the Summer months, a preparation phase is necessary now. Traffic will still be allowed to travel at reduced speeds on Sabado Tarde, but the parking lanes will be closed from 7 AM until 4:30 PM. Cars left in the parking lanes will be towed away.



A Blue Heron in the Anisq'Oyo Park ponds this past week. Photo by Pete Campbell.

## I.V. PARK BOARD AGAIN SENDS BOYD TO SACRAMENTO TO LOBBY FOR LAFCO REFORM

At the request of its sponsor, State Senator Ed Davis (R-Northridge), the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District's board of directors put up \$350 to send board member Mike Boyd to Sacramento to lobby in favor of Senate Bill 2277. The intent of Davis' legislation, which passed the Senate's Local Government Committee but is stuck now in the Appropriations Committee, would be to give communities wishing to become cities a more equal chance in fighting opposition from county governments.

This is Boyd's second trip to lobby for the bill. Upon his return, he told the *Free Press* that it doesn't look as hopeful now as after his first trip because there is a large fiscal impact to the bill (which would cover on a year-to-year declining basis county losses due to new cities being formed) in the midst of the current deficit State budget. "Unless there are a lot of letters in support, the bill won't make it out this year," said Boyd.

Support letters should be sent to the chair of the Appropriations Committee, Sen. Presley, #2206 State Capital Building, Sacramento, CA 95814.

## Borsodi's Looking for Help from its Friends

Borsodi's Coffeehouse, an institution in Isla Vista for twenty years, has fallen on hard times. Recently, the restaurant has changed ownership and management, and there is a struggle to keep it afloat.

"We're in desperate need of \$5,000 to pay off some back bills if we're going to keep the doors open," said new manager Jill Kelly-Moore. "We need a loan of some kind or an investment within the next few weeks, or there won't be a Borsodi's any more," Kelly-Moore told the *Free Press* this week.

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# ENTERTAINMENT & ARTS

FEAR HEIPLE, EDITOR

## Santa Barbara Blues Fest II at the Graduate May 17

by Fear Heiple

Isla Vista Free Press Entertainment Editor

The Santa Barbara Blues Fest II is scheduled to occur Tuesday, May 17 at the Graduate in Isla Vista. This event follows on the heels of the highly-successful Santa Barbara Blues Fest last January 14 held at the Lobero Theater in downtown Santa Barbara.

On the bill for the sequel is John Lee Hooker, Lonnie Brooks, Charlie Musselwhite, and local bluesmen the Pontiacs and Tom Ball and Kenny Sultan. Doors will open at 6 PM and Tom Ball and Kenny Sultan will play first with John Lee Hooker and his Coast-to-Coast Blues Band closing the show at Midnight.

### Special Surprise Guest?

A special surprise guest is also expected to make an appearance, but his identity has yet to be confirmed. Sources close to the promoter indicate that he is a Grammy award-winning blues musician, which would probably mean Johnny Copeland, who is in town for a show sponsored by the Santa Barbara Blues

Society at La Casa de la Raza in Santa Barbara May 16.

### A More traditional Blues Show

While the line-up for this blues fest is not quite as star-studded as the Lobero show (which included Albert Collins, Buddy Guy, Joe Louis Walker, James Cotton, and Kim Wilson), it is hoped that with fewer superstars everyone will be able to play longer sets and get into their music more, as is traditional for a blues show, with musicians jamming with one another in a somewhat improvisational setting.

John Lee Hooker, in particular, is noted for wide-ranging improvisational guitar licks within one-chord boogie compositions. This man is one of the few living links between the blues and rock and roll. Born in 1917 (!), John Lee Hooker continues to play with amazing zest and commitment. Last year marked the fourth consecutive year for him to be voted the "Traditional Blues Artist of the Year" by the W.C. Handy Awards (the highest awards given in blues music).



Lonnie Brooks is scheduled to perform on a star-studded bill of bluesmen at the Santa Barbara Blues Fest II at the Graduate in Isla Vista May 17.

Lonnie Brooks is also known for throwing wild parties. Like Hooker, Brooks draws upon his Delta roots for a swampy sound, but fuses it with a driving electric rock and roll edge. It is a combination of Chicago blues and white-hot guitar that has to be heard to be believed. The recordings of his live concerts are outstanding and indicate


that people had better be prepared to go nuts when he gets on stage.

The harmonica-based blues of Charlie Musselwhite, plus local guitar-pickers and harp-hooters Tom Ball and Kenny Sultan and the Pontiacs (plus the special surprise guest) round out the bill.

For more information, dial 964-1087.

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*Ikwe* (above) and *The Wake* will be shown Tuesday, May 17, 8 PM, at the Isla Vista Theater in conjunction with the Best of the 1987 American Indian Film Festival. Chosen from San Francisco's annual festival of films by and about Native Americans, this collection showcases three documentaries (*A Weave of Time*, *The Teaching Rocks*, and *Hopi Prophecy*) and two dramatic features (*Ikwe* and *The Wake*). The documentaries will be shown Monday, May 16, 8 PM, at the Isla Vista Theater. The film festival is part of American Indian Culture Week and co-sponsored by the American Indian Student Association, the Film Studies Program, and EOP/SAA.

