Master Plans [Re]Vision
Isla Vista, Carve Out New Outlooks for Community

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If chosen, a master plan proposal submitted from the Examination of many acreage would much ado about parks, and very little else.

The design, submitted by the Orlando, Fla.-based architecture firm Glattting Jackson, focuses on ending the visually defined separation between the university and Isla Vista by Ocean Road, and on strengthening the presence of Anisq' Oyo' Park as a central development of the I.V.

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20-Year-Old UCSB Student Takes Own Life
By BRENDAH BUBLER
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Junior law and society major Miyaka Geh died at her home in Los Angeles on Feb. 12. The gunshot wound was apparently self-inflicted.

She knew everybody. She was the most outgoing person I've ever met," he said. "Honestly, I'll walk down the hall with her and I would feel like such a loser because she would say 'hi' to probably 50 people, and I'd know maybe one. It's probably unnecessary for me to say anything about her because I think everyone knew her.

Another roommate, junior business economics major, Lorna Berryessa, said Geh was good looking, with an easy grace.

"She was one of the most beautiful people I've ever seen, and everyone that knew her would say that," Berryessa said. "She was the type of person you could spot on the other side of campus because she was the most noticeable person. The way she stood, she was very exotic looking and she carried herself like a movie star.

Geh did well at UCSB, Lang said. "She made the extra effort in school with a blanked forced inspection," she said. "I've been a Democrat all my life, but this smacks of Big Brother. There's just something that seems wrong about forcing every building, whether they're well-managed or not, to open their doors to inspectors.

Henry Sarria, a longtime I.V. resident, said tenants often fear they will incur the wrath of property managers if they complain about less than adequate living conditions.

"A lot of people don't phone in complaints simply because of the fact that either (a) you'll be labeled a troublemaker, (b) they'll send somebody out to fix it and then charge you for it or (c) your security deposit will be in peril," he said. Although she is opposed to mandatory inspections, Brown said there is room for improvement with the current complaint-driven program.

"I think we need to educate people how to complain more," she said. "Maybe at the housing office on campus there could be some complaint forms.

The cost of mandatory safety inspections would mean higher rents for Isla Vista tenants, property manager Chip Eckert said.

"If you raise the cost of doing business, the likelihood is the consumer — in this case the tenant — will end up picking up the cost," Eckert said. Many Isla Vista properties are in

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California lifted all power alerts for the first time in nearly six weeks, thanks to the availability of more imported electricity and the return to service of plants that had been down for repairs.

California had been under a power alert of one level or another since Jan. 13 because of dwindling reserves of electricity. For power plants, a 32-day stretch that ended over the weekend, the state was at Stage 3, the highest level of alert, when reserves are so low that blackouts are possible.

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and did well in it," he said. "She planned to be a lawyer."
However, Geh withdrew from classes in November. Berryessa said Geh suffered from depression. Geh returned for Winter Quarter, but stayed only six days before leaving again.
Her mother found Geh's body on the morning of Feb. 12. The Los Angeles County coroner's office pronounced her dead at 11:20 a.m. Friends and family gathered in L.A. for her funeral on Feb. 22. Lang said people from throughout Geh's life attended the service.
"Even her teachers from high school spoke [Thursday] at the funeral," Lang said. "They told everyone she was the light that would come into the room and brighten up everyone."
"There was one time that really showed that she cared about other people," Berryessa said. "It was back in freshman year, and I did really bad on an exam in one of my econ classes. I had that class with her and I think she even did worse than me. But I was so upset about it, and she knew it. She went to the store while I was buying coffee and she bought me a card. It said, 'I'll love you no matter what your econ grade is.' It was just a really sweet gesture that she did. That's how she was."

