Activists Rally to Increase Wages for City Workers

BY JENNIFER B. SIVERTS Staff Writer

"Hold up, wait a minute, put a living wage in it," chanted approximately 80 demonstrators as they walked along State Street on Tuesday night.

Members of the Living Wage, a group dedicated to raising the minimum wage for Santa Barbara city employees, gathered in front of City Hall on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. while the city council weekly meeting adjourned for a break. During the hour-long demonstration, demonstrators addressed the crowd on a megaphone and chanted as they walked around a short block on State Street before returning to City Hall. The rally was intended to gather community support for the living wage ordinance, which would raise the minimum wage for city employees to $11 an hour with health benefits or $12.25 without health benefits. The proposal will be presented to the city council next month, said Selena Gonzales, a Living Wage member and junior sociology major.

"Basically, right now the living wage is not enough to live in Santa Barbara. This would cover employees working for companies who work for or have subsidiaries with the city," she said. "It's unfair for someone who's working full time to live in poverty, which is what we're

A concerned student's take on the Drug War: U.S. funds are being rerouted to streamline the drug trade.

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UCSB Alumna Rebecca Prather (right) helps lead about 80 fellow living wage advocates in a chant during a rally Tuesday outside of Santa Barbara City Hall.
Netherlands First to Legalize Euthanasia

THE HAGUE, Netherland (AP) — Despite protests outside parliament, the Netherlands legalized mercy killings and assured suicide Tuesday becoming the first nation to allow doctors to end the lives of patients with unbearable, terminal illness.

About 10,000 euthanasia opponents surrounded the building, praying, singing hymns and quoting the Bible, while the upper house of parliament, the Senate, considered the legalization. The Senate voted 46-28 in favor of the law.

Minister Els Borst reassured legislators the bill could not be abused by doctors because of careful supervisory provisions. The law presupposes a long doctor-patient relationship and requires patients be legal residents of the Netherlands.

"There are sufficient measures to eliminate those concerns," Bort told the senators. Euthanasia, she said, will remain a last resort for those who have no other choice but endless suffering.

The law formalizes a practice discretionarily used in Dutch hospitals and homes for decades, running guidelines adopted by Parliament in 1993 into binding require
timents.

Christian schools canceled classes to allow students from around the country to participate in the demonstration.

"We don't have the right to decide about matters of life and death, but God does," said 19-year-old Hendric van der Hoek.

Protestors Riot Over Shooting of Unarmed Man

CINCINNATI (AP) — Police fired bean bags and rubber bullets to quell demonstrators who broke windows downtown Tuesday in a protest over the police shooting of an unarmed black man.

It was the second day protesters ran through the streets, and police in riot gear formed protective cordons around City Hall and nearby police headquarters. Some officers were on horseback.

About 50 people threw rocks and bottles at windows and a sidewalk vendor's stand was ransacked, police Lt. Ray Ruberg said. At least five were arrested. No one was injured.

Mayor Charles Luken appealed for calm during a Tuesday evening news conference in City Hall where riot-clad police guarded the front door. He called for a public dialogue to replace violence.

"If we can't do that, then I'm not optimistic that the future will be much better than the past," Luken said.

AP Wire Short

WASHINGTON (AP) — President George W. Bush called the impeachment with China a "nuisance" for the first time Tuesday, as U.S. diplomats awaited China's reply to a new formula for ending the crisis.

"I was surprised last year (lack of) consultation to do with the situation," Bush's spokesman said he was eager to break the "stage" relationship.

Tuesday's call to the account the important role of the two countries, we have to find a solution," Chinese President Zhu Ronghui said at a news conference in Uruguay, "I trust in the ability of both countries to resolve this issue.

Jiang, making a six-nation tour of Latin America, also said China's position was "sufficiently clear," as befitting a large democracy that the United States is the major country of the Chinese jet.

The United States has refused to apologize.

Bush tried to lower expectations for the quick release of 24 U.S. servicemen and women, even while his foreign policy team repeated modest behind-the-scenes progress and said Beijing was mulling the administration's latest proposal to end the standoff.

In a new formulation, Bush was willing to express regret for the U.S. plane landing on Chinese soil — if the conciliatory gesture would free the crew, U.S. officials said.

Weather

Look out.

A fresh, new set of useless people has gathered in front of the Arbor to throw their bodies in front of the students who have not been elected to student government to show they are not taking things lightly.

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us money. It was a monumental job converting thousands of accounts from PG&E and SoCal Edison to Enron," McFadden said. "Enron even admitted that going back and changing the accounts would cost millions and millions."

However, the Enron spokesperson stated the Enron meters would be placed next to SoCal Edison and PG&E's meters, providing the information to the UC and CSU campuses and Enron.

The four-year contract was to have lasted until March 31, 2002. UCLA and UC Riverside have separate contracts.

The injunction was filed in Oakland federal court on March 12. The ruling will be held today in San Francisco.

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Drug War Funds Cartels
U.S. Dollars Aggravate Colombian Narcotics Trade

The war on drugs sucks, and you and I are funding it. Last year the Colombian government received $1.3 billion from Uncle Sam in mostly military aid to “battle Colombian guerilla coke trafficking,” and this year’s funding isn’t any different. The chasm between what we’re doing in Colombia and what we say we are doing is only getting bigger. The reality of the Colombian situation is far more twisted and disturbing than the picture painted by U.S. drug authorities, so let’s get real.