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# MOVIE

## Lady in White

Written and directed by Frank La Loggia

Suppose, just for the purposes of this review, that we could attribute human characteristics or personality traits to motion pictures in our efforts to verbalize our reactions to the films. Were that the case, Frank La Loggia's *Lady in White* would surely be labeled the "Sybil" of cinema. *Lady in White*, though highly entertaining, often even gripping throughout, is about as schizoid a film as imaginable.

It's almost as if La Loggia never quite got around to deciding just what kind of movie he was going to make with *Lady*, but more likely, the crazy-quilt patchwork of seemingly mismatched ideas and radical reversals and directional changes was purely intentional. If the intent was to abruptly jar the viewer, frequently, it was certainly successful. The film does suffer though, from an overabundance of subplots that at times seem to come entirely out of left field., with little or no bearing on the story thus far, that is, the film we're viewing, and then just disappear.

With these criticisms of *Lady in White*'s somewhat schizoid-out characteristics aside, this is an extremely entertaining and highly recommended film. First and foremost among *Lady*'s attributes is the irresistible performance of saucer-eyed Lukas (Winess) Haas. He is unquestionably the most engaging young actor to hit the screen

in some time. As nine-year-old Frankie Scarlatti, all set to celebrate a typical small-town Halloween in 1962, Haas portrays the exceptionally adorable character around whom the story revolves.

*Lady in White* begins as an almost Spielbergian heartwarming family comedy, genuinely bringing smile after pleasant smile with its sweetly humorous memories of childhood in a warm, lovable Italian family. Early on, though, the film undergoes the first of innumerable abrupt gear changes and transforms the film from a family comedy to an extremely suspenseful murder mystery to a fully-blown supernatural tale right up one of Stephen King's nightmare alleys. All of which, aside from the at times jarring effect wrought by the changes and turnabouts, is well and good, because the film never does jar or jolt enough to detract from its essentially entertaining nature.

The overall effect is, at times, not unlike that of *48 Hours*, wherein the hilarity of the comic aspects was juxtaposed with the shockingly brutal realism of the film's violence, somehow making each part even stronger in comparison. Juxtaposition of a similar nature also works especially well with *Lady in White*. Though not really suited for the kids (the PG-13 rating is

The year is 1962. The place is Willoupoint Falls. Nobody talks about what happened in the school cloakroom ten years ago. Now, in the dead of night, Frankie Scarlatti is going to find out why.

## Lady in White



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justified) due to the nature of the child-killer mystery portion of the film, and briefly marred by an attempt at social relevance in making some sort of muddled statement regarding racial strife, *Lady in White* is by

and large a first rate piece of work, definitely schizoid as a film could possibly be, but still highly watchable and entertaining from beginning to end.

— Rick Williams

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### Isla Vista/UCSB/Goleta

#### Thursday 5/12

##### MUSIC

The Distractions, Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.  
Celebrity City and Dear John, at the UCen Pub, 8 PM. UCSB.  
Julie Miller Band, Jaime's, 5838 Hollister Ave., Goleta.

##### FILM

Mister Roberts, 7, 9:30 PM, Campbell Hall, UCSB.

##### RADIO

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

##### ART

Native American Women's Art, UCSB Women's Center Gallery, continues through 5/20.

#### Friday 5/13

##### MUSIC

Shaken, not Stirred, Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.  
Blue Moon, Jaime's, 5838 Hollister Ave., Goleta.

##### FILM

The Running Man, 7, 9, 11 PM, I.V. Theater.

#### Saturday 5/14

##### MUSIC

Happy Trails, Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte in Isla Vista.  
David Tovar, Jaime's, 5838 Hollister Ave., Goleta.

#### Sunday 5/15

##### MUSIC

Expression Exchange: poetry, art, and music performed, 3-6 PM, Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte, I.V.

##### FILM

Men in War, 7, 9:30, UCSB Campbell hall.

##### RADIO

60's Revisited hosted by Gerry DeWitt, 9 AM to Noon, KTYD 99.9 FM.  
African Kaleidoscope: On the Life of Malcolm X, 4-5 PM, KCSB 91.9 FM.  
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#### Monday 5/16

##### MUSIC

Pat Travers (blues) with the Witnesses, the Graduate, 935 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.  
John Horvitz (jazz), Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.

##### FILM

A Weave of Time, The Teaching Rocks, and Hopi Prophecy, award-winning films from the 1987 American Indian Film Festival, 8 PM, I.V. Theater.

##### ART

Art Studio Department Honors Exhibition, UCSB UCEN Gallery, through June 11.