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need of basic improvements, Marshall said. "We don't want people to get electrocuted because they've got a plumbing problem and their carpet is wet; we don't want people walking out upon their balconies and falling off, either," Marshall said. "What we're trying to do is to come up with strategies to begin to incrementally upgrade the living conditions in Isla Vista."
At the end of the meeting, Butch Arnoldi presented the audience with recent Isla Vista crime statistics. Arnoldi said a party at the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity last weekend drew over 500 people, and after hired security abandoned the event, the fraternity's president phoned the I.V. Foot Patrol for assistance. Arnoldi said pepper spray had to be used to force the mob to leave.
"We have just as many party 'saves' as party closures," Arnoldi said.

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McKinney said the plan would make the parks more accessible to the community, as originally intended by the I.V. Recreation and Parks District. "The history of the parks is that the parks district had purchased pieces, as they were available [and] they have funds to do so. There is kind of a patchwork of parks throughout the neighborhood — they are little lots; some are bigger, some are smaller," he said. "There is not a strong connection between the parks themselves and how they relate to the development around them. We did want to take a look at the parks and thought of different ways that you could possibly rework them either by purchasing adjacent parcels or turning certain pieces back to development. When we looked at the original historic plan for I.V., itself, it originally intended that the whole loop of Pardall Road would be park space. This is sort of an interpretation of that — trying to recreate that idea of one singular park space.

McKinney said making the parks more accessible is necessary to emphasize their presence in the community.

"We came up with the idea to extend Madrid Road so that it runs through Anisq’ Oyo' Park. The idea is to have the park as close to the neighborhood and to it to have to be very accessible. We, essentially wanted to get roads and public access on all sides of that park. Extending Madrid Road was a way to do that," he said. "It's certainly dramatic because there are a lot of historical parts of the park that would be impacted.

The plan also addresses the need for housing in I.V. by increasing density in existing parcels, particularly in the downtown area.

"The commercial buildings on the Esplanade Loop are a single story, and that jumps out as a real opportunity for new development to get density in there where there isn't now," McKinney said. "Potentially, we want to create two-to-three story development with retail on the ground floor and additional housing units above and adding density. There are probably a lot of areas in the neighborhood where we could take a similar kind of approach.

The plan does not address the housing problem of offering additional parking, but would instead seek to encourage students from bringing their cars to school by parking management.

"It's a tricky situation because creating off-street parking would be taking away valuable space from the neighborhood for single-use parking lots. Our strategy is to make parking more restricted, particularly along Del Playa where you have that tandem parking issue. If we were to make parking more difficult, it would be a disincentive for people to bring cars to the neighborhood," he said. "We have to build a transit-supported network to support this strategy. It would have to be from the Metropolitons Transit District — we've got the ability to find grants that could fund these types of things.

McKinney said the plan would attempt to reduce traffic on El Colegio by creating alternative routes through I.V. and UCSB.

"We want to alleviate the traffic on El Colegio by creating street connections that allow you to bypass the street. We plan to create a roundabout by Los Caminos and extend Camino Pescadero to offer alternative to El Colegio," he said. "It will make the whole neighborhood a lot more livable.

The streets in I.V. would also be redesigned to allow for sidewalks and trees to narrow the streets and control traffic speed. "One of the tricks is the streets as they exist today have a limited amount of space for sidewalks. Our proposal was to do sidewalks throughout the property," McKinney said. "It's a costly and time-consuming process. But it should be a goal of the community.

Street trees will create a more residential nature to the streets, and that is also very important. The road would shrink visually, and that could also help to control traffic speed and make it safer for pedestrians and all the bicycle riders in the neighborhood."

McKinney said the plan would not touch any local natural reserves.

"We left the wetlands and other reserves alone. We made sure to stay out of those. We think that they are good strong things," he said. "We'd like to have passive connections to those places and maybe views of them because they are certainly features to keep prominent in the community. But I don't think there's any need to get into developing any of those areas. They are really a strong part of the character of the neighborhood itself.

McKinney said Glattting Jackson's redevelopment process would work to include residents in the process to ensure the development meets community needs and expectations.

