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Free Press Seeks Community Help To Fold June 1st Without \$6,000 Assistance

The *Isla Vista Free Press* will stop publishing after our June 1, 1989 issue unless we are able to raise \$6,000 to pay off a financial deficit which has accumulated over our two and one-half years of operation. If you feel a community newspaper in Isla Vista is important, please send us \$5, \$10, or \$25 before June 1st — along with your suggestions as to how to make this a better newspaper (see Opinion Survey on page 3).

All contributors will receive a 10-issue subscription to the *Free Press* if we are still publishing next Fall. Any funds collected in excess of \$6,000 will be contributed to Isla Vista social service agencies.

The *Free Press* is a limited partnership owned by fifteen individuals who have invested from \$250 to \$2,000 for a total of \$10,000. None of the money collected via this solicitation will go to myself or to any of the partners — the money will be used strictly to pay bills and staff salaries. Keep in mind that the UCSB *Daily NEXUS* receives an annual subsidy of \$39,000 from student fees.

If only 600 people send us \$10, we will reach our objective. Although the *Free Press* has survived longer than any community newspaper in Isla Vista's history, if our continued publication is not important to at least that many people, perhaps it is appropriate that we stop printing.

Carmen Lodise, Publisher

May 4th Meeting of Residents, Police

Officers: "We Get Scared in I.V." Residents: "You Don't Show Respect"

On Thursday, May 4th, the leadership of the Foot Patrol sat down with about sixty residents, the press, and a couple of administrators from UCSB to talk about a widely perceived deterioration in police/community relations in Isla Vista. The meeting was held at the University Religious Center in Isla Vista.

At the front table for the two-hour meeting was UCSB Police Chief John MacPherson and the Sheriff's Patrol Division Captain, Ed Piceno, as well as the former head of the Foot Patrol Sgt. James Drinkwater, and Sgt. Fred Olguin, who succeeded Drinkwater last week. The crowd included the community's top elected leadership — several members of the Isla Vista Park Board and the UCSB Associated Students Legislative Council, including newly-elected A.S. president Mike Stowers and outgoing vice-president Ellen Thornton.

Conspicuous in his absence was County Supervisor Bill Wallace, himself an I.V. resident. Wallace stated later that he was out of town.

The meeting had been arranged by UCSB Ombudsperson Geoffrey Wallace, because, as he said, "Everyone at the University is concerned that I.V. has the right kind of policing."

"Going by the Book"



Sgt. Fred Olguin, left, and Sgt. Jim Drinkwater, right, at May 4th meeting.

Scott Wexler, a long-time I.V. resident, started off the dialogue. "Living in I.V., you make adjustments, and the police have to make adjustments, too. You can't just go strictly by the book, and lately there's been too much enforcement by the book." Wexler also felt that it was unnecessary for the Foot Patrol and backups from other areas to wear riot gear on weekend patrols.

Mike Lupro stated that there was a lot more serious crimes than loud parties, and why couldn't the police de-emphasize shutting down parties that are only disturbing a few people, while benefiting

hundreds in some cases.

Piceno responded that he agreed there was a problem, but that "We have very little discretion. If we receive a complaint about a loud party, for instance, we have to respond." Piceno thought that it was "great" that the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District was seeking to have the County ordinance changed that requires a "transient business license" for vendors at festivals in Anisq'Oyo Park. "This takes us out of the middle."

Piceno stated that many of these "problems" are community problems, see POLICE, page 8

Mexico's Copper Canyon

The Grandest Canyon

by Carmen Lodise,
Isla Vista FREE PRESS Publisher

Copper Canyon, or Barranca de Cobre, in Northwestern Mexico's state of Sonora, is four times larger than the Grand Canyon — too big to comprehend unless you actually go there.

And getting there — via the Ferrocarril Chihuahua al Pacifico railroad — is half the fun.

Copper Canyon is a national park stretching over thousands of square miles. The area was created along the Continental Divide in the late Cretaceous, early Tertiary period — 40-80 million years ago. Volcanic activity opened up immense canyons, with the largest several miles across, rising above El Rio Urique. It also spewed lava and ash over the mesa above the 4,000 foot deep canyons, leaving literally thousands of huge boulders balanced on other rocks — like grains of salt sitting on a table top. It is a magnificent wilderness area, which remains so because of the difficulty of traversing it.

The only means to date is the Los Mochis to Chihuahua railroad which was completed in 1961 — after a 75 year effort. The train snakes through 350 miles in about 14 hours, passing through 86 tunnels, one over a mile long, on its way. The

towns of the high country. The Raramuri are noted for their great running abilities — they have an annual race which lasts 24-hours, during which they kick a small ball in front of them through the rough terrain.