#### Tuesday 5/17

##### MUSIC

Santa Barbara Blues Fest II, with John Lee Hooker, Lonnie Brooks, Charlie Musselwhite, the Pontiacs, and more! 6 PM-Midnight, the Graduate, 935 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.

##### FILM

Ikwe and The Wake, final night of award-winning films from the 1987 American Indian Film Festival, 8 PM, I.V. Theater.

##### ART

Artists Reception for Honors Exhibition, 5-7 PM, UCSB UCEN Gallery.

#### Wednesday 5/18

##### MUSIC

Collage of i, benefit for the homeless, Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.

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## BAR APPROVES REVISED BUILDING DESIGN

# E.O.C. ADDITION GETS 1st OK IN PERMIT PROCESS

On a split 3-1 vote, the Santa Barbara County Board of Architectural Review (BAR) approved the design of the two-story, 19,000 square foot "fellowship center" which Isla Vista's St. Anthonias has planned for their property at the top of the Embarcadero loop in downtown Isla Vista. The plan, which still must receive final approval for its landscape design, was preliminarily approved at the BAR's May 6th meeting after a presentation by architect Nicholas Otaway.

The cost of the project was estimated to be \$1,300,000 by one of the BAR members.

The design, changed slightly from the original plans as depicted in a cover photo in the May 4th *Isla Vista Free Press*, includes 103 parking spaces, still less than ordinarily required for such a structure. A Conditional Use Permit will be required and has been applied for. The County Planning Commission must review the request for a Conditional Use Permit. A permit for a water hook-up from the Goleta Water District is also needed.

The new building will house offices, classrooms, a kitchen, and a large auditorium. Church services will still be held in the present building at 976 Embarcadero del Mar which will be expanded slightly as part of the project.

### Reservations

The BAR members expressed several reservations about the project before voting its approval. The primary concern was size, with several members terming it "massive." They also expressed concern about how it would fit in with other nearby buildings, and that it didn't look much like a church.

BAR member Larry Thompson stated that "This will be the biggest building built in Isla Vista for a long time, and since I.V. no longer has its own planning review process (since the Isla Vista Community Council gave up meeting this past Fall), we have a special responsibility here. I'm concerned that this will be a 1980's design in a setting of 1960's buildings."

### "It's so massive!"

But BAR chair Robert Cunningham, dismissed this concern, saying that "I'm satisfied with this building because it's bland enough. It's not state of the art, progressive architecture, so it won't stand out so much. What I'm really concerned about is that it is so massive! Since the purpose of a church is worship, couldn't you increase the size of the present building that's going to be the sanctuary and decrease the size of the new one?" BAR member Jerry Hurley stated his concern that the building looked a lot more institutional than a church.

Otaway replied that he designed it to his client's specifications so that he couldn't change the relative size of the two buildings, and that "the building wasn't meant to look like a church — it's a 'fellowship hall'."

### Ultimate Use?

Otaway also pointed out that the addition will remain on a separate piece of property than the sanctuary. The larger property on which the addition will be built was purchased as five separate parcels but the property lines were legally dissolved recently. However, the property line between the new parcel and the adjacent one on which the sanctuary is located has been retained.

John Sommer of the EOC once told the *Free Press* that "we want a structure that we can sell off as an office building if we ever had to." Cunningham pointed out during the hearing that the BAR does not take into consideration what the ultimate use of a building might be — "We look only at how the design and size of the building fits into the neighborhood." It was pointed out, however, that the County would have to approve the change of use from a church to an office building.

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

I.V. resident Betty Housel expressed concern during the hearing about the historical significance of the site on which the addition will be constructed. The property is unofficially called "Perfect Park" in Isla Vista where it was the site of a major sit-in demonstration against police violence in June of 1970. Housel questioned whether or not the BAR could require that a memorial to Isla Vista residents of that period be included in the design.

In rejecting Housel's request, Cunningham stated that "We can't take history into account in reviewing a project — whether we sympathize with you or not."

BAR member Hugh Tweible was the single vote against approving the building design. His primary concern was the size of the new building in comparison with others in the area. "I didn't like the appearance of the building," he told the *Free Press* later. "It just doesn't fit into the neighborhood."

The BAR members asked the architect to expand the use of street trees and to widen the sidewalk in the final landscape design.

## CAC Advocacy Moves to Medical Clinic Building

The Community Action Commission's Advocacy Office has moved from the University Religious Center to the Isla Vista Open Door Medical Clinic offices at 970-F Embarcadero del Mar (up stairs). Laura Price is the new staff person. The Advocacy Program assists low income families and individuals in obtaining food, shelter, medical care and emergency services and in landlord/tenant mediation. All services are free and confidential.

Volunteers are welcome and needed.

Call Price during her office hours, 1-5 PM, at 968-5158.

