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## The Last Issue ???

Is this the last issue of the *Isla Vista Free Press*? It's now up to our readers.

In our two previous issues, we have stated that we need \$6,000 in order to keep the *Free Press* publishing. So far, close to \$1,000 has been contributed, and for this we are grateful. Although this is a rather remarkable accomplishment, unfortunately it's not enough.

As you are considering whether or not you are willing to contribute \$5, \$10, or \$25 to this effort, think about the following:

— It now appears that there will be a "redevelopment agency" operating in I.V. within a few weeks.

— It also appears there is a new movement underway to establish a City of Isla Vista with a new petition drive commencing in the Fall.

— It also looks like there will be a major community commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the burning of the Bank of America that will center on the community-building efforts that event initiated.

Ask yourself if you'll be able to stay sufficiently informed on these

and other important community issues with the *Santa Barbara News-Press*, or the *Goleta Sun*, or even the *UCSB Daily Nexus*?

If you want the kind of in-depth coverage of all viewpoints that you've come to expect from the *Isla Vista Free Press*, then fill out the Opinion Survey on page 14, and send us your check today. Use the convenient preaddressed envelope available inside this issue.

Carmen Lodise, publisher.

## Redevelopment Agency Moves Ahead Slowly

In a unanimous vote at their June 6th meeting, the County Board of Supervisors approved the expenditure of \$30,000 for a consultant to continue to develop the "redevelopment agency" (RDA) option to fund physical improvements in Isla Vista.

In following Bill Wallace's recommendation, the other supervisors did not answer the request from several speakers associated with the Isla Vista Park District that the County make a commitment to electing at least some members of the "Project Area Committee" (PAC) which would come up with a plan to spend the \$5-10 million a RDA might expect to raise in Isla Vista over the next decade.

Wallace, himself an I.V. resident, has proposed that various interest groups in I.V. submit names of persons to be appointed to the PAC whose recommended plan can only be overturned by a 4/5th vote of the Supervisors.

"I'm concerned that as few as five or six people on this PAC will be renters," said Glenn Lazof, I.V. Park District general manager.

I.V. homeowner Hal Kopeikin endorsed Wallace's appointment-approach, fearing the kind of "mob rule" which he felt elections in I.V. produced.

## Both I.V. Cityhood, and a New IVCC Get Boosts

They always say that it's darkest just before dawn.

And just when it looked like the 17-year quest for an independent City of Isla Vista had been forgotten, the I.V. Park District has taken the first step to resurrect it. In a 3-1 vote last Thursday, the board of directors of the community's one empowered local government organization decided to call for a committee to begin preparing a proposal and circulating a petition for a City of Isla Vista and committed \$200 in legal fees to start the process.

"But I want to see a definite group of 10-12 people who are willing to work on this before I'm ready to vote to spend that \$200," said director Mitch Stockton. Stockton had been the chair of the citizens committee during the 1983-84 effort which was denied going to an official vote by the Local Agency Formation Commission. "It's a lot of work!"

Director Mike Boyd, who had brought the issue to the board, agreed with this approach, as did Laura Price. Director Bruce Murdock opposed any Park District involvement in the cityhood question, and Lisa Rothstein arrived too late to the meeting to be part of the discussion.

Out-going A.S. vice-president David

Lehr said he would very much like to be part of this new effort, as did ethnic studies hunger-striker Bruce Breslau and Janet Perry.

### Restoring I.V.C.C.

In another, unrelated development, A.S. president-elect Mike Stowers told the *Free Press* that he was moving to establish a new elected community government organization in Isla Vista.

"At-large rep. Rob Fetterman and myself are going to be working on this over the Summer, and we'll definitely have a plan ready to go in the Fall," said Stowers.

Fetterman confirmed his commitment to re-establishing elected community government "because A.S. just doesn't have the time to take care of these community issues, but we all know that they are important," he said.

While campaigning for president, Stowers said that he felt A.S. should be involved in this "because so many people favored an elected community government and opposed the Federation approach" in the November, 1988 advisory election conducted by A.S. In that election, 68% of the 3,230 people voting felt that "Isla Vista needed an elected representative government in place of the I.V. Federation".