Creel

The best way to see the Barranca de Cobre country is by getting off the train at the two towns on the high mesa — Divisadero and Creel — which serve as jumping off points for exploring the canyons. We got off the train at Creel — a scruffy little town of 5-7,000 people. Creel looks a lot like a town out of the Old West in the U.S. Indians were standing around, leaning against buildings — obviously alienated. Most of the buildings were single-story and didn't hold paint very well, while the streets were slushy-mud and there were no side walks to speak of. And there must have been as many pigs living in the town as people!

However, a major renovation was underway as we visited. Stones — sawed from limestone planks in a mill at the edge of town — were being laid in the streets near the central plaza, cement curbs were being poured, gigantic street lights were being readied for installation, and (thank God!) sewer pipes were being laid. All in



Raramuri Indian women selling their wares at the Divisadero train stop.

ride by itself is worth the trip to the canyon

Because the high mesa is over 8,000 feet above sea level, the area gets a lot of snow during the winter months. The melting snow creates incredible water falls, plus, over the millenniums, a lot of caves which the local Indians have adopted as their summer homes.

There are about 40,000 Tarahumara Indians in the area — they call themselves the Raramuri. These Indians are seasonally nomadic, living on the mesa during the summer months while they plant and harvest their crops. However, they retreat to the canyon floors during the winters, where jungles — replete with parrots — grow. While they have largely rejected assimilation into the dominate Mexican culture, they can often be seen in the small

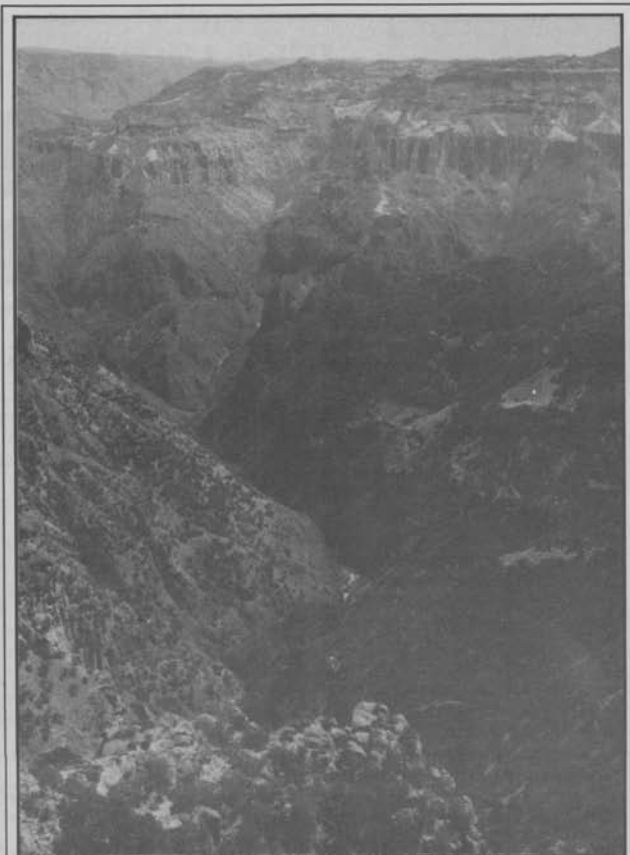
all, the town reflected the vigor of an expanding tourist center. It's a sure guess that they voted correctly in the closely-contested presidential campaign last summer.

It would be interesting to visit Creel again in a couple of years to see what all these changes have wrought.

Into the Wilderness

But Creel is only a place to get off the train — a departure point from which to head out into the beauty of the high country and the grandeur of the canyons.

Daily guided tours into the surrounding country are available by bus, jeep, and horse, and they need not be scheduled before you arrive — in fact, some of the best are put together on the spur of the moment by some of the locals who be-



Barranca de Cobre at Divisadero, with Urique River 4,000 feet below.

friend you quite readily. We ran into a half-dozen people who had just returned stary-eyed from a hastily put-together, three-day excursion to the bottom of one canyon or another, swearing it was the best experience of their life.

Horses are available for rent at \$5 a day to extend the range of your own exploring; mechanized, guided tours run about \$7.50 a day. Be sure to plan for three or four days in the area in order to see the several famous sites.

One of the most spectacular sights in

the region is the Basaseachi Waterfall which drops over 800 feet. But just a trip to any of the canyon floors is breathtaking.

Travelers can also spend some time at the Divisadero where a rather spiffy hotel runs only \$40 for two, including three meals, and daily trips to the canyon floor 4,000 feet below are available for \$10 per person. In any case, the train stops at Divisadero for 15 minutes where Raramuri women sell baskets, pottery, and

See CANYON, page 7

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I. V. PARK BOARD TO DISCUSS POLICE REVIEW PANEL — At May 18th Meeting

The board of directors of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District will take up the question of forming a citizen review committee over policing activities in I.V. at their Thursday, May 18th meeting. The concept, as proposed, would be a joint committee of police and citizens. The UCSB Associated Students Legislative Council will be asked to support the plan if it is approved by the board.