"One of the first things we would want to do is meet with the community to find out what aspects of our plan work, and then we would structure a process to complete the plan that would involve the residents in a more direct way," he said. "Some of the road work could happen pretty quickly, but a lot of these things take a lot of time to implement — maybe 20 to 30 years. Some of the danger of this competition was not being able to work with the community in a direct way. We only know a little bit from our few trips and observations, so we need the residents to help with the development of the plan."
The plan also seeks to revitalize Pardall Road and Embarcadero del Mar into a "Town Center" with fine-dine restaurants, retail stores, entertainment venues and residential or work lofts above. Davies said the downtown area is where the most significant impact can be made with the least amount of change by using the existing roads and buildings to add onto.

"There needs to be a heart of the town that is much more urban. I think you need to create long-term value for any matter plan," he said. "The idea of coming in and fixing things up as they are doesn't work because it just becomes an expensive clean-up process. I think you need to create an incentive and value don't have to rely on the neighbor- borhood block party for your only recreation during the week. That's really what we're working."  

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The Urbanus plan would also include a strengthened pedestrian and bicycle network, and include a transit system, which would initially consist of an electric tram. According to Davies, a light rail may be an even better transit system to strive for in the future.

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The plan also anticipates the construction of multiple 500- to 800-space multi-level parking structures totaling approximately 2,200 parking spaces.

"We're recommending that probably multiple smaller struc- tures get built within a block's walking distance of Pardall Road on the north side and the south side, also at the end where we are parking university squares, so the students have an alternative location for parking," he said. "It's a tough thing to build and it's also going to be very expen- sive, so we're probably recom- mending that they get built by a private owner."  

The parking structures, com- bined with a different curbide parking system, will eliminate the current parking problem, Davies said.

"You would certainly want to do permit parking, maybe so that students have priority pack- ing. In other areas you could have curbide parking, which is angled parking, or parallel parking and be limited to two hours at a time so people have to come and go and can't leave their car there for two weeks," he said. "That's why we would have the parking structure. If students come to Isla Vista and they're really using their car during the week, they can leave it at a much cheaper prorated rate for 24 hours a week."  

Davies said Urbanus' design would tentatively have a significa- nt portion of the plan complete within five years and the rest done after another five years.

"There were 30 contestants, and there are little bits and pieces of absolutely gems in everybody's plans, so I think what you're selecting is not the plan, I think you're selecting a collection of ideas and a team of people who can help the community fulfill your needs," he said. "It's the kind of thing we've done in plenty of communities in other situations and it's really about making a plan for the commu- nity.

**THE MISSION STATEMENT:**

"To alleviate current issues of housing and parking density in suburban Isla Vista by utilizing urban development techniques."

**WHAT THIS DESIGN PROPOSES:**

**Bluff Park Along Del Playa Drive**

Pier or Overlook  
Connecting Pardall  
With the Ocean off of Del Playa Drive

**Electric Tram**

**Urban Downtown**

**Street Trees**

**Urbanus Associates**

Los Angeles, Calif.

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a bluff-top park running along oceanside Del Playa Drive, a pier extending to the ocean, a "Town Center" on Pardall Road and an electric tram connecting I.V. to UCSB.

Urbanus Associates' [Re]Vision I.V. Principle P. Vaughn Davies said one of the key components of the design is the accumulation of Del Playa Drive property in order to con- vert it into a continuous public bluff park.

"The major flaws in the current layout of Isla Vista are mostly the lack of connection with the university, and the housing that's on the bluffs that really is kind of a scar on the landscape more than anything else," he said. "It looks bad; it's probably a hazard to most people walking along the beach, and some of those houses are about to tumble off the edge. I don't think the housing really adds any value to Isla Vista per se; it's obviously very valuable for the folks who live on the water's edge, but it doesn't contribute to the town itself."

"Vista Point," an envisioned pier or bluff at the end of Embarcadero del Mar, would compliment the park and remind residents they are living in a situation that is oceanside DP would be incre- mentally reclaimed in various ways, including eminent domain and the possibility of houses eventually falling off the cliff and not being rebuilt. Adding densi- ty through three-to-five-story buildings will compensate for loss of living spaces creating a more urban layout for housing, Davies said.

