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# ISLA VISTA

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## AT A.S. LEG. COUNCIL MEETING

### WALLACE SAYS HE WON'T RUN FOR MAYOR OF GOLETA

#### DEFENDS BUTTNY & CITY OF GOLETA WITH I.V.

"I'm not interested in running for mayor of Goleta if such a city is created by the voters next November," County Supervisor Bill Wallace told the UCSB Associated Students' Legislative Council at their May 13th meeting.

Wallace appeared at the meeting in order to defend his plan for a city that includes Isla Vista (with the UCSB campus) and Goleta. The Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) decided to place that plan on next November's ballot at their May 7th meeting.

The A.S. Leg. Council had voted to support an independent City of Isla Vista at their previous meeting.

Wallace also defended his administrative assistant, John Buttny, who Leg. Council had recently asked Wallace to replace for anti-student and anti-Isla Vista statements made at public meetings over the past several months.

"I think that the charges against John are just personality conflicts," Wallace told the Leg. Council. "But, I know he has been sensitized to your concerns, and I don't expect there will be problems in the future."

Wallace also agreed at the meeting to try to recruit students and more Isla Vista residents to serve on County advisory committees. Currently, no students and few I.V. residents are among his 30-some appointments to

## COUNTY PARK PROJECT BEGINS



Artist Lloyd Hamrol's concept begins construction. See page 2

which make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on planning, parks, transportation, social service spending, and many other issues.

"It's really hard finding students to take the time to serve on these advisory committees," he maintained in response to

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## STREET TALK

A few days after LAFCO decided to put a combined city of Goleta and Isla Vista on next November's ballot, we asked several I.V. residents what they thought of such a plan.



**LAUREL ANDERSON**

I think Isla Vista should be its own city -- we would get more benefits that way.



**BRAD LOLL**

I think I.V. should be a city by itself because Isla Vista would be dominated by Goleta if we did a city together.



**LESLIE BEVIS**

I think it would be great. Being together, we would get our needs addressed more, rather than being a separate community.



**FRED SOLTYSIK**

I grew up in Goleta and I.V., and whether or not it's good for either community, this thing won't fly at the ballot box because of the general attitude of most people in Goleta toward Isla Vistans.

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## At May 20th Press Conference NEW CHANCELLOR BEGINS EDUCATION ABOUT ISLA VISTA

New UCSB Chancellor Barbara Uehling addressed a wide range of academic, community and personal issues -- at a sparsely attended press conference May 20th on campus. Uehling was accompanied at the press conference by UC President David Gardner.

The Isla Vista *Free Press* asked the following question about Isla Vista:

*Besides the financial questions, Chancellor Huttenback will most be remembered for his expansionary enrollment policies and that University administration funding of Isla Vista programs dropped from over \$300,000 a year to nothing!*

*Do you know anything about Isla Vista, especially the community's 17 year effort to become a city, and the 1970 Trow Report which outlined the University's responsibilities to Isla*

*Vista?*

I know about Isla Vista, I know that it exists (although) I've not yet physically seen it. But I understand there are problems about it because almost everyone I've seen asks me "What about Isla Vista?"

I've had the opportunity, in fact, to meet with some UCSB alumni in Washington, D.C. and I said to them "What about Isla Vista? What's it like and what are its problems?"

I have yet to identify all of these problems, because I know that different groups have different perceptions of that, and I'll be seeking some direction (in finding out) who believes what to be the problems there.

But, I am not at all prepared to talk about its future or the University's responsibilities there. I know I'll be acquainted with it shortly.

## CO. PARK REDESIGN BEGINS ARTIST'S ENVIRONMENTAL EARTHWORK DESIGN TO GIVE PARK "SENSE OF PLACE"

The chain link fence was put up May 11, but they don't have a sign to tell anyone what's going on. And they couldn't get it together to have a promised ground-breaking ceremony.

But, the County project to redesign what they call "Isla Vista Beach Park" is underway.

The "environmental earth-work" design by artist Lloyd Hamrol incorporates and enhances much of what is already on the site while adding some new elements meant both to minimize bluff erosion and add aesthetically to the County's one park in Isla Vista.

All other parks in I.V. are owned by the community through the Isla Vista Rec. & Park District.

Hamrol feels that "the site must acquire a sense of place." He will attempt to achieve this by the varied use of natural materials such as boulders, trees, and sand, as well as specially designed wood platforms, reminiscent of rafts or sleds which can be relocated when bluff retreat creates the need.

"My concept for the platforms as public gathering places is to intertwine the practical with the symbolic," he said in a prepared statement released through the County Arts Commission. "Their presentation as rafts addresses both their real potential for movement in the event of bluff retreat and their fictional role as vessels of survival."

The project is the result of many months of cooperation between the County Arts

Commission, the County Parks Commission, and the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District. The County is paying for the project, mostly from offshore oil revenues derived from Platform Holly. This is the first expenditure of funds from this source in Isla Vista since the monies began arriving to the County in 1969, although a lot of these monies have been spent on maintenance and improvements at Goleta Beach Park.

The total project is expected to cost over \$130,000 and should be completed by mid-summer.

The design for the project was on display in the UCen lobby for several weeks last Fall in order to obtain public comment. The Isla Vista Park Board had to give final approval to the project, and they did so on a 3-2 vote. There was some concern expressed that the design was a little to "Disneylandish" for I.V.

County Arts Commission Arts-in-Public-Places Coordinator Maria de Herrera, herself an ex-Isla Vista resident, is glad to see the project proceeding. "I'm very happy to be part of this project, and to be able to give something back to the Isla Vista community that I remember so fondly from my years there as a student," she told the *Free Press* recently.

Hamrol, a resident of Santa Monica, has created public site specific environmental earthworks from Alaska to Florida, in both urban and rural areas. He will be on-site creating during much of the construction phase of the project.

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## THE FREE PRESS INTERVIEW A.S.'s MATT DUNCAN

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*I like Matt a lot, he's a real cutie. Even though I never agreed with his political views, he was a vital part of our Leg. Council because he made us have to justify our positions, and therefore, made them stronger.*

SHARLENE WEED, A.S. Vice President

*Matt is a great guy. He never got disheartened, even though he got shot down so much. He wasn't the only conservative, but most of the rest of them just gave up.*

JOHN SCHAFFER, A.S. Legislative Council

Matt Duncan was the most outspoken conservative on the 1986-87 Associated Students Legislative Council. In fact, he was so outspoken, that you'd have to call him outrageous.