The board will also consider a request to form a steering committee to carry out a several month commemoration beginning next Fall of the twentieth anniversary of the burning of the Bank of America in Isla Vista on January 25th, 1970. The theme of the commemoration, as pro-

posed by UCSB Sociology professor Dick Flacks, Isla Vista *Free Press* publisher Carmen Lodise, and Isla Vista Medical Clinic board president Dave Bearman, would be the community building efforts in Isla Vista which began with that event twenty years ago next January. This item is set for 7:20 PM on the board's agenda.

The meeting will also have a slide show at 9 PM on the Del Sol Vernal Pool Preserve presented by UCSB professor Wayne Ferren and a discussion of preservation efforts of the vernal pool in the County Park Annex on Del Playa.

The board meets at their offices, 961 Embarcadero del Mar, beginning at 7 PM. The public is encouraged to attend.

HOMEOWNERS CALL REDEVELOPMENT MEETING MAY 17 — Trial Run for a P.A.C.

The Isla Vista Association, a homeowners group active in Isla Vista for 20 years, has called a meeting of ten people to discuss the reactions of various I.V. groups to the proposed redevelopment agency (RDA) for I.V. currently under consideration by the County of Santa Barbara. According to IVA president Curtis Anderson, the meeting will be Wednesday evening, May 17th, at the Lagerquist home in I.V.

"The idea is to invite representatives from the organizations or interest groups (County Supervisor) Bill Wallace has proposed for the Project Area Council," said Anderson in a telephone interview. "The idea is to have sort of a trial run on the PAC, just to see how all of these people feel about this redevelopment idea. We're trying to get an over all community response. Of course, we have no real authority."

According to Anderson, the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District is sending two representatives, Mitch Stockton and Laura Price, and the UCSB Associated Students are sending out-going external vice-president Ellen Thornton and another student. Mike Phinney will represent the IVA. Landlords and businesses will also be represented.

The County Board of Supervisors is considering establishment of a RDA at their meeting next Tuesday, May 23rd. If it is initiated, a PAC will be appointed for Isla Vista. Wallace announced his intention last month to appoint a PAC from I.V.'s major interest groups, including the Park District, the IVA, two from A.S., plus

representatives of businesses, renters, landlords, and social services. The PAC would draw up the plans for redevelopment projects to be undertaken with the estimated \$5-20 million an RDA might have for physical improvement projects in I.V. over the next decade. According to State law, twenty percent of all funds raised must be spent purchasing and renovating housing for low-income residents. The PAC's plans could be overturned by a 4/5th vote of the Board of Supervisors, thus causing concern by several Isla Vista community leaders that the County, not the community, has ultimate control over the RDA.

"We're (the IVA) opposed to this RDA thing," said Anderson, "because we don't trust the County, and we're afraid of the University operating behind the scenes. It could be quite a disaster." The Park District has given only qualified support of the RDA, based on the concern for local control and whether or not it would really wind up helping low-income people.

Neither Wallace nor the press have been invited to the IVA's meeting.

LITTLE ACORN REOPENS

The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District will have a formal ribbon cutting ceremony to officially re-open Little Acorn Park after a renovation which lasted almost a full year and cost about \$44,000.

The ceremony will be Wednesday, May 24th at noon. The public is invited.

OPINION SURVEY

In its 2-1/2 years of existence, the Isla Vista *Free Press* has published a wide range of community news, feature articles, special issues, and entertainment articles. What have you liked, disliked, ignored?

	(X)		(please circle one number)				
	Don't Know	Disliked	Disliked	Disliked	Disliked	Disliked	Liked
Local News			1	2	3	4	5
- Park District activities	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- the I.V. Federation	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- election coverage	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- redevelopment	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- environmental issues	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- County government	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- St. Athanasius Church	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- overenrollment	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- police activities	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- social services	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
Special Features			1	2	3	4	5
- histories of Isla Vista	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Literary Contest	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- I Love I.V. Contest	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Book Reviews	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Street Talk interviews	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- police reports	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- travel articles	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
Columnists			1	2	3	4	5
- Scott Wexler	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Jeff McManus	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Martin Kellogg (Nature)	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Largent Parks (Sports)	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- editorials	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
Entertainment			1	2	3	4	5
- album reviews	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- concert reviews	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- comic book reviews	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- entertainment calendar	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
Special Issues			1	2	3	4	5
- annual Bank Burning issue	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Edie Sedgwick	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Goleta Schools	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Ellwood Overdevelopment	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Styrofoam	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Nicaragua	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Too Many Cars in I.V.	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Who's Who in I.V.?	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Anisq'Oyo Pond	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- I.V.'s Vernal Pools	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- the Seawall	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- the New Russian Revolution	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Churches of I.V.	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5
- Policing I.V.	_____	_____	1	2	3	4	5

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Welcome To My Column, Now Go Home

by Jeffrey P. McManus,
Isla Vista FREE PRESS Columnist

Why can't I pay my Visa bill with my American Express Card? It's not really my fault that I'm too stupid to be gainfully employed.