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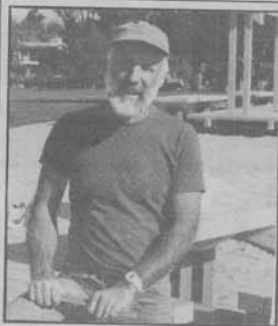
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## Local News



Artist Lloyd Hamrol on the sight of the \$150,000 renovation he created at the County's Del Playa Park. The projected required closing off the park for over a year but residents appear to have come to appreciate Hamrol's controversial wooden sculptures.



State Controller Gray Davis (left) visited Isla Vista in mid-1987, then voted against the massive offshore platforms proposed by ARCO as the project was shut down by the State Lands Commission. The *Free Press* published the full statements of all speakers from Isla Vista at the public hearing on ARCO's plans.



Six 100-foot tall Torrey Pine trees fell on Del Playa in early 1989 over the protests of resident Kelly Pritchard, here being dragged away from the base of one of the trees by police. The developer of the project eventually lost his permit to build on the site, but the County has ignored a request by the I.V. Park Board to develop a policy to protect all remaining trees in the one-half square mile community of I.V.



I.V. San. District Attorney Robert Robertson (left) argues with director David Bearman (center) about delaying the acceptance of another director's resignation. Bearman voted against procedure, while director Dick Smith (right) favored it.

## Process Stinks At I.V. Sanitary Board

During the Summer of 1987, the *Free Press* exposed a scandal as the Isla Vista Sanitary District board of directors intentionally delayed accepting the resignation of a director so that the remaining directors could appoint his successor rather than ordering an election. They got away with it, too, as the district attorney protected the good old boys from sinking into their own mess.



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## Police Riot Makes War Zone of Del Playa

The past two years have seen a major change in police/community relations. It started when an attempt by police to shut down a party on Del Playa during the 1988 Memorial Day weekend wound up in a fullscale riot (above) resulting in short-term suspensions for several officers and civil fines imposed on the Sheriff's Department by the courts. Additional confrontations over the past few months resulted in a meeting between police officials from the University and Sheriff's Department (below) and residents and the promise of the re-institution of special training for the community's officers. Police officials blame the confrontations on excessive use of alcohol by I.V. residents, while residents claim police lack basic respect for residents and too often resort to the use of force.



The I.V. Federation, an *ad hoc* collection of special interests, replaced the elected Isla Vista Community Council over the past three years as the community's forum for County and UCSB Administration policies. Shown here at a sparsely attended meeting in the Isla Vista Theater, the Federation has become a discussion group, chaired by County Supervisor Bill Wallace, with little followup on issues.



County Supervisors came to UCSB in January, 1987 to hear testimony on a proposal to ban all open containers of alcohol on the streets of Isla Vista. Although most persons spoke against the plan, it became law in mid-1987. In addition, although the law applies countywide, most enforcement efforts are limited to Isla Vista.



Residents claimed that cockroaches walked away with their dinners at this Bob Lovgren-managed apartment building on Abrego Road in the Spring of 1988.

## LOOKING BACK . . .

### Special Issues of the *Free Press*

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TOO MANY DETRACT FROM  
QUALITY C THE NEW  
Isla Vista Patrol  
BIG CHANGES  
From Goleta to the Top . . . and back  
THE FIRST SUPERSTAR

Out of the 54 issues published by the *Free Press* over the past two and one-half years, 17 were what might be called "special issues"—an in-depth look at one specific topic which usually took up about 40% of the issue.

Three times the *Free Press* published a special issue on the 1970 burning of the Bank of America in I.V., with the same historical articles as a lead, but with different support articles. The first year we interviewed Professor Richard Flacks about the time period. The second year we interviewed several Isla Vista activists of that era. The third year we printed the written reactions of the UCSB Administration and the president of the Bank of

America to the causes of the bank burning; you probably weren't surprised to find out that the University official (current-UC president David Gardner) blamed it on drugs and anarchy, while the bank official gave a thoughtful analysis of the social revolution of the time.

Other special issues looked at redeveloping I.V., the impacts of too many cars in I.V., the seawall, I.V.'s homeless, churches, police, and vernal pools, and the pond in Anisq'Oyo Park. We also examined life in Nicaragua today, the present Russian Revolution, the problems associated with the use of styrofoam, development pressures in Ellwood, and a look at Goleta's schools.