# AROUND TOWN

## 1988 Spring Festival

### The Costs Are In — But It Was A Blast!

The 16th Annual Isla Vista Spring Festival was one of the best in recent years by all accounts. But, the two-day event held April 30 and May 1st in Anisq'Oyo Park was also one of the most expensive festivals since they began in the early 1970s.

The budget summary prepared by the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District, the Festival's major sponsor, indicated total expenses of \$2,711. The major cost items were the bands (\$1,275), sound equipment and technicians (\$775), advertising (\$300), the poster (\$210), portable toilets (\$138) and \$210 for paying District personnel. Revenue from the beer concession and booths was \$478, leaving a net cost of \$2,443 — about 3/4 of 1% of the District's annual budget.

As a result of the Festival, the District received a letter from one ecstatic resident commending the staff on how I.V.'s parks "add immeasurably to the quality of life in Isla Vista," and noting how the "parks have improved dramatically over the past three or four years."

As a co-sponsor of the Festival, KTYD-FM radio supplied a significant amount of free advertising for the event.

## Spinnaker's Drops Out

Spinnaker's Galley, a tavern and restaurant at Embarcadero del Mar and Seville, took down its sails a couple of weeks ago, for good as it turns out. The *Free Press* has learned that the site has been leased to the Alternative Copy Shop, forced to relocate from their ten-year old shop on Pardall because of a redevelopment project slated there for this Summer.

Gordon and Carol Ablitt, the owners of the building which also houses I.V. Hair Stylists, Domino's Pizza, and Isla Vista's only laundromat, started Spinnaker's six years ago. It was one of the most popular spots in I.V. to watch sporting events on their two large screens, plus the beer was cheap and the chili was terrific! Several months ago, the Ablitt's had leased Spinnaker's to their former manager Linda and her new husband Mike who evidently couldn't keep up the business; we'll all miss Linda.

## Park Board Supports Strong Federation Stand for More Off-Street Parking in Isla Vista

At their May 5th meeting, the board of directors of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District endorsed a strong statement put forward by the Isla Vista Federation about the need for real solutions to the lack of off-street parking in Isla Vista. According to general manager Glenn Lazof, the board backed the addition of long-term parking

facilities on campus as one solution, and appeared to oppose limiting parking permits to upperclass UCSB students. The board tentatively endorsed some kind of residential parking permit process, but wanted more details about its implementation. The board endorsed the draft Federation position that the University had a responsibility to pay for real solutions to the lack of parking in I.V. because the problems stemmed mostly from over-enrollment.

## Second Annual Lamda Phi Epsilon Kids Party

The Lamda Phi Epsilon fraternity is sponsoring its second annual party for Isla Vista youngsters and families on Sunday, May 15th from 1 to 5 PM at the University Religious Center, 777 Camino Pescadero. Table games, water balloons, contests and many other games will provide prizes for the kids.

Last year, more than 150 children attended the party, "Even though many were hesitant to attend a party held by a fraternity," said Joe Mortz, staff of Let Isla Vista Eat (LIVE), co-sponsor of the event.

For more information, call Mike Wong, president of Lamda Phi Epsilon, at 562-8186.

## Angela Davis to Speak at UCSB May 21

Black civil rights and anti-imperialist activist Angela Davis will speak on "Women, Race and Class" on Saturday, May 21st at 8 PM in UCSB's Campbell Hall.

Currently teaching philosophy, aesthetics, and women's studies at San Francisco State University and the San Francisco Art Institute, Davis was one of the most popular speakers during the 1970 civil disturbances at UCSB and in Isla Vista. That Winter, she spoke to a crowd estimated at 10,000 people in front of Cheadle Hall. Part of that speech is recorded in the movie "Don't Bank on Amerika" shown recently at the Graduate nite club in Isla Vista.

But this time, they're selling tickets for her speech — \$3 for students, \$5 for "others" — which are available at the Associated Students office in the UCen or at the door. The event is being co-sponsored by a dozen different campus organizations including the Chancellor's Office.

How times have changed.

## Central America Speaker

Mario Valesquez, the director of Medical Aid for El Salvador, will speak Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 PM at the Unitarian Parish Hall, 1535 Santa Barbara Street in Santa Barbara.

Son of the chairman of the El Salvadorian joint chiefs of staff in the 1970s, Valesquez worked for many years with the late Archbishop Oscar Romero's Christian-based communities in the rural areas. He is a graduate of UCLA.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### It's Tough Being a Candidate, Part II

Editor,

Is the "longshot getting too close for comfort? Do the frontrunners feel they are being threatened? Are the thousands of dollars being invested not showing enough profit margin?

Why all these questions? My signs are being taken down as fast as they are being put up. Maybe the wind you say. Not likely. The signs are being put up with four pieces of wire, one in each corner and are made of a pressed wood composition.

Susie O'Rourke is a candidate for the position of Supervisor in the Third District and plans to stay for the duration. The frontrunners are spending more than the job pays for a year on their campaigns. One might ask what under the table benefits they hope to gain.