The best man for the job is a transvestite.

Hit me, I need the money. And the painful sensation of the steering wheel bashing by forehead in at 65 miles per hour ain't so bad, either.

Welcome to California, now spend lots of money to support the economy and my pitifully-shallow lifestyle before you go home.

Kill 'em all, let someone other than me sort 'em out before the authorities catch up to me and my unregistered cache of handguns.

My folks went to the Bahamas, and all I got was this dumb bumper sticker. I however, was dumb enough to place the dumb sticker on my car.

Baby on board — so when you hit me, try to do it in a strategic location, so you kill me instead of my baby. Try glancing the side of my car instead of rear-ending me directly. That's it, you're getting the hang of it.

Girls just wanna have fun. Where the hell is Fargo, North Dakota? It's in the deepest pit of hell, of course — where else would it be? If it was anywhere else, it wouldn't be Fargo, North Dakota, now would it?

I owe, I owe, it's off to steal I go. Don't mess with Texas — Lord knows we've been messing with it long enough, we've gotten darn good at it, and we don't need jerks from other states to tell us how to do our jobs, thank you very much. We will take a few more ribs from the babaque, if ya don't mind. Much obliged, ma'am.

Think globally, act locally, shower annually.

Support your right to bear arms — by joining the Army, travelling to strange exotic lands, seeing strange, unusual

people, and performing covert actions on them.

You cannot simultaneously prevent and prepare for war — but you can sure have fun trying, and if you're not careful, you might learn somethin' before it's done. Hey, hey, hey.

Virginia is for lovers. But don't get any funny ideas, ya pervert, because my daddy's got a shotgun and he knows how to use it.

Party animal. Nicaragua is Spanish for Vietnam. Condom is Spanish for "ballistic missile". Vietnam is Spanish for "horsemeat daquiri". Bush is Czechoslovakian for "sloth". And "htols" is "sloth" spelled backwards.

Question Authority. Above all, don't believe what the authorities who create bumper stickers tell you. Even this one. Especially this one.

Who farted? My other car is a Porsche, but I locked the keys in the trunk in 1967 and just haven't gotten around to calling the locksmith to get them out. That's why I'm driving the poopy-wagon you see me in now. The Porsche looks nice, gathering leaves and rotting away under a poopy-bird tree in my cruddy, unmown, suburban backyard.

We're spending our children's inheritance — because we really don't love them.

Mikey likes it. And I like the fact that he liked it so much I'm willing to advertise it on my car.

Have you hugged your kids today? Yes? Good, because in the time you took to read this bumper sticker, you just drove over half of them.

First it was wine, women and song — now it's beer, the old lady, and T.V. And I feel just great about it. Never mind how my old lady (or my T.V., for that matter) feels about it.

Visualize World Peace — everybody would be either unemployed, dead, or cryogenically suspended. What a vision. God Bless America. ■

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MOVIE REVIEW

SCANDAL

Directed by Michael Caton-Jones
Miramax Films

by Glenn Diamond,
Isla Vista FREE PRESS Arts Writer

Scandal upset my expectations.

My first impression of the film came from the enticing clips on the evening news of sexy shots of nylons being rolled up shapely female calves and thighs. I immediately put it on my 'must see' list . . . all the while figuring that the treatment of the sex scandal which brought down the British government in the early 60s would not rise above the sensational.

How could it? These things are not so much sordid as trivial. The players in them are simple-souled folk and if they get caught, well, that's the proverbial price paid for playing with fire. The idea that these people might — if I learned something about them — earn my sympathy would have seemed laughable if I had deigned to entertain it.

My arrogance was ill-placed. The characters portrayed in *Scandal* come across as real human beings possessing real human drives and equally human weaknesses. Is it true to life? Not important here. The film makes it easy to imagine the real-life actors struggling in a web spun of not-so-abnormal personalities and circumstances which get out of control. In other words, the fiction is believable. And the

story it tells is not trivial but tragic.

Stephen Ward (John Hurt) is a physician, amateur artist, and socialite who Platonically delights in the animal beauty of younger women. Christine Keeler (Joanne Whalley-Kilmer) is a nightclub showgirl who instantly captivates Ward from the stage. They meet and the regard is mutual. He has a genuine concern for her as a person as well as appreciating her untamed, sexual charisma.

Though Ward has no personal sexual interest in Keeler, he has a weakness for sexual intrigue and introduces her to men in high places — including, finally, the government's Minister of War, John Profumo. Keeler delights in her sexual self (in the manner, say, of Marilyn Monroe) and is a willing participant in these affairs. Ultimately, of course, the whole thing comes undone.