Matt enlivened many a Leg. Council meeting as he stood to make his statement, arms flailing, voice rising, finger pointing at something only he could see -- but always with a sense of humor.

When it was Matt's turn to speak, and he began with, "Now I know you aren't going to agree with me...", every one laughed, and sat back to hear one of his humorous but well-reasoned tirades against what most of the Council felt was conventional wisdom.

Matt was the only person on Leg. Council who could get applause before he spoke.

But, now it's over. The 1986-87 Leg. Council has turned over the reins to the 1987-88 Council, and Matt Duncan won't be on the short end of any more 15-1 votes in Room 2 in the UCen. But, no one who sat through any of last year's Leg. Council meetings will soon forget Matt.

The ISLA VISTA FREE PRESS recently sat down with Matt to hear his side, to get the viewpoint of the Council's most notable and likeable loser.

FREE PRESS: Why did you run for Leg. Council?

DUNCAN: I have always been interested in politics, at least the financial part. You know, A.S. spends a \$1,000,000 a year?! And, it was the Jim Hickman scandal. I have always been very practical, and I thought I could help restore some of the credibility A.S. lost with the Hickman thing.

What I found was that I spent most of my time trying to get Leg. Council to concentrate on student issues, instead of foreign policy questions. No matter what you think about the U.S. presence in Nicaragua, this is not a matter for student government. We did a few things for students, but we could have done a lot more if we hadn't had to deal with all of these non-student issues. I made a big point of representing what I called "the silent majority" of students who I'm certain didn't want A.S. dealing with national and international issues.

I know sometimes I was just babbling, yelling trying to stop them from passing something. But, I think that I was one of the least offensive reps because at least I didn't use any filthy language in any of my resolutions.



FREE PRESS: You often spoke against issues which you knew were going to pass overwhelmingly. Why bother?

DUNCAN: What do you mean, "why bother?" I was elected to express my viewpoint, so I did -- even if I knew I was the only one against. But, let me tell you, a lot of the times I wasn't the only one against, but I was the only one who would take a stand, who would risk being unpopular.

For example, on the resolution asking to impeach the President, a lot of people were secretly opposed, but they didn't say so. Another one was the Urine Mail In against drug testing. I thought that was too tacky, and I know there were a lot of students at UCSB who agreed with me. So, I didn't mind being the only vote against it.

Plus, a lot of people would vote no on something, but never tell you why. I felt an obligation to explain my vote. But it didn't take long for me to discover that I had to do it with some humor in order to prevent people from being

turned off to me and miss what I was trying to say. Plus, I was never trying to offend anyone by being opposed to their proposals.

FREE PRESS: Do you think that the reason you were in opposition so much was your own conservative philosophy versus the liberal/radical viewpoints of the majority of A.S.?

DUNCAN: I probably was the farthest to one side -- I didn't say to the right -- just to one side. I am French, and have dual citizenship. I vote middle-of-the-road Republican in the U.S. and for one or another rightist party in France. But on strictly students issues, I usually voted with the majority on Leg. Council.

FREE PRESS: Did you live in Isla Vista during your four years here?

DUNCAN: Yes, all four years, if you count Francisco Torres where I lived as a freshman. I.V. is definitely a community, and the most densely packed one West of the Mississippi.

FREE PRESS: What have you learned personally from your year on Leg. Council?

DUNCAN: I definitely learned a lot about people and about how A.S. works. Mostly, I learned to separate the person from their politics. So, I really came to like Doug Yates, and Mikael Smith, and even Sharlene Weed, even though I started out not being able to stand them because of their political views. Now, I can keep this separate, and it works out fine.

Mostly, this year was an excellent experience. After all of the heartburn, a lot of negative things like meetings until 1 AM and how difficult it was to keep up with studying and all of the A.S. work, I really enjoyed it. And, I think that A.S. has regained a lot of its credibility.

-C.L.

## UNTIL SEPT. 1

### IVCC DELAYS CITYHOOD PETITION DRIVE

Responding to the Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCO) May 7th decision to put a combined city of Isla Vista and Goleta on next November's ballot, the Isla Vista Community Council (IVCC) delayed the petition drive for an independent city until September 1st.

"Don't you think we're going to look a little silly calling off a petition campaign we just started," asked At-Large IVCC rep. Sharlene Weed after the suggestion was made during a 45 minute discussion. Only a few hundred signatures have been collected to date of the more than 3,000 required.

"I just think it would be a lot better educational drive if we concentrated in the Fall, rather than if we tried to do it through the summer," said District 1 rep. Linda Akyuz.

"More importantly," pointed out At-Large rep. Mike Boyd, "we want to be able to turn in the petition right after the combined city is defeated -- assuming it is - and a petition from a signature campaign begun this Spring would not be valid in late November."

There is a six month limit on a petition campaign once the first signature is gathered. In this case, that was in mid-April. Thus, all

of the required valid signatures would have to be collected and submitted to LAFCO by mid-October, and IVCC decided unanimously that it would be better to start fresh in the Fall without the lag of the summer months as an impediment.

#### Opposition Forms

In the meantime, the Council decided to start organizing a group to serve as the basis of the opposition to the combined city LAFCO put on November's ballot. On a motion made by Eric Kittay, the Council set 7 PM, May 28 as a gathering of all those interested in "becoming both footsoldiers and leaders" in this election battle which will decide the fate of Isla Vista's quest for municipal government.

This is intended to be both an informational and social gathering so that I.V. residents who plan on working to oppose the ballot measure can get a head start on next Fall's campaign.

#### Pro-group

Supervisor Bill Wallace, the main supporter of the combined city, told the Free Press the next day that the pro-Goleta

campaign has not yet started. His assistant, John Buttny, said that he did not expect that the Citizens for Goleta Valley, the support group for Wallace's supervisorial campaigns and for the environmentalist slates for the Goleta Water Baord, would be the campaign committee for the pro-Goleta cityhood drive.

Citizens for Goleta Valley are having a \$9.99 per person fundraising dinner at the Goleta Valley Community Center June 6th.

Wallace also stated that he would not be the chair or major force of such a committee when it does organize. But, "I expect a campaign committee will soon form from all support groups in the Goleta Valley," he said the day after the IVCC meeting.

#### I.V. Plebiscite

Last November, as part of the election of representatives to the IVCC, an advisory measure asked Isla Vista voters if they wanted

to be included in a combined city with Goleta. With approximately 1,500 residents voting, this measure was rejected 2-1.

