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Ochoa's experience will come in time

Some of us feel that your editorial of June 8 was not very encouraging for our newly elected Supervisor Gloria Ochoa. Yes, she is as yet inexperienced, but were the previously elected members of the Board of Supervisors all experienced before serving their first terms?

As for your congratulations to Gloria Ochoa for her "dramatic political coup," we accept it with some reservation. According to Webster's dictionary, the definition of the noun "coup" is: 1. Literally, a blow, 2. a sudden, successful move or action, 3. clever strategy.

We are certain that you meant numbers two and three when you referred to Gloria's coup, as she will look after the welfare of the people of Santa Barbara and protect our environment.

NINA M. GADDIS
Santa Barbara

Nonchalance keeps Wilcox preserve

"Hey, give me a break. The Lakers are flying, the Dodgers are slugging, and the Indy 500 is another spinning, splintering, supersonic smash."

"But the voting polls close at 8. Don't worry, I'll vote for the Wilcox property spiritually!"

FACTS: Fifty-one percent of total registered voters voted (lowest turnout in 44 years); Measure C (Wilcox) results were YES — 69.5 percent, NO — 39.5 percent (winning 70 of 77 precincts). CONCLUSION: We cannot afford another nonchalant election where the manipulations of the moment disguise deeper realities and priorities.

The triumph of state Proposition 70 ($776 million bond for parklands) in which the voters recognized the value of remaining open space and land preservation while at the same time Measure C failed clearly shows our shock at limitations of vision.

The vote clearly showed for the second time in a row that residents don't want Santa Barbara to become like every other Southern California beach community that gave up its coastal heritage. The Wilcox property is not just another piece of "vacant land" as some "developers" profess.

America's sporting events and heroes are faithfully recycled in their endless round of - don't worry, the championship playoffs will be there next year. But once wilderness is gone, it gone forever! There isn't much left; what there is, is all we'll ever have — and our children too. Help save the Wilcox.

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