It's a sad story on several levels. Most of all, it's a pity to see something so beautiful as uninhibited sexuality be the cause of tragedy: for Profumo who, with the exception of this one affair, appears to have led an exemplary public life; for Ward who, abandoned by his friends once the scandal hits, dies a suicide; and especially for Keeler who, in a way, was punished solely for indulging what was most natural in her.

They all should have known better, of course — but "let him/her without sin . . ."

VCR CLASSIC

MATEWAN

Directed by John Sayles. Lorimar Home Video, 100 minutes.

This is another fine film by the maker of *The Secaucus Seven* and *Brother From Another Planet*.

The setting is the coal fields of West Virginia during the fierce struggles of the 1920s to improve working conditions. It's the traditional clash between the union organizer and the owners, but Chris Cooper and James Earl Jones bring such fine performances that you almost forget you already know who wins.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the story is the prejudices that the miners have to overcome — both of race and of outsiders. The harshness of the life of the miners contrasted with the wealth and elegance of the murderous thugs employed by the owners is also an interesting contrast.

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RAMBLIN'

From the Ocean to the Mountains

Janet Daniels,
Isla Vista FREE PRESS Columnist

When old friends breeze into town, prepare to put on a few pounds. We talked, we ate, we drank wine.

On Saturday morning, we took a walk along the Arroyo Burro beach and schmoozed for hours. Ravenous, we hiked up to the Brown Pelican for coffee and croissants on their beach-fronted patio. My reputation as tour guide was made — a whale was sighted.

I wanted to show off the mountains so I drove my friends up San Marcos Pass to take in the panoramic vistas. By this time I was going on like a full-time tour guide. We stopped at the Cold Spring Tavern just beyond the crest of the pass. The rustic log building was once a stage coach stop. Now, it is a favorite spot for tourists, but it is also a hangout for the locals who live close by.

Lunch was an easy decision given the history of the Tavern. Buffalo Burgers. Quiche is on the menu and the soup of the day was a delicate dilled tomato, but in deference to the real people of long ago we chose the bison patty.

Talk turned naturally to the hardiness of those who rode the stage. Imagine the relief of crossing that last mountain range after coming from the East via covered wagon? I would have settled in Denver.

That evening we took in the Adult Ed



Opera Workshop at Santa Barbara City College. They were doing a show entitled "I've Heard Those Songs Before", featuring songs from the Hit Parade from the twenties through the fifties. The medleys of tunes from each decade was a real trip down memory lane for the mixed-aged ticket holders. A chorus of the forties tune "Mairzy Doats" (now there's a title that makes sense!) triggered the memory of a scarf worn by my sister during that era. It had "hubba-hubba" written as a border. Translate that into "awesome" or "Hey, Dude", and put it on a T-shirt — do times ever really change?

In the mid-21st Century, the college students of today will be 60-ish and will be doing nostalgia rock to the hits of U2, Prince, Bob Marley, and the Bangles instead of to Glenn Miller and Hoagy Carmichael.

The evening featured a buffet dinner catered by the SBCC Hotel and Restaurant

Department. Dining in the glass-walled Campus Center with its deep purple harbor view is awesome.

Pound for pound, the weekend was rich. ■



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trinkets.

Where to Stay: The Huespuedes Margarita on the plaza in Creel is a hostel for people of all ages and countries. We met students from Germany, India, and Boston, retired Americans living on the Mexican Pacific Coast, VISTA volunteers from an Indian reservation in Arizona, and a lot more. Peoplesit around the dinner table late into the evening sharing their experiences, trading maps, etc. Margarita must have scored some of the big influx of government money because she had recently added a dozen new rooms, all of which had hot water and good, firm beds.

The Motel Parador de la Montaña is down the street and closely resembles a Travel-Lodge in the U.S. It's \$45 a night for two, without meals, but with a pool. It becomes a gathering place for tourists in the evening — perhaps because it has a bar with a TV playing American shows via satellite.

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not police ones, and they needed to be dealt with by the community. "But, don't ask us to ignore laws — we just can't do it," he said. And as far as what they wear was concerned, he said they dress appropriately, "which unfortunately, often means we dress expecting violence."

Police Attitudes

Several persons questioned the general attitude of Foot Patrol and back up officers toward residents, especially students.

"There is a definite need for dialogue between the community and police," said Mike Stowers. "It's gotten to be a moral question."

"There are too many times when there is a basic lack of respect on the part of officers toward I.V. residents, especially students," said Dan Zumwinkle, who based his opinion on his four years of experience in student government, as an

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**Dan Zumwinkle,
student activist**

R.A. in the dorm, and as a student manager. "Too often the police are a blunt instrument of authority. There is a basic lack of willingness to deal with students on an equal basis. And this just repeats the cycle even more."