IVCC District 5 rep. Mike Luprow, recently elected to the Associated Students Legislative Council on a slate of candidates from the Democratic Student Alliance (DSU), said he would communicate with fellow slate members the importance of coming to this organizational meeting. The DSU swept all 17 of the Leg. Council seats last month's elections. The slate had run on a platform of support for an independent City of Isla Vista.

The Council also placed Mike Boyd in charge of initial communications with other opposition groups and individuals in Goleta. Boyd felt that Goletans would become active during the summer months "once they get over the shock of this thing actually being on the ballot."

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# ISLA VISTANS GO TO LAFCO

Under California State law, there is a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) in each County. LAFCOs are composed of two members of the County Board of Supervisors of that County, two persons who sit on a City Council in that county, plus a fifth person, a "public member" who is chosen by those four. LAFCOs have the authority to review all proposals to establish new local government entities (such as cities or special districts) to decide whether or not citizens will have the opportunity to vote on these proposals. They also have the authority to review proposals for the annexation of existing local government entities to others.

On May 7th, the Santa Barbara County LAFCO discussed two proposals calling for an election on establishing a city of Goleta -- one proposal included Isla Vista and the UCSB campus, the other proposal did not. The proposal for an independent City of Goleta, that is, without I.V. and the campus, was brought to LAFCO by a citizens group -- Goletans Organized for

Orderly Development (GOOD). It included a petition from 3,000 Goleta residents requesting an election be held. The proposal to incorporate I.V. and Goleta together was brought to LAFCO by the County of Santa Barbara without a citizens petition.

Even though the hearing was on the Goleta proposals, most speakers addressed the Isla Vista issue, including many speaking about a City of Isla Vista, even though no proposal for this option was before LAFCO. LAFCO has rejected a request for an I.V. cityhood election three times, in 1974, 1976, and 1984.

What follows are comments made at the LAFCO hearing about the Isla Vista issue -- both whether or not I.V. (including the campus) should be included in a City of Goleta, and the desirability of an independent City of Isla Vista.

## SPEAKERS OPPOSING I.V. CITYHOOD

representing the St. Anthonias Evangelical Orthodox Church of Isla Vista which has 150 members.

We support the creation of one city in the Goleta Valley which includes Isla Vista. The Valley's problems are so intertwined that separate cities makes no sense at all. Both community's are faced with housing and traffic



**JOHN SOMMER**

problems stemming from Goleta's booming industrial expansion and the University's growing enrollment. Plus, the University is relying more and more on Goleta to supply housing for its students and 6,000 students already live there. (Editor's note: Richard Jensen told the *Free Press* during the hearing that less than 3,000 UCSB students live in Goleta). We need a combined effort to deal with these problems.

Further, we recommend that I.V. cityhood not be considered, and that voters be given a chance to vote on the combined city as soon as possible.

### DOROTHY AULT

Ault lives in Goleta, but has owned *Kinko's Copy Shop* in Isla Vista for the past 11 years.

Please adjourn the I.V. cityhood proposal which was found defective by LAFCO two years ago -- don't waste the time of hardworking people and homeowners to have to gather to fight that I.V. city thing. And, I'm looking right at Bill Wallace when I say that! Get us some good leadership in the Goleta Valley.

### MICHAEL PHINNEY

Phinney has lived in Isla Vista for a number of years and owns a home here. He is a leader in the Isla Vista Association and was active in the opposition to ARCO.

I've heard a lot tonight about the "over-whelming" support for an independent Isla Vista city and a plebiscite held last November which supposedly had ballots at various voting

ballots at various voting places. Well, I never saw any ballots. There was no IVCC polling place outside the County polling place where I voted. I was told by IVCC people that, "Oh, we got to your polling place late." I think that this is a rather strange way to conduct an election. (Editor's note: see the Editorial entitled " ".)

I would like to remind LAFCO that 50% of I.V.'s population turns over every three and one-half years and I notice that there are a lot of new faces (supporting I.V. cityhood) here tonight in reference to the LAFCO hearings of two years ago. There are a lot of old faces, too.

There is a permanent body of permanent residents in Isla Vista that are going to be there for a long time. Don't hang us out to dry with this independent I.V. city.

### ALICE BAUER

I am an Isla Vista homeowner and I

also didn't get a chance to vote in the November, 1986 IVCC plebiscite because the polling place wasn't open when I was there. I was later told by someone on IVCC that my part of town (the single family residences at the West end) doesn't matter anyway.

### HARVEY GISH

Gish is a homeowner who has lived in I.V. for 11 years.

I am very much in favor of greater Goleta incorporation, and any possibility of the resurrection of I.V. cityhood is the straw that breaks the camel's back as far as overcoming any reservations I might have about a combined city. There are enough voters in greater Goleta to strangle the student bloc vote that would subject us to a socialist experiment in an independent Isla Vista city. I think that the population in Goleta has a responsibility to hold in check the student bloc vote.

### RICHARD JENSEN

Jensen is the UCSB Asst. Chancellor for Planning and Analysis.

I am here to present the University's support for the combined city (I.V. and Goleta) which would include the campus. It is the Regents' position that a governmental form for the largest possible area is the best. Also, we are against the sub-optimal proposal which would include the campus in a City of Isla Vista. We feel there is a need to consolidate services in the Goleta Valley.

### CURTIS ANDERSON

Anderson has been teaching in the Chemistry Department at UCSB for 25 years and has been living in Isla Vista all those years. He is the president of the Isla Vista Association, a homeowners advocacy group active since 1969.

We are a group of permanent residents who are overwhelmingly opposed to Isla Vista cityhood. The I.V. cityhood proposal before LAFCO two years ago was extremely meager, and was infeasible except for coupon clipping which is a ridiculous way to run a city. (Editors note: the 1985 County EIR on I.V. cityhood suggested that large budget surpluses in the city's early years be invested and the income used to defray small deficits foreseen ten years into the future.)

I agree with (ex-Chancellor) Huttenback on this when he said that Isla Vista incorporation was "a ridiculous charade".

Our board of directors unanimously support a City of Goleta which includes Isla Vista and the campus because it will provide adequate services and will be able to control growth in the Goleta Valley. Further, we support the separation of the election on the establishment of a city and for city council members, and we suggest that name of this new city be called "West Santa Barbara".