It is a shame that pettiness such as

removal of a candidate's signs should creep into a campaign as important as this to the people of Santa Barbara County.

The choice is yours — you can elect someone who has not been bought and paid for, someone who is honest, and someone who is trustworthy. Susie O'Rourke is that person.

Susie O'Rourke  
Goleta

### More, More, More

Editor,

Please send my girl friend a subscription to the *Free Press*. I don't see what she sees in it, but I can hardly go wrong for only \$3 for 10 issues. Where is Isla Vista, anyway?

Kevin Billingsphirst  
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## from the Publisher's Desk



## YES ON MEASURE A - PARK BONDS

The passage of the first Isla Vista Park Bonds in 1975 was probably the single most important event in this town's community building efforts. Just look around you — what would I.V. be like if we only had the one park on Del Playa at Camino Corto that the County built for us.

What if there was no Window-to-the-Sea Park, no Children's Park, no Anisq'Oyo Park, no Trigo-Pasado or Sueño Parks? What if Safeway had built where People's Park or Little Acorn Park is now? What if the community hadn't been able to save the Estero properties or the del Sol Ranch from development?

Yes, it's true that some of these properties look a little scruffy because there has not been any water or money to develop them. But left entirely alone, they look a whole lot better than another Campus Court or Safeway.

It was the foresight of Isla Vista residents thirteen years ago to have voted in the first Park Bond which purchased and/or developed these properties in the community's interests.

It's up to the current residents of Isla Vista to look ahead for the next generations — Vote Yes on Measure A.

## MEASURE B — that's tougher

The Isla Vista Park Board went way out on a limb last Summer when they created a "benefit assessment" district in order to tax each household \$30 and commercial space 15¢ per square foot. This was the first time that the Park District has raised taxes in Isla Vista without a vote of the community — and that goes back to the District's founding in 1972.

And it wasn't a small amount, either. The Benefit Assessment raised revenues \$139,000, leading to a one-third increase in resources available to the District.

True, as critics point out, the Park Board also decided to significantly increase the salaries of their staff at about the same time they enacted the benefit assessment. In their judgement, it made good business sense to cut down on employee turnover by paying wages closer to the prevailing rates for similar work with other area agencies. Only time will tell if this assessment is accurate — perhaps another year, or even two.

I suppose the real test of whether or not the enactment of the benefit assessment was a good idea extends beyond the process question of how it was enacted — do the parks look significantly better this year? For the most part the answer for me is YES — but without an exclamation point behind it. It's too bad that the Little Acorn Park re-design won't be completed until after the June 7th election, that the Greek Park development won't happen until later this Summer, and that the Goleta Water Board was so slow to award I.V. its water from Measure T that the irrigation systems won't be installed until after the election.

Perhaps, it's the role of leadership to take that first step — to show us what's possible if we spend some money. In that case, the Park Board has done us a favor to exercise this leadership by enacting the benefit assessment last year. I'm not so sure about that yet, because so much of the results still lie in the future.

But I do know for sure that the Park Board did us a favor to place Measure B on the ballot — asking the electorate whether or not the benefit assessment should be continued. That took some courage, and for that they have my respect. There are 16 other benefit assessments operating in this County, and no other government agency has bothered to ask the electorate if they should be continued.

But then, I.V. is a unique place. We all know that.

## ISLA VISTA, CA 93117

Often you hear that "Goleta, CA 93117" is the "real" address for Isla Vista, Francisco Torres, and all on-campus apartments. But it isn't true; the Post Master General of the U.S. has said that — except for Main Campus — "Isla Vista" is appropriate.

## Measures A & B on June 7th Ballot

### I.V. PARK DISTRICT ASKS FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF \$500,000 BOND AND \$30/HOUSEHOLD BENEFIT ASSESSMENT

by Carmen Lodise  
Isla Vista Free Press Publisher

In the June 7th election, Isla Vista voters have the opportunity to add new land to the community's park system and to continue or end a tax initiated last year without a vote of area residents. The County Elections Office will be mailing a Sample Ballot pamphlet to each registered voter between now and May 31st containing pro and con arguments on both measures.

Measure A is a \$500,000 bond which would, if approved, permit the board of directors of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District (IVRPD) to purchase additional vacant property and make improvements on these and other properties currently owned by the District. Current plans call for the bonds to be paid off over twenty years, although the wording on the ballot measure allows the District to pay them off over forty years.

Measure B is an advisory vote on continuing a \$30 per household/15¢ per square foot of commercial space benefit assessment paid by property owners for maintenance and improvements of parklands. This benefit assessment was enacted last year by the District's board of directors — the first time in its 16 year history that taxes have been raised without voter approval.

#### Who Can Vote

Only residents of the 0.56 square miles of Isla Vista South of El Cole, excluding the UCSB campus, are eligible to vote on these measures; Francisco Torres and the campus are not within the boundaries of the Park District which was formed by voter approval in 1972.