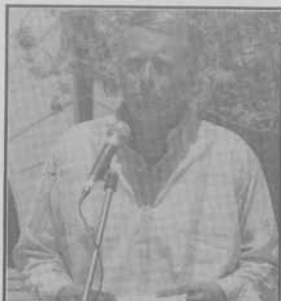
## Looking Back . . .

### UCSB OVERENROLLMENT

The dominant issue in Isla Vista over the past four or five years has been overenrollment at UCSB. Many blame overenrollment as the cause of conflicts between residents and police and for inflated rents.

It was the Isla Vista Community Council, with support from the Associated Students that, in 1987, first called for the UC Regents to undertake the construction of three new campuses to deal with this overenrollment issue. Earlier this year, the Regents announced they would build two new campuses and limit UCSB's growth to 2,000 above its current 18,000 students.

County Supervisor Bill Wallace (right) addressing a rally against over-enrollment in Storke Plaza in early 1987.



Wallace has tried to limit UCSB growth but is constrained because the University is constitutionally exempt from the land-use control of local governments.

Richard Jensen, left, in charge of enrollment projections during the Huttenback years, was replaced by Chancellor Uehling.

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## Redevelopment Agency Approved

After a year and one-half of discussion, a redevelopment agency was approved for Isla Vista at the County Board of Supervisors meeting of June 6.

Supervisor Bill Wallace has asked several I.V. agencies and organizations to appoint representatives to an advisory panel (a Project Area Committee, or PAC) to represent various community factions such as students, renters, business, and homeowners. It is expected that such a redevelopment agency can raise up to \$5,000,000 over the next few years to undertake physical improvements, open space purchase and develop low-income come housing.

The PAC is expected to begin developing a plan to submit to the County over the summer months. The County has agreed to supply staffing to the PAC, at least in the short run. The PAC's plan can only be changed by a 4/5th vote of the supervisors.



A 1970 drawing of one option for redeveloping downtown Isla Vista.



Assembly-representative Jack O'Connell (left), County Supervisor Bill Wallace, and State Senator Gary K. Hart (right) turn the first shovel-full of dirt at I.V. Medical Clinic groundbreaking this Spring. The expanded building should open in October.

## I.V. Medical Clinic Expansion

The Isla Vista Open Door Medical Clinic is doubling the size of its current site with a 4,400 square foot expansion. The expanded building will also house a 3,300 square foot UCSB service cen-

ter, although the exact services to be provided at the Clinic site have yet to be announced by University officials.

The expansion was made possible with a \$435,000 loan from the State.

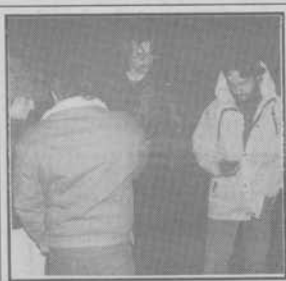


## "Save the Bluffs" Group Forms

A group formed this past year attempting to purchase the remaining open space along Isla Vista's ocean bluff. Calling themselves the "Save the Bluffs Committee", they succeeded in having the County establish an 18-month building moratorium in bluff-

top lots while the community and the County research ways to purchase the remaining undeveloped properties.

The new "redevelopment agency" is expected to target bluff top land purchases.



## Too Much Noise?

After a neighbor complained, I.V. Park District officials checked out noise-readings from their Red Barn facility. They found that the noise generated by a rock band in the facility made less noise on Camino del Sur than passing cars and by the complaining party's stereo.

Most of the 3,200 persons voting in the Community Advisory Election in Nov., 1988 rejected a plan to limit loud music to 10 PM week nights and midnight on weekends.



A unique street-cleaning program started a year ago when the I.V. Park District talked the University, the County, and the I.V. Sanitary District into funding a people-powered sweeping project. The efforts of persons receiving minor traffic fines who select a community-service option instead of a cash payment are coordinated by a paid IVRPD staffer, shown above, picking up street-litter. Most people say that this new program is much more effective than a total reliance on a mechanical street sweeper because so many cars park on I.V. streets. If you'd like to use this alternative to paying cash for traffic tickets, etc., call the IVRPD for more information at 968-2017.