### LAWRENCE SOLLEN

Sollen has lived in I.V. for about 20 years and owns some apartments here and is involved in the Isla Vista Association.

We are keenly interested in what happens in Isla Vista and Goleta, and we have been wrestling with this incorporation question for 15 years. It's time that LAFCO gave us a proposal which is likely to fly. Otherwise it's just an exercise in futility which takes a lot of money and time. All my neighbors -- who are all permanent residents -- favor the joint incorporation of Isla Vista and Goleta. And, please take seriously the request to place "West Santa Barbara" as a name choice on the ballot.

### JOHN SOMMER

Sommer is an Isla Vista homeowner who has lived in Isla Vista 15 years. He was

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## SPEAKERS SUPPORTING I.V. CITYHOOD

### DEE HECKMAN

*Heckman is an elected representative on the Isla Vista Community Council.*

We are concerned about the County's proposal (for a combined city). We feel I.V.'s needs would not be met with Goleta Valley incorporation. I.V. is unique as you well know. I'm sure you've heard about all of the antics that



go on there. We are seeking an independent City of Isla Vista -- we feel we wouldn't have a voice in local government with only two of the seven City Council seats.

### MICHAEL BOYD

*Boyd has lived in Isla Vista for almost 10 years. He is a member of both the Isla Vista Community Council and the I.V. Park Board. He is a graduate of UCSB with a major in physics, and once worked in the maintenance department at the University.*

I'm representing the Isla Vista Park Board this evening.

We support all citizen-supported cityhood plans, such as the ones presented by citizen petition for an independent City of Goleta and the 1985 proposal from Isla Vista. But, if you decide to put the combined city on the ballot, we ask that you commit yourself to the outcome

of its certain defeat, and to tell us now that you'll put an independent Goleta and an independent I.V. on the ballot thereafter.

We believe that the root of Isla Vista's service and planning problems is rule by public officials who are not responsive to the needs of tenant's and low-income persons. Goleta cityhood including I.V. will continue the economic exploitation of Isla Vista residents by persons who live outside the community.

LAFCO's rejection of the 1985 I.V. cityhood plan lacks credibility because it did not rely on the financial findings of the County's EIR which found I.V. cityhood financially sound. Rather LAFCO looked to the negative findings of a UCSB report commissioned by then-Chancellor Huttenback after he had announced his opposition to I.V. incorporation.

We feel that the desire for true local control, especially in Isla Vista, springs organically from the conditions residents face. Therefore, LAFCO's continued denials of citizen-supported proposals for independent cities of Goleta and Isla Vista ensure that other proposals will be defeated by voters and as soon as they are, new groups of people supporting independent cities will always put forth their proposals as soon as the law allows. LAFCO is playing a game of governmental chicken with the people of Isla Vista and Goleta. Since we have so little to lose and so much to gain, we are unlikely to pull off to the side of the road first.

### CARLA JIMENEZ

*Jimenez was just elected vice president of the UCSB Associated Students.*

I am representing the students of UCSB, and we endorse an independent City of Isla Vista for several reasons.

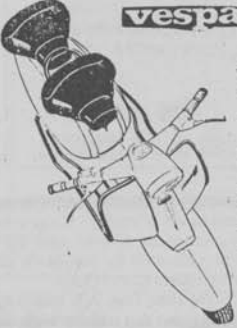
First of all, the combined city including I.V. in Goleta would be a majority of homeowners and therefore make it much more difficult to implement rent control which we need in Isla Vista. Secondly, I.V. voters and students in general would be inadequately represented on such a city council. Thirdly, we feel Isla Vista's unique problems would be ignored by a city council of such a city, like

like they are by the County.

Therefore, the 1987-88 Associated Students Legislative Council joins with six previous Leg. Councils in supporting

an independent City of Isla Vista, and we oppose the combined city option.

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**WALLACE**, from p. 1  
he maintained in response to a question as to whether students would be involved with a city government based in Goleta. Voter turnout in Goleta Water Board and Third District County Supervisor elections (roughly the same boundaries as the proposed City of Goleta) from the I.V./UCSB precincts has declined from 6,000+ to about 2,000 over the past 8-10 years. Wallace was uncertain whether the creation of a City of Goleta would reverse that, but he pledged to make information about county committee vacancies more available in I.V. and



Bill Wallace, left, discussing Goleta cityhood at A.S. meeting

on campus.

In late April, the 1986-87 A.S. Leg. Council had passed a resolution unanimously asking that Buttny be replaced because "time and time again in meetings of mutual interest, we can count on your chief aide to offer no words of encouragement for our (students') efforts." Rather, "he has shown a total disregard for the welfare of our constituency when compared to any concern of apartment owners and the business people of Isla Vista," said the letter sent to Wallace which was authored by Leg. Council member John Schafer.

The letter also suggested that, while they might respect his efforts to establish a City of Goleta which included Isla Vista, that this has "motivate(d) Wallace and Buttny to represent only those people in I.V. "whose lives mirror the average Goleta resident." Further, the letter stated Wallace could expect to broaden his political base "by participation" in the City of

Goleta he was promoting. It was in response to this assertion that Wallace stated that he would not be running for any seat on the city council in the proposed City of Goleta.

The letter from A.S. (dated April 21st) also suggested that students might not support Wallace in future elections if he and his aide failed to "represent the entire Isla Vista Community" on future issues.

During the meeting, Wallace gave a vigorous defense of his plan to create one city out of Isla Vista and Goleta. He stated that, given the UCSB administration's opposition, and the make up of LAFCO, he didn't see Isla Vista incorporation getting on the ballot for at least another five years -- even if the combined city option were to be defeated next November, something he felt was "likely" because it will be the first time it will have been on the official ballot.

"An independent City of I.V. might be a lot of fun, but its not likely to make it to the ballot, and Isla Vista is needed to prevent Goleta from being ruled by the Chamber of Commerce and development interests," Wallace told Leg. Council.

"I think that an 'Isla Vista viewpoint' can dominate a City of Goleta," Wallace said in response to a question from ex-A.S. vice president and current Isla Vista Community Council rep. Sharlene Weed who wanted to know about Isla Vista representation on the council of the proposed city. "With two seats of the six districts elected mostly from I.V., and the West Goleta seat, plus a good chance to influence the at-large election for mayor, I think that student and I.V. interests would be well represented."