"Isla Vista is not a dense town, it's a dense suburban and it really seems dense because there are too many students living in single-family dwellings. Those [houses] are designed for a mom and a dad and two-and-a-half kids; or whatever we are in America growing up in a house- hold," he said. "And those are houses that have sometimes eight to 12 students living in them. So it's just that [students] are living in a situation that is not conducive to their best lifestyle and it's not what the houses were designed for. The kind of student accommodation that needs to be provided is of a different kind that we're suggest- ing. It's much more of an urban loft-like dwelling."

The Urbanus design proposes the development of a Town Center on Pardall Road, in an attempt to create a more urban Isla Vista. The proposal is that the urban and walkable design of the downtown area would initially consist of an electric tram. According to Davies, a light rail may be an even better transit system to strive for in the future.

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Let's play a little game of pretend. For a moment, pretend that you're a fighter pilot in charge of patrolling a United Nations no-fly zone in Iraq. You're cruising at an altitude of 10,000 to 20,000 feet at close to Mach 1 when all of a sudden your warning system indicates that a SAM (surface-to-air missile) site radar has locked on to your aircraft and you're now a moving target. Do you a) turn tail and run, b) maintain altitude and speed as if nothing is happening or c) blow the living shit out of the SAM site posing a threat with some HARMs (high speed anti-radiation missiles)?

This is the kind of scenario that American and British pilots faced on a daily basis protecting the no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq. It was the norm until last week when they rammed a few HARMs down Hussein's throat. And now the U.S. and British are the bad guys, but according to whom?

Let's take a look at the Russian opinion on the matter. They claim the action was wrong, but who cares what the Russians think? Russia is a country that had a massive governmental failure known as "the collapse of communism." It still provides Iraq with MiG and Sukhoi fighter planes, as well as T-72 tanks so Saddam can build up his military. All this is paid for with aid dollars sent to Iraq to feed its people.

Besides, the Russians are too busy ripping Chechnya and its citizens a new asshole to be self-righteous or critical about anybody's aggression. By the way, Russia provided Iraq with Scud B missiles that slammed into Israel during the Gulf War as well as the very SAM sites that lock onto our U.N. patrol planes and got taken out.

Then of course, we have the French opinion, but who even gives a shit what they think anyway? Talk about a self-preservationist stance. All they're worried about is terrorist attacks on them if they support the action. As if France has any room to speak.

All we've ever had in France as an "ally" is a country that we've had to bail out twice in a single century and that has been the worst colonizer known to man. Ever hear of Alger? What about Lebanon? The reason those places fell apart was due to French colonization. And while we're at it, let's not forget that lovely little quasiempire known as the Vietnam War that the French happily dumped on our lap at the cost of thousands of lives, American and Vietnamese. Let's also not forget the fact that France has provided Iraq with Mirage fighter planes and Exocet missiles just like the one that accidentally attacked the USS Stark back in 1986. France's hands aren't that clean. The French can't even handle their own problems and therefore have zero business dictating military protocol, rules of engagement or military action to anyone else.

For all of their criticism, the critics are forgetting that the action was executed well within the accords signed by Hussein and the U.N. coalition back in 1991 when Iraq effectively lost the Persian Gulf War. The rules state that certain areas will be patrolled and protected with whatever means necessary, even if it means the use of deadly force. So let's face it America. Global condemnation of U.S. military action, even if within the prescribed requirements, will always be the norm since we're the "Great Satan" in the eyes of those that disparage, usually out of envy, with any and all U.S. positions.

The amusing part of the criticism is that it comes from countries that will always turn to the U.S. when the shit hits the fan in their house. Be it money or military aid, you can bet that most of these critical nations will knock on our door when they need our help. But God forbid if America decides to take initiative or show resolve in a potentially dangerous military situation. We'll never hear the end of it.

My only complaint about the attack is that civilian lives were lost, but let's look at the reality of the matter. There are civilian technicians that work on military sites and if any were present during the strike they were there by choice. I also have news for Saddam. The success of the recent SAM site location: If you don't want civilian casualties, don't put SAM sites in residential areas. All that does is get civilians injured or killed.