Marc Villa, out-going Leg. Council representative, said, "In my four years of student life here, I've found that most police interaction (towards students) is negative. There needs to be more of a dialogue."

Scott Abbott, assistant administrator at the Park District, noted that, "I've noticed in just the last few weeks that there has been a basic change of attitude on the park of police. With my job I've had a lot of interaction with the Foot Patrol, and it has always been very friendly, on a first name basis. But recently, officers are giving very short, defensive answers to my questions. It's definitely different."

Heather Hewson, Park District secretary, went even further. "I have to say it's definitely an antagonistic approach (by the police). At the last few events in the (Anisq'Oyo) Park, there's been a lot more police. It's just harassment. While people are in the park, their homes might be being robbed. Why are the police concentrating their enforcement efforts in the Park at that time?"

Park Board representative Mike Board also complained that police seem to be concentrating on enforcement activities in Anisq'Oyo Park. "The Park is supposed to be a place where people can get away from their over-crowded apartments," he said. "But now it's becoming intimidating to go to the Park. There's even a lot of leash law enforcement now during events. I can't believe that this is what the community wants."

"A Lot of Crap"

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John MacPherson, left, UCSB Police Chief, and Sheriff's Captain Ed Piceno.

Piceno's response to most of these comments was that the police have to put up with "a lot of crap" in Isla Vista. "We want people to understand that we get scared sometimes in situations in I.V."

"When officers go to some of these parties in I.V., with hundreds of people on the street, drinking — we're scared, and we act to protect ourselves," he continued. "We've had a couple of deputies beat up, one was bitten, another had a gun drawn on him last week. I'd like to see more of you walk the streets with a Foot Patrol officer — they're subject to this kind of garbage every night."

Also, Piceno pointed out, they were trying to enforce the leash law more, but "only in the Loop area." That means Anisq'Oyo Park.

But Piceno agreed that relations needed to improve. He said that he was going to recommend that the special training that used to be given all officers assigned to the Foot Patrol be reinstated, "probably by the end of the Summer."

An unidentified student noted that it's true that residents don't often see this side of the picture. "We don't often see the 'garbage' you're referring to. What we do see, however, is police breaking up parties, hitting people, dragging them away."

Recent Police Violence

Several residents asked about the repeated instances of alleged unnecessary violence used by police recently and a year ago over the Memorial Day weekend which resulted in several suspensions and substantial civil settlements.

Brig Tratar, a third year student, stated that in the April 22nd incident in front of the Foot Patrol office, he had been forced to lay face down in the street while an officer intentionally kicked him in the ribs. "But, because it was impossible to get the officer's badge number, I'm not able to file a complaint," he said.

Piceno responded that it is not necessary to have a badge number to file a complaint because it should be easy enough to get the name of the officer from the Sheriff Department's review that follows a complaint being filed. In response to a question by homeowner activist Leo Jacobson, however, Piceno admitted that this doesn't always work.

"What do you expect from officers who see other officers breaking the law?" asked Jacobson, recalling that some police

behavior in I.V. has resulted in censure and suspensions.

"I'm not naive enough to expect offi-



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**— Laura Price
I.V. Park Board**

cers to inform on other officers," Piceno replied. While they are instructed to report the use of excessive violence used by

fellow officers, it's "really tough" to expect that to happen. "We have to rely on supervising officers to see it, not fellow officers."

Piceno assured everyone that he was beginning an examination of the April 22nd incident which resulted in several residents being hit with nightsticks and two persons being arrested, one of whom had the film in his camera exposed while in custody.

Police as Pawns of UCSB

Laura Price, president of the I.V. Park Board, appealed to both the audience and the police to understand that the police are victims of UCSB's overenrollment policies just as much as I.V. residents.

"This is a community that has been turned into a pressure-cooker situation because of UCSB overenrollment," she said emotionally. "Students are exploited by the University as well as by landlords. There's just too many people here and the rents are too high. In the long run, we're just going to have to say to the University to stop this overenrollment. And the police should realize that they are being used as pawns in this policy."

While neither Piceno nor MacPherson tried to respond to this statement, MacPherson used the opportunity to encourage I.V. residents to set up neighborhood watch programs on each block to assist with curtailing crime.

"We're hearing what you don't like, but what are you willing to commit to?" he asked.

Policing Isla Vista

Sgt. Olguin added that Isla Vista is a lot different place than when he served here eight years ago. "We never had any problems shutting down parties on Del Playa. But now, with the live bands, five to six hundred people — I'm not going in there. I might just be starting something I can't finish. The Fire Department won't respond anymore to fires in the dumpsters, because their trucks have been damaged by the crowds. And even paramedic trucks hesitate to go onto Del Playa on the weekends unless we assure them we will break up any crowd."

"Plus, look at the statistics from last year," added Piceno. "Violent crimes are up in I.V. — all the categories people are concerned about."