Wallace claimed that the West Goleta area had supported environmentalists in Goleta Water Board elections, and therefore, it could be assumed that they would be generally supportive of other I.V. and student issues. (Editors note: the proposed city will only have council districts instead of seven at-large seats if voters select that option in the November election.)

However, in response to a question about impacts of city taxes on renters versus property owners from A.S. Rep. Dan Birdsall, Wallace conceded that there were some issues that renters and environmentalists won't agree on. "Maybe the average environmentalist isn't so supportive of rent control, but they usually are in favor of the kind of social services funding that I.V. needs," Wallace said.

"Personally, I'm only in favor of rent control if it covers the entire South County, not just I.V.," he concluded.

## AROUND TOWN

### S.E.R.T.

Scientists and Engineers for Responsible Technology (SERT) is expanding its activities into the Isla Vista community. Begun last Fall as a student group to promote responsibility on the part of scientists in how they use their knowledge, SERT is now seeking to attract people trained in the sciences who are working for industry in the Goleta Valley and who would like a support group to discuss ethical questions about the use and abuse of scientific knowledge in their working experiences. SERT meets each Monday evening at 7 PM. For location, or for other information, call Ted Miller at 685-9957.

### BASEBALL BATS

The A.S. Leg. Council recently sent a letter to the UCSB baseball coach, Alfred Ferrer, complaining about his "inaction" in failing "to impose any disciplinary action" on several baseball players who were present during a fight in an I.V. apartment March 22. No players associated with the incident have been removed from the baseball team whose season ends this week, two months after the event.

### A WELCOME PROJECT

As part of the recent community clean-up, IVCC reps. repainted and spiffed up the Welcome to Isla Vista sign on Los Cameros Road. Shown here from left to right are Mike Boyd, Sharlene Weed, and Eric Kitty.



### SUENO P.L.O. WARNING SIGN

This sign on a garage in the 6600 block of Sueno from the local "parking liberation organization" warns people that "if you don't live here, don't park here!"

### IS IT A CONSPIRACY?

A sign on a keg at the recent I.V. Spring Festival warned beer drinkers that the new law banning open containers of alcohol on the street is now in affect, then went on to say that the new law was "brought to you by the same SOB's behind Goleta cityhood."

### FURNITURE AUCTION

The Isla Vista Rec. & Park District is holding an auction late this month of several file cabinets, desks, book cases, and other misc. items located out back of the District offices. For details of what is available and the date of the sale, call the Park District office at 968-2017.

### UCSBs LONG RANGE PLANS

The preliminary draft of the data to be used in the development of a new Long Range Development Plan for the campus has been published. The outcome of this study will determine UCSBs enrollment over the next decade or so. For more information, call the office of the Asst. Chancellor for Planning & Analysis, 961-2434.



### BEACH STAIRWAYS RETURN

The stairway to the Ocean has been rebuilt at Camino del Sur and Del Playa. The one at Camino Pescadero has, too. Only the Escondido Pass stairway remains to be repaired from the damage caused by last Winter's storms. The County will soon be discussing ways to pay for a regular maintenance program -- by raising property taxes or from Platform Holly revenues meant for beach recreational programs.



## EDITORIALS

### QUIT WHINING, MIKE

Mike Phinney is one of my favorite Isla Vistans, and the work he did on a petition campaign to stop the ARCO offshore project is quite commendable.

But, on the issue of the Isla Vista Community Council's advisory elections as he presented it to LAFCO (see his comments, page 4), I think Mike is all wet -- and even mean-spirited.

Mike says he didn't get a chance to vote on the cityhood question at the last advisory election held in conjunction with the election of IVCC representatives. Presumably Mike would have voted in favor of I.V. and Goleta joining together in a combined city, a measure that was rejected 2-1 by the 1,500 or so I.V. residents who did find an open polling place.

It seems that the IVCC polling table set up in the street outside the County election polling place in the 6800 block of Pasado where Mike voted wasn't open when he tried to cast his IVCC ballot. IVCC elections are staffed entirely by volunteers, and it takes 75 of so people to cover all County polling places for the complete 7 AM to 8 PM shift. And, while it's true that a volunteer didn't show up at that particular polling place until 8:15 or 8:30, several other polling places were open from 7 AM onward.

Mike had two options, both of which he declined to pursue. First, he could have sought out another polling place because, unlike in County elections, you can vote at any IVCC polling place as long as you vote only for the District Representative for your neighborhood. Secondly, Mike could have volunteered to cover the polling place in his neighborhood himself.

As Gloria Steinem often points out, when is that guy with the ring around his collar going to stop blaming his wife and start washing his neck!

### NEW CHANCELLOR LONG LIVE THE QUEEN

The new chancellor's visit last week reaffirmed what everyone knows but doesn't like to admit -- Isla Vista lives by the whim of the UCSB administration.

The University doesn't like to admit it because it implies responsibilities it would rather ignore. The community doesn't like to admit it because it implies a dependency it is trying to get beyond.

Although 24 out of 25 community people identified OVERENROLLMENT as the biggest problem in campus/community relations in our recent series, only one administrator (the Dean of Students) saw this as the biggest issue. While many community people saw cityhood for I.V. as the solution to most government service problems, the University administration still pursues incorporating I.V. with Goleta -- perhaps because it is unlikely to happen, leaving I.V. anonymous and powerless and still dependent on the University.

Even after the disaster of Huttenback, most everyone is hopeful that the new chancellor will lead us all into a new, enlightened era of campus/community relations. And, while even I admit to some of this same hope, all of this is a little pathetic, because it just reinforces the University's dominance of the community.

In addition, it is not a good sign that Uehling already has the perception that different groups have different impressions of what exactly are "the problems" of I.V. (a perception she doubtless was coached on by President Gardner who was part of Huttenback's strategy to undermine elected community government in Isla Vista). Given this, the independent results of the 1970 TROW REPORT (see our May 7th issue) should be a good starting point for Uehling's self-education about the community.

We hope she starts there, and then comes to visit to find out for herself what the real problems are in I.V. Do you think she has a bike?

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## NATURE NOTES

by Martin Kellogg

### Food Gardening in Isla Vista or

### ZUKES AGAINST NUKES

Johan Galtung, one of the founders of the field of the field of peace studies and perhaps its most prolific scholars, has proposed local self-reliance as an overriding strategy for peace, with food as the place to start.

Local self-reliance gets us somewhat off the backs of the Third World, taking the rug out from under rich oligarchies whose lands are growing cash crops instead of food for their own malnourished people; also, it is a basic element of a non-violent national defense.