Finally, let's look at another source of criticism the U.S. receives concerning U.N. sanctions against Iraq. Under these U.N. ratified sanctions, civilians have died due to famine and disease. But where is the money that was supposed to be used to feed and care for the Iraqi people going?

This one's a no-brainer. Saddam had a choice to either feed and care for his people with the aid money, or build a multi-million dollar presidential mega-palace. He chose to build the palace. So to those countries with plenty to say, such as France and Russia, the only words of advice on the matter of Iraq are: Either accept the actions taken by the U.N. pilots for their safety or stay the hell out of these matters, as you have no room to talk about a long history of hypocracy, lack of backbone or both. If you want the job of patrolling the no-fly zones, go for it and let us bring our pilots home safely. Just don't come crying to the U.S. when Saddam starts to flex his military muscle on your efforts.

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UCSB Whips Mustangs Again

BY ELAY APPALBEUM
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If the UCSB men's basketball team can get what it wants every time it plays, it'd be sitting on top of the world. The Gauchos might feel that way for at least one game anyway, after they blazed by Cal Poly, 84-77, Thursday night at Mott Gym and regained third place in the Big West after Long Beach State succumbed to Irvine later in the evening, 83-78.

Sophomore forward Mark Hull paced a balanced offensive attack for Santa Barbara by pumping in 21 points, including six long bombs and critical moments throughout the contest. Freshman forward Brandon Fulllove drilled in 20 points, and the forwards became the first two Gauchos to score 20 or more points in a game this season.

"I've been fortunate to have a couple good games when we've played Cal Poly this season," Hull said to 1250 AM. "I had a lot of open looks from the three tonight, and I was able to knock down a couple of those."

UCSB (12-12, 8-5 in the Big West) was also bolstered by the first double-double in freshman guard Nick Jones' career. Jones scored 14 points and ripped down 11 boards. Junior forward Mike Vukovich posted in 10 points. Santa Barbara also received heads-up play from senior forward Juliano Jordani and freshman forward Casey Cook, who both hit rare threes. Freshman center J.J. Todd energized the Gauchos with two offensive rebounds and delivered a nifty pass to Jones for a layup.

"I thought tonight was a great win for us," said UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams said to 1250 AM. "I thought a lot of guys stepped up big. If you look statistically at us, Nick Jones with 11 boards — just a phenomenal effort there, and I thought Mark Hull hit a lot of big shots, obviously from the three-point line."

"You know the one, like bigger than any way inferior than a guy stepping up and hitting the three tonight," he said. "He's hobbled up there, limping out there, with two bad knees and a bad back and yet he still finds a way to contribute for us. I'm really proud of this effort tonight."

Conspicuously absent from UCSB's roster was senior guard Ryan Bryan, who has officially left the team for the rest of the year, according to Williams. The Gauchos return to the T-Dome for their final home game of the season against Pacific at 3 p.m. in a game televised by ESPNU.

"We need a huge turnout, and it would be great to see almost a full house against UOP on Saturday at 3 p.m.," Williams said.

Tigers Smother Santa Barbara in Pitchers' Face-off

BY JASON CHAU
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Winning a ballgame requires the combination of balancing offensive firepower, solid pitching and defensive skills.

The UCSB softball team has mastered the latter two disciplines, but has come up empty when it comes time to put runs on the board.

Thursday's home game against Auburn University was merely the latest in a series of hard-fought, tough losses for the Gauchos, who fell 2-1. Despite splitting their two meetings against the Tigers in last weekend's Hawaiian Tournament, the Gauchos wasted another strong effort from sophomore pitcher Loren Thoemburg, while they managed just five hits against Auburn ace Jennifer Lofton.

"We're making the other pitcher look really good," senior co-captain Teresa Telson said. "She was definitely very hittable. She wasn't dominating at all, but we're not swinging the bat well. It's disappointing."