Piceno made the point that the Foot Patrol was going to continue to enforce the ban on open containers of alcohol on the street established two years ago. "This

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OFFENSES	total	% change vs. '87	% of total County
All Felonies	563	+38	15
All Misdemeanors	4,276	+11	35
County Ordinances (open containers, leash law, etc.)	857	+14	51
All Assaults	143	+17	23
Felony Sex	10	-29	10
Rape	9	+450	28
Burglary	310	+28	19
Theft (including bikes)	845	-20	34
Liquor Laws	1,863	+13	52
Traffic: moving	473	+72	10
Traffic: parking	4,937	+69	62

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is a moral question to me," he said. "There is just too much alcohol abuse among young people — too many crazy people, especially highschoolers, along Del Playa. We're going to continue to try to control it."



When officers go to some of these parties in I.V., with hundreds of people on the street, drinking — we're scared, and we act to protect ourselves.

Captain Ed Piceno
County Sheriff's Dept.

Leslie Lawson, dean of students at UCSB, stated that the relationship between alcohol abuse and sexual abuse "shouldn't be underestimated."

Olguin also pointed out that there is too much work for the the Foot Patrol. "We aren't a pro-active police force — we're just reactive, especially on weekends. Somebody calls us that several car windows have been smashed, but we don't have the time to respond because we're having to shut down loud parties."

Powerless or Powerful?

Mitch Stockton, elected last November to the I.V. Park Board, lamented what he felt was the real problem. "We have no real say as a community over what the police do. This just builds frustration because no matter what the community says, it doesn't lead to any changes," he said. Stockton was a leader in the 1984-85 campaign to establish a City of Isla Vista which County officials refused to place on

the ballot. "We need some authority over police in order to direct law enforcement priorities."

Piceno disagreed, saying that, "It isn't necessary to rely on government to get things done. You don't realize how much a community can accomplish."

Boyd and several other persons pointed out that if the Foot Patrol was going to start any new initiatives involving enforcing laws which have been

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Unidentified student
at May 4th meeting

largely ignored for years, there should be some attempt to warn the community. Hewson also complained that the mounted officers controlling crowds during the recent Rugby Weekend were "truly intimidating" and reminded her of a police state. Piceno responded that they had received ten times as many compliments about the horses than complaints, and that they would continue their use because, "We'd rather have people complain about horses than riots."

What Next?

Nothing concrete came out of the meeting except Piceno's pledge to re-establish special training programs for new Foot Patrol officers. The *Free Press* has learned that Bill Wallace will be meeting with police officials this week in order to review the current situation.

"I'm still not receiving any complaints from I.V. residents about the police," he said this week. "Maybe that just means that I'm out of the loop."

Wallace's office telephone number is 568-2190.

— Carmen Lodise

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Letters-to-the-Editor

Not "Sniveling"

Editor,
After reading "From the Publisher's Desk" in the May 3rd issue, I was left dumb-struck — had I really written the words that you quoted me as saying? ...I was relieved, after re-reading my opinion column (UCSB NEXUS, May 1), to find you were wrong.

...Because you so obviously missed the point of my story, I will summarize it for you: the police are human. The police make mistakes. People make mistakes. Don't believe everything you hear, just because it serves your purpose. Cops are important to have around: they try to keep people with guns from shooting other people. People need to realize how they treat cops. ...I presented the other side of a story — something that was sadly missing from the Isla Vista Free Press's last issue.

After reading your paper I was curious about the way in which you presented your facts. It would appear that it was merely a 12 page editorial complete with photographs. I noted that you made no... No attempt to present anything, but the world as Carmen Lodise sees it, which is something that evidently conflicts with reality. Your front page story, "I.V. POLICE/COMMUNITY RELATIONS DETERIORATE" was an intriguing piece of journalism, as it contained no attributions aside from quotes. Did you witness all of the events you reported on? It would appear not.

I was also intrigued with the other front page story, "Street Talk." It contained six people who amazingly enough supported the views of Carmen Lodise, editor of the Free

Press. Such an occurrence is difficult to believe. ... The story ("Controversial New Officer" on page 9) describes how Sheriff's Deputy Sol Linver "has become a symbol of the antagonism between the police and some community members." I assume this story, which gives no "by" line and cites no source for the information given, was authored by none other than the unbiased, Carmen Lodise.

...Your editorial collapses under the weight of its ignorant thought: police earn our hate. HOW? ...Do you think your pig headed notes is going to help the situation? Probably as much as hate will. The answer is to have police and students treat each other as humans, a point you missed in my column....