It allows us to stop further enriching wealthy agribusiness. When we grow food for our own consumption we are increasing, by our economic self-reliance, our non-taxable income and thus are pulling the plug a little bit on our megalomaniac national bureaucracy and the dangerously armed world profiteering complex of which it is a part. As a further "Think globally/act locally" incentive, growing your own veggies helps reduce the greenhouse effect that is partially a result of the combustion of fossil fuels for commercial farming,

transportation, and electricity used for market refrigeration.

Growing some of your own vegetables also means more nutrition and taste; e.g., in one study broccoli lost 10 - 30% of its vitamin C (one cooked medium stalk can have about twice of this vitamin as a raw medium navel orange) while being refrigerated for just 24 hours. Other vegetables have been tested with similar results. It also get you outdoors with the birds and insects, and allows you to experiment with varieties of foods not found in the market, since the commercially marketed varieties are grown for endurance and cosmetic appearance with some sacrifice in taste quite often the result.

The following crops can be planted now through June: melon (use of black plastic on the ground will help with warming); corn, beans, squash, tomatoes, beets, chard, collards and other 'greens', cucumber, eggplant, kale, lettuce, okra, peppers, pumpkin and radishes.

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## Share the Health

### RON, GET OUT OF THE BATHROOM

by Dr. David Bearman

The government is in the bathroom now. Ronald Reagan, who ran on a platform to get the government off your back, now wants them in your bathroom to do urine testing. Numerous court cases are finding that this intrusive, expensive and inaccurate test is clearly illegal.

#### False Positive

You may be aware that once a blood or urine sample is collected, testing can be done for a variety of medications. Initial screening is done by a test known as the EMIT tagged antibody method, confirmation is done by a thin layer of gas chromatography test. There is a 5-10% chance that a positive test will be a false positive. This may be caused by a variety of reasons, from over-the-counter drugs, such as cough and cold preparations, a decongestant, antihistamine, poppy seeds (eaten in sufficient

quantity, these seeds will indicate a trace of opiate content) as well as some herbal teas. Often the erroneous result is from mishandling or improper recording of results. It can also come from the testing laboratory using improperly cleansed testing equipment.

If a person does test positive, they should INSIST on a second opinion, it could verify a false positive test result.

#### How Long Do Drugs Hang Around in the Body?

A drug's response in the body depends on a wide variety of factors including: dosage, absorption rate, location of entry, drug purity, an individual's metabolism, the individual's weight, how often they consume this drug and whether drugs are being mixed. All of these factors determine how long the drug will remain in your body. The following is a list of the range of time each type of drug may be detected in your body after ingesting a single dose.

Alcohol: 5 hours

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by SCOTT WEXLER

## THE AD WAR; AN ISLA VISTA TALE

She stared at the telephone pole, transfixed by the confusing array of posters, notices and ads stapled, taped, and pinned to it. Some of them were for events that happened months ago but were pretty well covered over, some were for events upcoming and some, worst of all, were for ongoing events. All around the pole was the same situation, no clear place to put something up without covering up someone else's ad to some some degree. But she had to find her beloved cat, "Bootsy". Sucking in her breath and throwing off her yoke of conscience, she stapled "Bootsy's" picture over the notice advertising the showing of "Aliens". She reasoned that real animals were more important than movie creatures, that there was but limited space on the pole, that the other ads were of worthier note and ultimately that she didn't give a damn about anything but getting Bootsy back.

John was pissed as he looked at the pole. Here he'd spent two hours, count 'em, two, putting up posters of "Aliens"

and someone put an ad for a lost cat right on top of his work. "Bootsy!", what a dumb name and what an ugly cat. Noticing that he had another poster in his bag, he promptly smacked it over "Bootsy".

Taking a walk around the loop, thinking of Bootsy, our heroine noticed that her ad had been Sigourney Weavered! No wonder no one's called. Her anger rising to a peak, she tore the movie poster to pieces, littering the street as she stomped away. "Bootsy" once again stared out to one and all.

John saw the pieces of his poster in the street. Anger rising, he...

Although the actual events portrayed are fictional, anyone who's tried to put up notices in I.V. knows there's elements of truth here. Why can't everyone observe posting etiquette? Either that or no posting at all...except for polite me, of course.

## GREEK SPRING

by Trent Eldredge

*Trent is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity; he was house president last year. He is a senior in Liberal Studies.*



Spring has sprung and it is time for all "Gaucho Sun Kittens" to head back to the office - Goleta Beach! - briefcase and beach chair in hand.

In the spring the Greeks find out that life in a fraternity is not just a job, it is a way of life. Every weekend on the spring calendar is marked for fun. Starting with IVST in Malibu and working on down through GMVC, Push Cart Relays, Anchor Splash and Greek Week... not to forget individual house events like a Lake Mead water romp. The sum of these events engenders visions of academic probation.

Not solely composed of hedonistic licentious irresponsibility, however, these events often do raise money for various philanthropic organizations. Though many of these organizations are large national ones like Muscular Dystrophy, Ronald McDonald House, and MADD, recently many of the fraternities and sororities are focusing on local community groups like the Santa Barbara V.A. Clinic, the I.V.Park District, Let Isla Vista Eat (LIVE), and AIDS Awareness. It is events like A E Pi

handing out active sportware (condoms) that help to improve Greek/community relations.

Greek Week witnessed a concerted fraternal effort to take that first step toward improving community relations. The week commenced as various individuals honed their landscaping skills by hacking away the brush at Greek Park. Next, Frat boys and girls sucked it up and let Tri Counties suck it out as they donated approximately 90 pints of plasma. The Phi Delt's proved that blood is thicker than beer as 29 of their 55 members clenched their fists and teeth for a worthy cause.

LIVE was the next local organization to reap the Greek Week benefits. Along with a plentiful canned food harvest, individuals saved one dollar bills, spelling out LIVE, transforming Storke Plaza into Storke Plantation. When it was all spelled out, LIVE received \$120.00 and a "grand" of cans. Congratulations to team 5, the winners of the Greek Week Competition and to everyone who participated; you're proof that Greek fun can benefit the community. Good job, I.F.C., and Panhellenic.

Speaking of a good job, the organizers of the Greek Men's Volleyball Challenge pulled one off and put one over...the volleyball net, that is. While watching fraternity men "dig" and "dink" I thought it was curious that the organizers forgot to visibly document their fraternity. Machis were setting up, being interviewed, winning prizes, selling T-shirts, but no greek letters in sight.