A two-thirds majority of the voters must approve of the bond measure (Measure A) for it to pass, while the board is looking for a simple majority to support their

continuation of the benefit assessment (Measure B).

The District also has a continuing \$10 per household/5¢ per square foot of commercial space special tax which was approved by voters in 1984. In addition, the District receives approximately \$115,000 a year in property tax revenues. The total budget for the District's current operations for the 1988-89 fiscal year beginning July 1 is presently estimated to be \$408,000. This budget calls for assessing the full \$10 per household of the special tax, but only \$25.50 per household of the benefit assessment.

#### Current Property

The IVRPD currently owns 26.5 acres of vacant and developed properties in I.V., all except three of which were purchased between 1977 and 1980 with the proceeds of a \$1.15 million bond approved by I.V. voters in 1975. Anisq'Oyo Park was purchased primarily with federal funds, while Children's Park and the bluff top property at the foot of Camino Pescadero were purchased with State monies. Isla Vista property owners pay approximately \$110,000 per year in addition to the taxes for the District's current operations to pay off the 1975 bond; the last payment on the 1975 bond will be in 1998.

For most of the time the District has owned these twenty properties, only three have had a water meter. Even Anisq'Oyo Park has no water meter — the two ponds are reservoir and the park's only water supply since it was built in 1976. Therefore, most have remained in an undeveloped state. It



The public hearing in the Anisq'Oyo Park Amphitheater on Saturday, November 14th to discuss a new park bond.

## MEASURES A & B FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF PARK ISSUES

While all taxes on property are literally paid by the property owners, in Isla Vista — with its 96% renters — most taxes are actually "paid" by tenants through their rents. And, while several absentee owners of Isla Vista property often contribute money to the campaigns to oppose voter approval of tax increases (or becoming a city), it is the tenants who actually get to vote on the measures.

A fact sheet put out by the IVRPD indicates that if the \$500,000 Park Bond is approved, the tax assessment would be \$1.20 per apartment household per month (on the average) over most of the twenty-year life of the bond. The benefit assessment of \$25.50 per household per year amounts to \$2.13 per month. The average Isla Vista homeowner would be paying the same \$2.13 per month for the benefit assessment and just under \$2.00 per month for the new park bond.

#### Will Rents Increase?

There is even some question as to whether or not rents would actually increase if Measures A and B are approved by Isla Vista voters June 7th

Nigel Buxton, an Isla Vista homeowner and landlord who is the president of the Isla Vista Rental Property Owners Association, told the *Free Press* recently that it is difficult for property owners to pass on to tenants any increased expenses because rental prices are already as high as they can go. If this is true, then tax increases — at least small ones — do not result in rent increases, and they are ultimately paid by the landlord from what otherwise would be profit on the rental property.

#### Timing of Tax Increase

There is also the matter of timing. Buxton said at a meeting of the Federation last Fall that he had been unable to pass on the \$30 per household benefit assessment to his tenants this past year because he had already established his rental rates before the Park Board had enacted the new tax. Much the same situation holds in this case — rental rates for 1988-89 were set in March, and the taxes from Measures A and B would not be assessed until at least next December, and perhaps not until the following Spring.

Thus, any increase in taxes at this point will likely come from the landlords' expected profits on the rental units. This is

even more true in the several large apartment complexes in Isla Vista which have announced that rents will not be increasing for next Fall.

However, in the long run taxes are just one of the expenses of owning rental property and rents must cover them, too. Thus, it is the tenants who live here who pay for the public services they receive.

#### Impact on Homeowners

There are just over one hundred resident homeowners in Isla Vista. For those who purchased their home before Prop. 13 was passed in 1977, the impact of the \$500,000 bond passing will amount to less than \$20 per year. But, there are a handful of recently purchased homes assessed at over \$230,000; the annual tax on these dwellings would be close to \$90, or about \$7.50 per month.

#### Commercial Taxes

The cost of both the bond issue and the benefit assessment on commercial property is often overlooked, perhaps because only a couple of business owners are involved with Isla Vista politics — Vern Johnson of the Isla Vista Market and Bob Lovgren of S.O.S. Liquors.

The impact of the \$500,000 land purchase is relatively minor in comparison with the benefit assessment. While the bond calls for the same payment on commercial property as on residential property, the benefit assessment charges a fixed annual fee on residential households. However, businesses are charged 15¢ per square foot of their store site for the benefit assessment, although this is paid by the property owner and — just as in housing — most I.V. businesses are renters.

Still, this is a considerable amount of money and most certainly is passed on to consumers in higher prices. The fact sheet put out by the Park District indicates that the I.V. Market paid almost \$1,100 this year for the benefit assessment but would have to pay only \$79.44 if the new park bond were approved by voters June 7th. Ironically, because the 1988-89 Park District budget calls for a 15% reduction in the benefit assessment over the current fiscal year, I.V. Market will actually be paying less taxes to the Park District next year than this if both Measures A and B are approved (a net reduction of almost \$100).