Joel Brand

Editor's Response:
For reasons of space, Mr. Brand's letter was edited from its original 900 words to its present size. Mr. Brand was quoted accurately from his NEXUS commentary. A total of seven persons wrote articles for the May 3rd issue; none were edited to reflect anyone's opinion except their author's. I did not conduct the six "Street Talk" interviews and I do not support the view of one of the persons interviewed who said that "Police do not use enough force in Isla Vista." The cover story contained 18 quotes and six attributions, and the short piece on Deputy Linver contained two quotations and one attribution. I did not use the word "hate" in my editorial; I said that police earn the "dislike" of I.V. residents. I agree wholeheartedly with the last sentence in Mr. Brand's edited letter.

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by Scott Wexler,
Isla Vista FREE PRESS Columnist

It's a place of mystery, of spirits and voids, of spontaneous generation and degeneration, of appearances and disappearances. I never know what to expect when I enter the nether world of our bathroom.

On the surface it looks like a quite ordinary bathroom; toilet, sink, bathtub, towels, and Laura's hair supplies. But extraordinary things happen there — things I cannot explain, but can only make reference to "forces from the other side".

How else to explain the appearance of the one part of the morning paper that's not with the rest when I am ready to read it? But there it is, right on the sink counter. I know I didn't put it there and Laura denies guilt — so *who* put it there?

E-E-E-Eerie!!

How else to explain the fact that the day after I buy a new roll of toilet paper that it's gone, only the cardboard center still evident? No matter how often I go out and get a roll, it's gone when I need it. A prankster spirit perhaps, or the Bermuda Triangle has shifted to our bathroom.

E-E-E-Eerie!!!

How else to explain the fact that despite my repeated efforts to completely shut off the water in the tub, it is dripping when I double check. And it's always because the faucets aren't turned all the way off. It can't be Laura's fault since I asked her to be sure they're totally off. The spirits are there.

E-E-E-Eerie!!

There are other occurrences or events — my dulled razor, the shrinking soap, the toilet plunger that seems to need fixing only when I need to use it . . .

But most perplexing of all, and the one thing that bugs me the most, is the appearance of big, ugly, disgusting daddy-long-leg spiders. I hate spiders, especially in the bathroom since I'm usually not in a good position to deal with them while they crawl around near me. Now there's no food in our bathroom, no other insects for food or games, no sunshine, and certainly no hospitality — yet there they are. Not hordes, mind you — usually just one at a time in a corner. We get rid of one, then there's another. Spontaneous generation? Or are they mani-



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From the Publisher's Desk...



The UCSB Administration is Trying

During the May 4th community meeting with police, I made the comment to the audience that the meeting signaled a traditional problem in Isla Vista.

"Here it is May and the community is just coming together around an important issue," I said. "But UCSB classes are out in a few weeks, and the upcoming summer break will cool things off. So we'll have to start over again next Fall."

"That just proves Isla Vista is not a 'community'", interjected homeowner activist Leo Jacobson.

"I think that it shows we need a permanent organization to represent us and to deal with these and other pressing problems on a year-around basis," I continued.

"We have such an organization," called out Leslie Lawson, UCSB Dean of Students, with some heat. But the meeting broke up before this discussion could continue.

I, of course, had in mind the re-establishment of an elected "community council" such as the Isla Vista Community Council (IVCC) which had nine representatives elected each November from 1970 until it disintegrated in 1987. The function of the IVCC was to find out the community consensus on local government issues and lobby these with the University and the County. Its major shortcoming was that it depended on the UCSB administration and the County for its funding of from \$15,000 to \$30,000 a year. Both of these agencies cut off IVCC's funding in 1984 after a prolonged conflict involving the IVCC's pursuit of I.V. cityhood. Its other shortcoming was that I.V.'s major minority interests (landlords, businessowners, and homeowners) could seldom get elected to it, and so felt shut out of its operations. These major, but minority interests are much more comfortable with the Federation — a discussion group with representatives of I.V.'s various interest groups. The Federation meets six to eight times a year and has become a sounding board for County and UCSB administration initiatives.

After the May 4th meeting, I approached Lawson and asked her what "organization" she had in mind.

"The Community Relations office in the I.V. Medical Clinic building," she said with some obvious frustration. "We've spent \$18,000 on it over the past year, for its Mediation Program and other staffing. And nobody's using it!"

I bit my tongue, not wanting to make this a confrontation. But UCSB Police Chief John MacPherson, standing next to us, urged me to say what I obviously had in mind. So I jumped in.

"The kind of organization I meant was something like the IVCC — elected by community residents," I said — also with some obvious frustration. "If you're trying to solve some of the problems of a ghetto like Harlem, for instance, you find a group of people who already have some legitimacy in the community, and you empower them to come up with a plan. You don't get a group of people from Manhattan and send them in two or three nights a week."

"And it was the University and the County who killed the IVCC because you didn't like the plans the community supported," I said. "It's hardly surprising that you're not getting much response to your organization."

"Well, if you want to talk politics . . ." she responded, in a manner that said the conversation was definitely over.

I hadn't thought of it that way. I guess I should have.

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