Several access stairways to Isla Vista's beaches were destroyed in the 1986-87 winter storms and County officials had announced plans that would require a tax increase and almost a year to repair them until an article in the *Free Press* exposed the plan. The County then decided to repair them in a few weeks, without a local tax increase.



Ex-I.V. resident Kenny Foraker lost a leg and another cyclist his life when an allegedly drunk driver hit them on U.S. 101. Fund-raising efforts continue to pay his medical bills.



Halloween revelers in Del Playa street. *Free Press* photo by Keith Madigan.

## Two Years of Halloween Madness

Halloween celebrations of 1986 and 1987, a Friday and Saturday night, brought tens of thousands of partyers to I.V. from throughout the state and the establishment of the campus/community/County Major Events Committee which increased the number of police, provided outdoor toilets, and organized a community cleanup. The 1988 event, this time falling on a Monday, returned to a primarily local event.

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Fear's cartoon of himself drawing graffiti on the Berlin Wall.



Henry Rollins, left, formerly of the group Black Flag, with Fear in Isla Vista.

brought the best in progressive music reviews and even reviewed comic books under the pseudonym of "Nils Hoffman".

Fear's exclusive interviews with The

Cramps, Bunny Wailer, and Henry Rollins, among others, delighted *Free Press* readers, and his Top Ten Albums of the Year listings were always timely.

Albums, Movies, Books, VCR Classics . . .

Earlier this year, UCSB senior Jeff McManus began reviewing albums for the *Free Press* and he consistently was ahead of the pack. At one point this Spring, four out of the seven top-selling albums listed in *Rolling Stone Magazine* had been reviewed by McManus on these pages before they hit the Top



*The Fruit Palace*, a book on the cocaine trade in Columbia, was reviewed by Rosemary Holmes.

Ten.

When we brought this to his attention, he dismissed the other three as being too dumb or "too East Coast".

The *Free Press* has had many movie reviewers. Probably the most notable were Barry Dagestino, Rick Williams, now the music director at KCQR-FM, and Glenn Diamond.

We even started a "VCR Classics" review column this year — looking at movies that never really made it big commercially, but were definitely worth seeing at home.

The *Free Press* reviewed several good books along the way. Dan Wesolowski, Rosemary Holmes, and *Free Press* publisher Carmen Lodise, and several others shared their insights into more than twenty books over the past two and one-half years.

And who can forget Autumn Chartreuse's irreverent reviews of the shows at the UCSB Art Museum?

Curtain Calls

While the *Free Press* has been publishing, two entertainment institutions played their last shows.

Borsodi's, the coffeehouse in Isla Vista for 20 years, finally closed during the Summer of 1988. The closest thing to a



Linda and Robert Borsodi, about 1974

cultural center this town has ever seen, Borsodi's was thought of as a community agency. Through the years it provided theater, poetry, and a broad range of live music. As Stan Hoffman said at the closing party:

*The ghostly shades of all who have gone before, those who have worked and worried, laughed and loved here, silently join us in this moment of ending, this time of death. . . Yet everyone who has truly shared in this place carries its spirit within them.*

Pat's Grass Shack lasted 13 years on Dawson Ave. in Old Town Goleta. It was best known for its radical rock bands which somehow didn't fit in with the Polynesian decor. It was at the Shack that punk music came and went in this area. It was a sad day when owner Larry Riley finally started acting his age and retired.

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You often hear that "Goleta" is the real name of this town. The County Clerk even sends your voter's pamphlet addressed "Goleta" even though you signed your voter registration card "Isla Vista." But "I.V." is the accepted name by both the County and the post office for all of I.V. — including Francisco Torres and the on-campus apartments (but not the dorms on Main Campus). Evidently the County Clerk's computer isn't smart enough to tell the difference between Goleta & I.V.

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## LOOKING BACK...

## Special Features

Two of the most popular features in the *Free Press* to date were the I Love Isla Vista Contest for Valentine's Day 1988, and last Spring's Literary Contest. Both contests drew more than 100 entries and awarded interesting prizes, such as a fully-equipped aquarium and dinners for two at quality restaurants.