Amidst the hovering 'sets' and crunching 'spikes' I wondered where the proceeds being raised by this latent non-profit organization were going to be distributed. I mean, there was a shitload of T-shirts being sold! Then I came to find out that this was not a "Sig Central" related event. This event was set up by individuals, and a profit being 'served up' left right and left. Something told me that "Sig Central" would be receiving a couple of extra kegs at their spring 'Rager'. In the end, it was the Phi's from Stanford who served up the final

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### JAVIER LaFIANZA

LaFianza is a sophomore at UCSB, an elected rep. on IVCC, chair of the UCen Advisory Committee, and involved with the People's Public Safety Committee.

I do not represent some private interest group, but the public will of the residents of Isla Vista who I believe have demonstrated their opposition to joining with Goleta in a combined city on several occasions, mostly recently in an advisory election held last November when 1,500 people voted 2-1 against such a combined city.

We have problems with Isla Vista being included in a City of Goleta, including that we would be would be such a minority vote that our concerns wouldn't



be dealt as has been proven by how the County has treated us. It should be clear that an independent city of Isla Vista -- with its doubling of service levels, and with a \$10 million surplus in the bank at the end of its first 10 years -- would be much preferable to joining with Goleta in a city which is only breakeven financially after ten years and which would only provide us the same level of services we receive from the County now.

### CARMEN LODISE

Lodise has been elected to the Isla Vista Community Council and the I.V. Park Board. He is the publisher of the ISLA VISTA FREE PRESS, and the

## GARDEN, from page 8

If you can't convert enough of your yard or lawn into a food garden, there are some community plots available. Call Scott Abbott at the I.V. Park District, 968-2017. For UCSB students, faculty, and staff, the gardens around the solar greenhouse between Los Carneros and Harder Stadium has land available; contact Chris Pyle, 968-6059. Several experiments in renewable resource systems and appropriate technology are going there, including aquaculture of fish, and the general public is welcome to visit.

Concerning publications on the how-to, one good resource is Cooperative Extension at 377 Storke Road, behind the fire station. They have U.C. agricultural

transcriber of all of the comments in this article.

Although I've lived in Isla Vista for most of the past 15 years, and consider myself a "permanent" resident, I am a renter, not a homeowner. Therefore, you probably don't consider me a "permanent" resident.

I've worked in every city in this County, and this experience has demonstrated to me that Isla Vista should be a city. That it isn't, is a disgrace to the memory of Thomas Jefferson who said that self-government was a right inherited from our Creator.

Instead, we've been kicked around by larger government entities for 15 years. LAFCO made us all go through the 1975 annexation election, a plan that was created by the UCSB administration in its attempts to get out from under the first I.V. cityhood drive. The annexation proposal was even typed in a vice chancellor's office!

Now, the County wants us to go through a Goleta Valley cityhood election and is asking you to reject an independent Goleta proposal brought to you through a citizens' petition. In this, the County has no real concern for Goleta and Isla Vista citizens -- it's just trying to get out from the problems it has facing Prop. 4 expenditure limits. That it is keeping the offshore boundaries (and all of the oil revenues) in the County proves its actions are self interest.

I know that there is one moral position for LAFCO to take -- and that is to let Isla Vista residents vote on forming our own city.

### DAN BIRDSALL

Birdsall was just elected to the A.S. Leg. Council and is an I.V. renter.

I've looked at the 1985 EIR on I.V. cityhood. I think that a lot of business then were not doing very well, but now there are a lot of new business and most are doing very well. I think that there would be a whole lot more support of I.V. cityhood among businesses now and there would be no need for any income tax to support the city.

Also, I think that the services for I.V. in an independent city would be a lot greater than we would receive as part of Goleta, and the EIR's for both proposals seem to indicate that.

publications such as Home Vegetable Gardening, and many smaller publications just for California.

Good current books available in the local libraries are: Gardening: The Complete Guide to Growing America's Favorite Fruits and Vegetables, by the National Gardening Association, and The Organic Gardener's Complete Guide to Vegetables and Fruits, by the editors of Rodale Press. Gardening in small spaces calls for intensive techniques; the classic on this is John Jeavons', How to Grow More Vegetables... Good magazines are Rodale's Organic Gardening and Mother Earth News, both at the UCSB Library.

Next issue: safe and effective controls for I.V.'s worst food garden pests. Zukes against nukes!

## ABSORPTION RATES, from page 8

Amphetamines:	2-4 days
Barbiturates:	
short acting	12 hours
long acting	3 weeks
Cocaine	2-4 days
Heroin and other opiates,	
2-4 days	
Marijuana:	
occasional use	3-10 days
regular use	1-2 months
Methadone	2-4 days
PCP	1-30 days

In a free country, is it appropriate for this intrusion of business into our private lives? Does a company have the right to come in the bathroom? If a person is not free to relieve themselves in private, then business can stick their nose into any aspect of your life. This makes a mockery of freedom. It should be clear that we are not talking here about employee assistance programs or focusing on those with a history of poor performance. Clearly those companies which are requiring such tests are not testing all interviewees, only the best and most qualified. It would only be poetic justice if the best and brightest rejected such companies because of their poor management practices.

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word, 'Psych', as they scooted home with the championship and a jetski.

Psyching up for these type of 'ragers' is what Greek Spring is made of. The search for palm fronds is on each house tries to give their parties a tropical ambience. The "iki love hut" trend begins with the Deltas and Sig Ep's sporting their active volcanos. The Phi Psi "Pirates Party" sets sail, the SAE's cruise the South Seas, and the Phi Delta's nude up and get down for their Choner Ball. Spring is the time of year for the palm trees of S.B. to shiver at the thought of becoming a garnish for fraternity

Although the I.V. Medical Clinic does provide drug testing services, we do so only at the request of our patients or the need to assist our physicians in determining the correct therapeutic drug level for those on prescription medication. We do not agree with, nor condone "pre-employment recreational drug screening". We agree with many courts that this is an unconstitutional search procedure. The 4th Amendment specifically bans unreasonable search and seizure.

The I.V. Medical Clinic is encouraging its clientele to be aware of their civil rights and to insist on their privacy, confidentiality, and a second opinion if they must be tested for recreational drugs.