Junior co-captain and second baseman Kim Sawyer agreed with her teammate about the lack of offense.

"The offense is definitely a problem right now," Sawyer said. "We just can't score. We're not getting the clutch hits. Personally, I'm frustrated in my own hitting."

The Tigers took a 1-0 lead early, but UCSB knotted it up in the bottom of the fifth. Freshman center fielder Leslie Simien delivered a nifty pass to junior designated hitter Stacey Bolotin. Unfortunately, the Tigers scored the winning run in the top of the sixth.

"We're going to have to be smarter than our opponents this year because we're not the same team as last year," Sawyer said. "We don't have the same clutch hitter this time around."

The loss dropped the Gauchos to 3-8 on the season while Auburn improved to 11-4. UCSB will play host next to the sixth-annual UCSB/Easton Invitational this weekend.

Santa Barbara Hopes to Make Lions Whimper in Three-Game Series

BY MATT HETME
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The UCSB baseball team will be in LA today to face Loyola Marymount in a three-game series this weekend.

The Gauchos are coming off an 8-3 whipping of Westminster, and have now won three out of their last four games. Santa Barbara has benefited from a regular practice schedule this week, and UCSB feels that it may finally be finding its groove.

"I think we're finally getting into a rhythm," Head Coach Bob Bottema said.

"We still need to practice more so everybody can get involved. The bench players haven't been able to get enough action."

Santa Barbara has displayed a powerful lineup this season, averaging nearly 10 runs a game in its last four games. The Gauchos believe that they are capable of scoring even more.

"I don't think we were focused heading into the Westminster game," Bottema said. "I think we thought that we could just show up and win, so that's a big part of the scoring problem."

Senior shortstop Jeff Bannon, has enjoyed a strong offensive campaign, hitting .400 with six RBIs and scoring nine runs.

"It's been good to get in some practices," Bannon said. "We feel capable of playing some of our best ball now, and the team is consistent and ready to go."

The Gauchos will send senior Rylie Ogles, junior James Garcia and sophomore Jim Bellard to the mound against the Lions.

"Our pitching has been really solid this year," Bellard said. "This year everybody throws strikes and gets good results. We just try to keep them in the game for the offense to win it."

UCSB realizes that it must improve if it is to contend for the Big West title this season, but the Gauchos know better than to look past LMU.

"They are not to be taken lightly," Bannon said. "But if we play some good baseball, we should be able to take at least two out of three games."

Long Beach Outplays Gauchos in Sweep

BY BRITTANY LANGAN
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It's back to the drawing board for the #7 UCSB men's volleyball team.

On Wednesday night, the Gauchos tried to work out a few kinks against #3 Long Beach State. Yet, the 49ers (9-2 overall, 7-2 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) crippled Santa Barbara's momentum, and UCSB (5-3, 3-5) limped away in a 30-25, 30-22, 30-26 loss.

"Things aren't going our way right now," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "It's not easy to put your finger on the problem when a team hits a downward cycle."

With the score tied at 16, LBSU widened its lead to 28-20 before UCSB fought back. But it was too little, too late, and Santa Barbara lost 30-25.

"In the middle of the first game, they had a three-point run," Preston said. "We've lost game one in seven of our last eight matches, which means that we aren't doing something right."

UCSB jumped out with a 5-4 lead in game two, but quickly lost its edge. The 49ers took advantage of the Gauchos' nine hitting errors, winning easily 30-22.

"We didn't start out as bad as we've been starting lately, but then we had some hitting errors and that changed the whole mood," sophomore outside hitter Jan Carlo Zegarra said.

A hitting error on the Gauchos' side of the net cost UCSB the match, 30-26. UCSB will face La Verne tonight at 7 in the Thunderdome.

"This is the first game we've lost where we didn't drive the ball very well, but we've still had some hitting errors and that changed the whole mood," sophomore outside hitter Brian Noodberg said. "We have a lot of physical talent that isn't being brought into the game. If we execute well against La Verne, it will be a step in the right direction."