Also one of the regular features in the paper has been the many original drawings of local scenes by Rosemary Holmes and Dirk Brandts. We especially received a lot of compliments on the Anisq'Oyo Pond issue which featured over twenty original drawings by Holmes.

Readers have been able to travel be-

yond I.V. to Mexico, Central America and to Europe. Publisher Carmen Lodise took us to Mexican towns on several occasions, while UCSB senior Lani Procter told readers what Spring Break in Mazatlan was really like. Lodise also took readers to Amsterdam and Fear Heiple shared his experiences in East and West Berlin.

Other special features have included a visit to Marx's tomb in London, along with an analysis of his place in the development of economic thought, a commentary on impressionist painter Vincent Van Gogh built around Don McLean's song "Vincent", and a look at John Lennon's contribution to contemporary



The Red Light district in Amsterdam.



Edie Sedgwick with Andy Warhol on cover of the March 8, 1989 *Free Press*.

music and theology.

Perhaps the most interesting special feature of the past two and one-half years was the story on Edie Sedgwick, a woman born in Goleta but who went to New York to become the first "super star". Bob Dylan wrote a song for Edie ("Just Like a Woman") and a recent hit song ("Little Miss S") by Edie Brickell and the New Bohemians tried to tell her story.



Vincent Van Gogh, a self-portrait.



UCSB students on the beach in Mazatlan during Spring Break, 1987.



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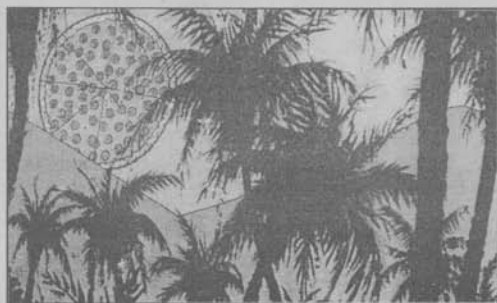
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## Getting Out of I.V. . . .

There are a few restaurants that shouldn't be missed in Goleta & Santa Barbara.

### Italian

#### Baltieri's Italian Restaurant

5892 Hollister Ave., Goleta, 967-2881.

#### The Chase Bar & Restaurant

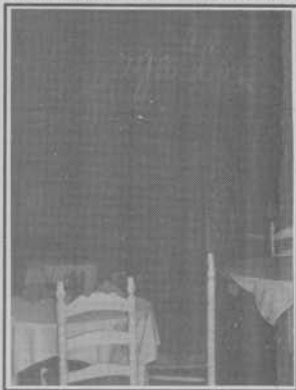
1012 State Street, Santa Barbara, 965-4351.

These two are mentioned together because they both serve fundamentally the same food from fundamentally the same recipes — although they are not financially tied together; it seems as their was a black sheep in the family. Try the piccata dinners and the mussels at Baltieri's (a full meal). Both open daily for lunch and dinner. \$4.50-\$14.50.

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**Papagallo's**, de la Guerra Plaza, Santa Barbara, 963-8374.

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**LOOKING BACK . . .**

# Nature in Isla Vista

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Great Blue Heron in Anisq'Oyo Pond. Free Press photo by Pete Campbell

the Free Press has been fortunate to have had the talents of Martin Kellogg and Blackbird to portray for our readers the remarkable staying power of wildlife and the efforts of local officials to conserve

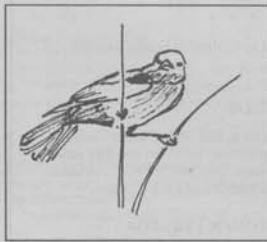
what little remains.

Kellogg's column *Nature* shared with us the life of the twenty or so Great Blue Herons that nest locally, of the best locations to look for the many near-rare species of bird life that can be found on the

Isla Vista mesa, and the migratory patterns of the California whales, among other stories.

And Blackbird's features on Isla Vista's vernal pools and the pond in Anisq'Oyo Park were quite remarkable.

Thank you, Martin and Blackbird, for reminding us of our origins.



Two Isla Vista residents examining a vernal pool in the Del Sol preserve.