If you are interested in further discussion the Isla Vista Medical Clinic is co-sponsoring a panel discussion on this issue with UCSB's Counseling and Career Services. The panel will consist of: Tom Dixon, MD, David Bearman, MD, and Gloria Ochoa, Attorney. It will be held on May 28 from 4-5 pm at the Counseling and Career Services Building in room 1109.

consumption.

Finally, Greek Spring is the time for loudness, liquor and liability. Ask the Lambdas whose bros at U. of Missouri/Columbia got slapped with a \$1.5 million lawsuit. Practice prudence with pledges and don't get messy with under-aged kids in order not to violate insurance stipulations. Have safe fun and remember lawsuits slap more than hands. I'll end with a quote from a former Gaucho Sun Kitten, "Do it while you're here because compared to I.V., the real world is no fun at all."

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# PUERTO VALLARTA -- FUN IN THE SUN

*"Wasting away again in Margaritaville  
Searching for my long lost jigger of salt..."*

The hammer hitting the cement in a high rise going up on the steep hill above the beach seems to be pounding out the beat of the Jimmy Buffet song playing on the stereo of the palapa hut restaurant I've been hanging out at for several days.

There's probably a better restaurant here -- there's a dozen or so in either direction -- but something about this one draws me back every morning. Maybe it's the sign on the front of the place (I think it's the name of the restaurant, in fact) "HAPPY HOUR --ALL DAY, EVERYDAY".

Or, maybe it's the Jimmy Buffet music that's playing most of the time.

I drag myself out here as close to 10 A.M. as I can everyday I'm in Puerto Vallarta. I sit in the sun on a canvas chaise lounge soaking up the sun until four or five o'clock, when I go take a shower and get ready to hit the town for dinner. All day long the waiter brings margaritas and/or Coronas and places them next to me on the small table.

Sometimes I order food -- shrimp, or lobster, or "hamburguesas", but never salads. Eating a salad in most Mexican restaurants means an attack of "Montezuma's revenge" is sure to follow in five hours, often to the minute.

These "restaurants" are really only kitchens and bars set back from the surf about 150 feet, and in between are twenty or so chaise lounges and one-foot square tables

spread in the sand. They are packed so close together, it's impossible to tell where one restaurant ends and the next begins. It doesn't really matter, I guess, because a waiter from one or another always shows up just often enough.

You join in or pick up the sounds of the standard conversation heard all day long -- "Where you from? How long you been here? Where you staying? Can I buy you a drink?" Some times you get past these universal openings and you make friends with people you swear you'll write when you get home, and some times you even do.

Beers this time down were only \$.65, and margaritas \$.75. It's easy to stay in P.V. a long time on those prices.

But Puerto Vallarta is more than the sun and margaritas. It's the cobblestone streets, the quaint hotels that run \$5-20 a day, the truly marvelous seafood, and the jungle that crawls down the hillside, seeping in between and around the buildings that hover over the water.

P.V. is Santa Barbara's sister city and it's hard to imagine a city in the U.S. that is more like Santa Barbara. On weekends, the beaches are packed with the locals, but the rest of the time the tourists pretty much have it to themselves. And like here, the mountains seem to push the town into the



**Hotel Los Arcos on the beach in Puerto Vallarta**

sea, but thousands of snow white, Spanish style buildings are there to anchor it to the beach.

Of course, the tourist thing is more fully developed in Puerto Vallarta than in S.B., to the point that tourists outnumber the locals several weeks each year. Santa Barbarans would probably find this too intrusive.

There are a lot of gringos tucked away in the corners of P.V. who appear to be living there for extended periods. An attractive apartment runs about \$100 a month. You see them in their shorts and sandals, deeply tanned, coming out of grocery stores with a shopping bag in one hand and their shopping list in the other. They always look peaceful -- "tranquillo", as they call it here.

When in P.V., I almost always stay at Roger's Hotel on Madero Avenue in the south section of town. It's only a block and one-half from the beach, about \$16 a night for a double room, and is really very charming. There's always a lot of Americans and Canadians staying there, so it's easy to meet new people and share travel experiences.

The Yasmin Hotel, a block closer to the ocean, is also nice, and only \$9 a night.

It turns out that Roger no longer owns his hotel -- his brother does. But Roger still owns his automatic laundry ("Roger's Lavanderia") around the corner from the Yasmin. Roger speaks very good English, so I always stop to say hello and to pick up on the local developments. Roger thinks Vallarta has gone downhill a lot in the past 10 years -- "too many people, and it's gotten too expensive."

To me, it's still a gorgeous town, about 100,000 people, even more laid back than Isla Vista and Santa Barbara.

And, there are some truly great restaurants. My favorite is Carlos O'Brian's. It's part of the famous Carlos Anderson chain of 20 or so restaurants from Cancun to Los Angeles. The menu is crazy, so you never know for sure what you're getting. But, since everything is so good, it really doesn't matter.

I'd suggest trying the Fish Gloria first -- a red snapper with mango sauce -- that tastes even better than it sounds.

But, it's the ambiance at Carlos O'Brian's that everyone remembers most -- it's a wild and crazy place, with people dancing on the tables, waiters that immediately become your best friend, etc. You have to be there to get the real picture.

Dinner for two runs about \$20, including drinks.

My second favorite place to eat is the municipal market, located right on the river that divides the town North from South. Almost any of the twenty or so restaurants there serve terrific meals for only about \$1. Be sure to try the soups, and the fish is always fresh.

Shopping in P.V. is some of the best you'll find in Mexico. A bit more expensive than you'd find in the towns in land, but the quality is a lot better, too. The cloths, blankets, and contemporary paintings are especially fine.

Also, spend an afternoon taking a walk up the river out of town into the jungle. After just an hour's walk, you'll find pretty little villages and people who obviously don't get to town that often. And secluded spots on the river that invite skinny dipping.

For a less participatory view of the jungle, take the day boat to Jalapa, or a bus ten miles South of the city to Chico's Paradise, a fabulous restaurant hanging over a river that everybody knows about (a cab oneway to Chico's is about \$10, whereas a bus in only \$.20).

When making your plans to visit Puerto Vallarta, don't be scared off by the package tours. You can find 8-day trips, air fare and hotel included for only \$550 for two people. Select the Los Arcos Hotel if you can. Plane fare individually is about \$210 round trip.

For the more adventurous, you can take a train from Mexicali to Tepic, and transfer on a bus into P.V. for about \$20 one way (about \$85 for a sleeping car for two), but that takes almost two days. Or, a bus from Tijuana costs only \$14.

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