Children playing on the new slide installed at Children's Park on Camino del Sur at Picasso. The complete refurbishing of the playground equipment at this park was completed this past year at a total cost of \$23,000, most of which was obtained by the Isla Vista Rec. & Park District from State grants. The park itself was purchased in 1974 with State park bond monies.

## The I.V.A. vs. the PARK BOARD

# YES or NO on Measures A & B

*"I'm for more open space, but I just don't trust these largely unelected people on the Park Board with a blank check"*

—Hal Kopeikin,  
Isla Vista Association

*"That's just a smokescreen. The I.V.A. has always opposed everything the Park District has done."*

—Laura Price, chair  
Isla Vista Park Board

The sides are drawn along the traditional battle lines. The Isla Vista Association against the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District — the organized resident property owners versus the community's elected officials.

The current president of the Isla Vista Association (IVA), UCSB chemistry professor Curtis Anderson, told the *Free Press* that his group voted in January to oppose both the \$500,000 Park Bond (Measure A) and Benefit Assessment (Measure B) on the June 7th ballot. They also wrote the arguments opposing both measures which appear in the voter's pamphlet which will soon be mailed door-to-door in I.V.

### Isla Vista Association

The IVA was formed in 1969. While its membership is open to any Isla Vista resident or merchant, for the most part the IVA is made up of resident homeowners, many living in the West End of town in the R-1 zoned area of single-family residences.

Anderson said that some IVA members opposed the bond measure because the District already owns a lot of property and that most of the parcels are not kept up, while others opposed it because it will mean that the District will just be spending more money if it has more land. Anderson said some IVA members supported the first park bond (1975) but now oppose this one. However, he could only recall the name of one such person, Leo Jacobson.

Anderson said that the current Park Board is "largely unelected" — two of the five directors have been appointed to fill vacancies created by the resignation of elected directors. The Park District's board members are elected to four year terms in the November of even numbered years. He also



I.V.A. Leader Hal Kopeikin speaking in favor of Isla Vista being included in a City of Goleta at an Associated Students Legislative Council forum last Fall.

said that the budget is growing far too fast to their liking, and so they are opposing the Benefit Assessment also.

### A Lot More Work

Laura Price, current chair of the Park District's board of directors, and herself an appointed member, admits that the District's budget has grown significantly over the past three or four years. "But, we're doing a lot more work now, too," she told the *Free Press*. "We're getting lots of positive feedback from I.V. residents about how much better the parks are looking, and the new re-design of Little Acorn Park and the new water meters we've finally been able to get are going to have great impacts on our park system."

"With UCSB enrollment continuing to grow, if we don't buy some more of the remaining open spaces, they're all going to be built on," she continued. "It's important for the community's elected officials to present alternatives to the voters to do this. That's what both Measures A and B are all about."

### No Blank Check

Hal Kopeikin, an IVA leader who teaches in the Psychology Department at UCSB, told the *Free Press* that, "I don't trust giving these park board members — largely unelected — a blank check either to buy open space or to increase park maintenance. I'm in favor of some more public open space, like the Texaco property around I.V. School. But, I'd prefer that they told us in advance what properties they were going to buy before we voted on. That's what happened with the Texaco property."

Kopeikin is even more opposed to Measure B, an advisory election on whether or not the \$30 per household Benefit

Assessment enacted last year by the Park District's board of directors over the strenuous objections of IVA members should be continued. "When the Benefit Assessment was established last year," he said, "it was done by action of the board, not through an election. If they want to tell me how they're going to use the \$30, and I agree with it, I told them at the hearing last year that I'd write out a check for it right there. I don't like being taxed, then asked a year later to approve it."

"Besides, I have real mixed feelings about how the Benefit Assessment (\$139,000) was spent. Everybody got large salary increases right after it was approved. Certainly salaries were the largest growth item in this year's budget," he said.

### Smokescreen

Park Board chair Laura Price dismisses Kopeikin's arguments as spurious. "What Kopeikin says is just a smokescreen. The IVA has always been against everything the Park District has done. He and the rest of them aren't about to change their position if we compromise some — we already made a lot of compromises, and that didn't seem to help."

The Park Board decreased the amount of the open space bond from \$5,000,000 to \$500,000 based on input Price said was from IVA members. They also decreased the benefit assessment 15% this year for much the same reason.

Price pointed out that the District has established in public hearings exactly how they will spend the Benefit Assessment monies, broken down on a park-by-park basis. "If Hal really wanted to know the answer to his questions he could find out. We make all of our decisions at public meetings — what's he think we're going to do, run off to Las Vegas with the public's money?"

"Yes it's true," she said, "we have decided to increase salaries more toward the market wages paid for similar positions elsewhere. We think we need to in order to keep good employees. But we still are quite a bit below the University and the County."