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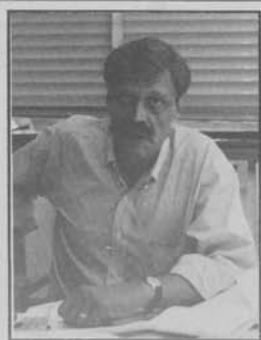
## From the Campus . . .

Interim Chancellor David Aldrich had already replaced Robert Huttenback when the *Free Press* started publishing. Aldrich was a good tonic after Captain Bob, as the pompous Huttenback was often referred to. Aldrich immediately placed a three-year moratorium on UCSB growth, ceiling enrollment at 18,000. The action has led to an end to annual rent increases in I.V. of from 10% to 15%. He also shifted funding of the University's portion of the I.V. Foot Patrol from student fees back to University monies and started the Major Events Committee which found the University, the community, and the County cooperating in ameliorating the problems caused by such events as the University's Rugby Tournament and Halloween in Isla Vista.

The selection of Barbara S. Uehling as the permanent chancellor answered many concerns about affirmative ac-



In an interview in the February 15, 1989 *Free Press*, UCSB Chancellor Barbara S. Uehling maintained that the University didn't have a "philosophy" toward Isla Vista, didn't have an I.V. element to its new long-range campus plan, and didn't have any particular person in charge of University/I.V. relations — all three policies that were highly recommended in the university-sponsored Trow Report following the 1970 riots here. Uehling also opposed I.V. cityhood, partially because of the high turnover in community leadership — despite the fact that she is the fourth chancellor since I.V. started trying to establish a "city" in 1973.



Thomas Harding, professor of anthropology, was one of the faculty members who fought against the presence of a CIA officer on the UCSB faculty.

tion in university operations but opened new doors as she permitted a CIA officer to teach on campus. However, the protest from both students and faculty members led to his removal after only two quarters.

## Student Leaders in the *Free Press*

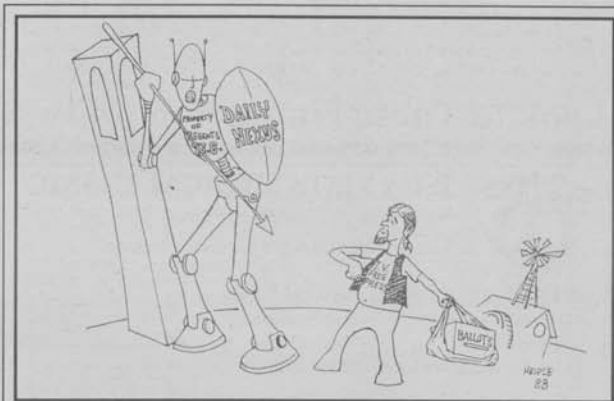
Each May for the past three years, the *Free Press* has interviewed the student we felt had been most active in issues to empower Isla Vista residents — both students and non-students.

In 1987 we interviewed Rich Laine, in 1988 it was Ken Greenstein, and this year's interview was with Javier LaFianza.

But one of our favorite interviews with a student leader was with Matt Duncan, a conservative member of the 1986-87 A.S. Legislative Council. Matt enlivened many a Leg. Council meeting as he stood to make his statement, arms flailing, finger pointing at something only he could see — but always with a sense of humor. Matt was the only political figure we've known who would



get applause when he rose to speak. Thanks Matt, and thanks to all the rest of you who tried to make a difference.



Fear Heiple's cartoon of the battle between the *Nexus* and the *Free Press*.

## Nexus, *Free Press* Clash Over Community Election

An open clash between the UCSB *Daily Nexus* and the Isla Vista *Free Press* was perhaps inevitable. Indeed there had already been several behind-the-scenes flaps, but the issue which brought it into print was a surprise — the *Nexus* didn't approve of the Community Advisory Election conducted by the Associated Students in conjunction with the November, 1988 general election in which 3,200 residents voted.

The *Nexus* felt that by suggesting that the election be held, that the *Free Press* was "creating" news rather than just "reporting" it.

The *Nexus* then pushed the outcome of the voting on five significant community issues to the bottom paragraphs of their reporting on the election. They also managed to be a year late in reporting the public discussion of a "redevelopment agency" for I.V.