"And we can't announce in advance what properties we want to buy if the bond passes," she continued. "First of all, it would increase the price of the properties. Secondly, our attorney says there is the real possibility of getting sued for 'inverse condemnation' if we talk about specific properties before we have the money to actually buy them. The Texaco situation was really unique because Texaco came to us, or the County."

"I get so P.O.'d at Hal; he says stuff like that all the time," she concluded.

### Friends of Parks

David Young, a professor of classics at UCSB and a Del Playa homeowner, is working in support of both Measures A and B with a campaign committee called Friends of I.V. Parks. Young says that, "The IVA Board should step out of their homes with their private back yards and look at the truly congested parts of I.V. Then maybe they wouldn't question so much the need to spend a little money to buy and maintain these open spaces."

So the battle rages — with I.V. voters the final referee.

## MEAS A & B, from page 10

was only last month that water hook-ups were approved for the first time by the Goleta Water District. The Park District is currently preparing to add irrigation systems to several of these previously undeveloped parcels.

## GREENIES, from page 2

be re-assessed until at least a year later. Because of the seven years since the previous assessment, property taxes were going to increase at least 50% in the R-1. In addition, because the 1975 Park Bond had passed in the previous November's election, this meant that R-1 property owners would be paying two or three times the amount for these bonds as would similar property elsewhere in town.

It was all too galling to the IVA leaders. After all, they had been violently opposed to the passage of the bonds and to the election on a city, but now they were having to pay more for these bonds than if the city had passed! They wanted out!

### I.V. Homeowners Extinct?

In making the presentation to LAFCO, IVA leader Bruce Murdock displayed a map showing the R-1 section of the Park District in red, and the balance of Isla Vista in green. "These people in 'The Green Area' are trying to tax us out of town," he proclaimed to loud applause from his supporters. "It's not the exotic bugs in the R-1's vernal pools that are endangered if we don't detach from the Park District, it's the R-1 homeowners that are an endangered species."

At the time, the community had only three parks (County Park on Del Playa, Children's Park, and an as yet undeveloped Anisq'Oyo Park). One of the visions of the park bond that had passed a few months earlier was to buy the larger remaining open spaces in I.V., some of which had vernal pools containing several endangered species.

"We have plenty of open space around us, both with the twenty or so vacant lots in the R-1 and with the University's West Campus right next door," said another R-1 property owner. "We don't need the Park District's open space purchase plan."

### Surprise Outcome

LAFCO members, in a surprise move, rejected the detachment request. Citing the small size of the Isla Vista Park District (0.56 square miles), Lompoc Mayor Eugene Stevens said that if the R-1 residents didn't use the park district's parks, it was their own choice. Lompoc Supervisor Mut Beattie said he thought the voters of Isla Vista were a bit "too grandiose" in their open space purchase plans, but he didn't think that detachment was the solution to what he saw as a "political" problem. Public member J. Tim Terry didn't think that LAFCO should get involved with how well a special district was operating — "That's up to the electorate."

So, the people in "the red area" have had to continue living with the people in "the green area", although the battle continues into the present.

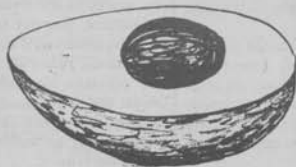
### Who Was Right?

It is interesting to note however, that see GREENIES, page 12



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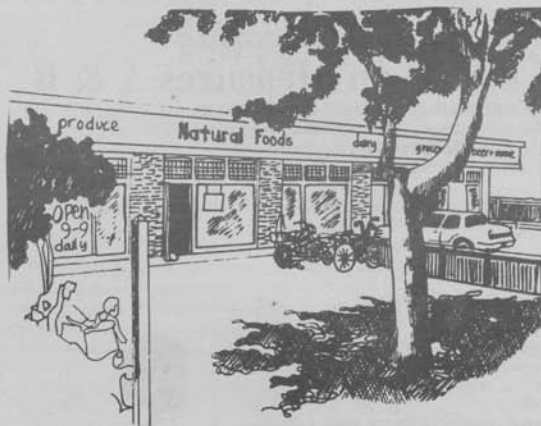
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**GREENIES**, from page 11 since 1976, the value of property in the R-1 area has increased over six-fold, while the taxes on the average R-1 property are not much higher than the 1976 level. Also, most of the leadership of the IVA in 1976 are still residents there — and still active in opposing Park District tax increases.

It is also interesting to realize that the open space which R-1 residents had at the time is rapidly vanishing. A few years ago, UCSB put 64 condos in the middle of the West Campus open space, and most of the

remaining vacant lots in R-1 are scheduled to have houses constructed on them in the next few months due to the passage of Measure T in last November's election.

In the meantime, the Isla Vista Park District has purchased 27 acres of land in Isla Vista (some with vernal pools), most of which would cost six to eight times as much if they were to be purchased today.

The Park District will attempt to purchase a few more acres if Measure A is passed by I.V. voters on June 7th.



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