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# Histories of Isla Vista

One of the most challenging aspects of community life in Isla Vista is that approximately one-third of the town leaves each year — and a new one-third arrives. This is roundly condemned by those who have vested interests here, and this "transiency" has often been given as a reason I.V. should never be permitted community self-government.

While this turnover in the specific residents does occur, each is usually replaced by another person of the same social and economic status — for almost 30 years, 95% of I.V.'s residents have been renters, from 50-75% have been students, 75% have been between the ages of 18-29, and over 50% live on what is called "low" incomes. But it usually takes two or three years before residents come to realize self-government and some protection from outside economic power is important — unless they have some help. And that's where learning a little local history can be helpful.

As anyone might guess, much of the recent history of Isla Vista has been the clash between the leadership of these youthful-student-renters and property owners — both resident homeowners and absentee landlords.

The *Free Press* has printed more than a dozen histories of both momentous and comical clashes between these entrenched blocs. From a three-part series on the development of I.V. from Chumash times to the present, to a three-part series on the movement to create a City of Isla Vista; from the old Joint Rolling Contests



The poster for the twice-annual Joint Rolling Contest held at each Spring & Fall Festival from 1976 through 1981.

to the fight to save Tipi Village; from the attempt of the homeowners at the West End of I.V. to succeed from the I.V. Park District, to the breakdown of the ten-year alliance between the Goleta environmentalists and I.V.'s activists; and from the twisted path which led to community-ownership of the I.V. Service Center building to the political antics of I.V.'s St. Athanasius Church — it's all been in the *Free Press*, exclusively . . .  
 . . . least we forget that to be armed for the present, we must know our relevant past.

# Changes in Isla Vista . . .

The biggest changes in Isla Vista over the past two to three years have had to do with water — after fifteen years of a water hook-up moratorium, the flood-gates opened after voters approved Measure T in November, 1987.

It all started innocently enough. Measure T, initiated by Isla Vista resident Doug Butler, permitted approximately 250 property owners in I.V. and Goleta to construct a house on land the moratorium had prevented them from building on since 1973. The intent was to allow people to build that dream house

been approved. The result is that approximately 800 new living spaces have been added to a community which is already over-crowded, and all of these are in the high-rent category, with rents of \$2,500 to \$2,750 being common.

Is this what I.V. needs from new housing projects? Hardly. And is this what the supporters of Measure T had in mind? Well, maybe.

Many of the homeowners at the West End of I.V. have complained bitterly about all of the vacant lots being filled with houses. At a water board meeting



Greek Park was renovated this year by the I.V. Park District. Keith Madigan photo.

they had saved for all of these years. "Hardship" cases, they were referred to during the election campaign.

But the measure also permitted some water for parks and for non-profit agencies, including churches. The measure was so popular that it was endorsed by all nine candidates running for the water

last Fall Doug Butler reacted angrily to criticism aimed at Measure T supporters from some of these homeowners.

"You all could have banded together and bought the vacant properties with park bonds, but you've selfishly fought against park bonds for years!" he shouted at one of his critics.

In the meantime, Butler — who was up front about his intentions during the Measure T campaign — has cashed out on the lot he owned which obtained a water permit following the election.



One of Measure T's "single-family" homes

## Parks and a Church

Measure T has allowed the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District water for some of its parklands for the first time since most of the land was purchased about ten years ago. Even Anisq'Oyo Park didn't have a water supply (except for the pond which acted as a reservoir) until Measure T. Since then, the District has undertaken several park renovations.

But Measure T has also given a water permit to the St. Athanasius Church and they are attempting to build a 15-20,000 sq. ft. "multi-purpose" facility adjacent to their current site on the top of the loop in downtown Isla Vista. To date, the County has rejected their plans as being "too large" for the site.

Since the Church plans to build on land long known as "Perfect Park" from the days of local anti-war demonstrations, the Park District has made some half-hearted gestures about trading some of their properties in other parts of town to the Church for this historic site. However, these discussions have never reached the point of actual negotiations.

The onset of the recent drought has not curtailed I.V.'s new building boom.

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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? What new directions should we take?

(please circle one number) (X)

Local News	Disliked	.....	Liked	Don't Know		
- 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	_____
- UCSB overenrollment	1	2	3	4	5	_____
- police activities	1	2	3	4	5	_____
- social services	1	2	3	4	5	_____

Special Features	Disliked	.....	Liked	Don't Know		
- 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	Disliked	.....	Liked	Don't Know		
- 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	Disliked	.....	Liked	Don't Know		
- 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	Disliked	.....	Liked	Don't Know		
- 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 I.V. Seawall	1	2	3	4	5	_____
- the New Russian Revolution	1	2	3	4	5	_____
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## LOOKING BACK ...

### ... at the *Free Press* Columnists

One of the most popular features in the *Free Press* has been regular columnist Scott Wexler.

Wexler has been able to find an almost infinite number of things to complain about — from crowded lines at I.V.'s grocery stores to the local police who should have appreciated the old days when they didn't have to be scared in I.V. He also has found dozens of things to marvel at — among them the unusual growths in his refrigerator, the spiders that spontaneously generate in his bathroom, and how John Tower could be taken seriously as a womanizer. And he has made several astute suggestions as to how living conditions here might be improved, such as "Party Barb" Uehling being required to live on Del Playa and accommodating UCSB overenrollment by retrofitting the town for hunk beds — the "Bunka Vista" option.

About the only thing he has ever really liked has been the Lakers — and thank goodness, it's that time of year again.

But the *Free Press* has had several other columnists, too. This past year has included the humorous commentaries of Jeffrey P. McManus, and during our first year Bob Lovgren of S.O.S. Liquors shared with *Free Press* readers his observations "From a Business Perspective".

For almost fifteen issues, the staff of the Isla Vista Open Door Medical Clinic penned a column on health issues, and



Trent Eldridge contributed a couple of columns on the Greek community. Valerie Sharpe, among others, wrote a column called "From the Towers" about life at Francisco Torres Residence Hall. And Largent Parks shared his insights on sports with *Free Press* readers, correctly picking Michigan to win the NCAA basketball tourney.

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### The Last Word?

## YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO U.S.C. TO RIDE A TROJAN HORSE

The naiveté of the people at the UCSB *Daily NEXUS* never ceases to amuse an old community organizer like myself.

In last week's "Last Judgement", the *NEXUS* again asserted that I had duped A.S. into spending \$177 (!) on an "alleged election" last November — an advisory election in which 3,200 I.V. residents gave their opinions on five community issues such as rent control, cityhood, redevelopment, etc. The leadership at the *NEXUS* has obviously not yet caught on that it was the *NEXUS* that was duped by the election.

I'm hereby confessing publically that several student and community leaders, including myself, conspired to hold the Community Advisory Election in order to trick the *NEXUS* into covering several community issues that they had been ignoring — issues important to the quality of life of most UCSB students and most of us townies, too. I agreed to be the public fall guy in the plot in exchange for free beer at the cell meetings.

And it worked! Granted that the *NEXUS* didn't do a story on I.V. Cityhood until late May, and didn't mention the possibility of reviving an elected "community council" in I.V. until June 2nd (and then buried it on page 6), they did finally cover both stories.

Perhaps we should congratulate the *NEXUS* leadership for having resisted covering these two issues for so long, because all of the conspirators had had a great laugh when, only two weeks after the "alleged election", the *NEXUS* did their first story on a "redevelopment agency" for I.V. — something they had steadfastly refused to mention for over eight months. Of course, County Supervisor Bill Wallace (not a conspirator, honest!) had kind of forced their hand when he was quoted (in the *Free Press*, of all places) that it was the election results (64% in favor) which had encouraged him to move forward on a "redevelopment agency", and to stop pushing for an anti-noise ordinance (because 67% had opposed one).

Our scheme was a failure, however, on two counts. We were not able to instill in the *NEXUS* staff a sufficient understanding of the issues for them to have figured out that "cityhood" and "incorporation" are the same thing (see the headlines on their May 26 cityhood story). And, we couldn't trick them into doing a story on rent control — supported by 60% of the voters in the "alleged election".

But then, there's always next year. I'm sure we don't have to worry that we're giving away our Trojan Horse strategy in advance, since next year's *NEXUS* leadership will probably be just as innocent (and pompous) as this year's — they almost always are.

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