The Colombian government’s armed forces are working closely with their right-wing paramilitary self-defense branch, the United Self-Defense Groups (AUC). The AUC implements U.S.-funded guns, choppers, and training to ruthelessly battle the guerilla resistance, dubbed drug lords but otherwise known as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). But evidence that Colombian guerillas are even selling drugs is questionable, Colombian President Andres Pastrana said, “For the moment no proof or evidence exists that the FARC is a drug cartel.” And here’s where it gets really fucked. Peasants in southern Colombia claim that the AUC is offering them big bucks for growing opium. In other words, the U.S. is funding the purchase of cocaine under the guise of battling it. And where do you think all that blow is going? Eight ball in the U.S. pocket.

But hold off on that quaalude for just one sec, there’s more. Besides being a U.S.-backed internal Colombian cartel, the AUC is also guilty of “ethnic cleansing” and essentially playing dirty across the board. On Jan. 3, the AUC paramilitary killed 11 civilians in Yolombo who were accused of being guerilla FARC sympathizers. Remind me who’s funding this again?

And if you’re still not pissed, try this on for size. True, the U.S. should know that U.S.-sponsored herbicides are being dumped on tropical rainforests and systematically depleting systems of ecosystems in order to unearth “coca plants and operators.” Does this sound familiar? Do you have to spell it out — Vindictus. And those chemicals aren’t just maiming rainforests. They are also polluting villages and rendering water sources toxic and needless to say, people are getting sick.

Uncle Sam’s “hard-line” stance on drugs isn’t just wasting taxpayers’ money, it’s killing innocent people in Colombia who are merely accused of guerilla allegiance. At this point I must pose the question, “Who is running this circus, and why?” My theory is that somehow the money given to Colombia is getting laundered back to the U.S. in the form of cocaine. In other words, Uncle Sam just got a new hookup. And if that’s the case, then where is the money going? Clinton was a proponent of these operations and the Bush administration isn’t backing down soon either. Hell, how many cigs could you get for $1.3 billion? And if that isn’t enough, dig the hypocrisy — Clinton and Bush both have questionable drug histories. Don’t they feel bad about abusing people for the same shit they did?

Moreover, why does the U.S. have its paws in a bunch about drugs in the first place? I’d like to think that it’s because they’re somehow watching out for our safety, but note that the Drug Enforcement Agency employs agents closely connected with people making drug policy legislation. The government has now become for the government and not for the people. Who are they to tell us how to manage our own bodies?

The Colombian model underscores skewed U.S. interests. It makes me cringe to think that the same man who backed NATO air strikes on Bosnia in order to “stop ethnic cleansing” ordered it upon Colombia in the same breath. And we went to Kuwait to stop people being hurt too ... right? If you’re not infuriated by now, I suggest pulling your head out of your ass.

Scott Mitchell is a freshman film studies major.
I think living wage is one piece of a justice issue," he said. "People should be able to work for a dignified wage."

The Living Wage will be holding a community celebration with food, live music and dancing Friday, April 20, from 6-10 p.m. at Casa de la Raza, located at 601 E. Montecito St.

Today's Birthday (April 11). Odds are good you'll end up at home; and you'll be amazed by all the people who care about you. More likely, it's love. Punniness in April. Make your plans in May. Rably in June and perhaps in July. In August it is the Work of Love. September. Launch in December. Accept the applause in February.

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Kosakowski Brings Leadership, Stability to Gauchos

By JOHN LUI Reporter

The highlight of the UCSB men’s tennis team thus far this season has been the consistent and outstanding play of junior co-captain Marcin Kosakowski. Kosakowski has been on a hot streak as of late, winning five of his last six matches at the #1 singles spot. He and sophomore J.J. Stewart have been playing well as a team, winning nine of their last 12 matches.

An especially satisfying win during Kosakowski’s recent run came last weekend against the #52 ranked University of San Diego. The Poland native believes his straight-set win against San Diego’s best singles player, senior Mariusz Trengefjord, was one of his most meaningful victories of the season.

“My last match against San Diego was really important,” Kosakowski said. “That win was really a good confidence builder for me personally.” However, it has not been all roses for the Gauchos or Kosakowski this season. After experiencing several tough losses, the junior has used those setbacks to improve his play. Fellow co-captain Marcio Pepe thinks that Kosakowski’s loss early in the year at Berkeley was a changing point in his season.

“He played really well against Berkeley,” Pepe said. “He could have won that match. It was very close. I think that match made him realize how good he can play. I think losing the match made him want to improve even more.”

During this past offseason, Kosakowski worked extensively with UCSB Head Coach Marty Davis to improve his backhand. Kosakowski felt it was the weakest part of his game prior to this season, and after working hard to improve his swing, his teammates now believe the backhand to be one of Kosakowski’s most important assets.

“He worked hard and he started believing in himself,” Pepe said. “He turned his backhand from a weakness to a weapon. I think that’s really helped him this year.”

Even more important than improving technically, Davis believes that Kosakowski is enjoying more success this season because he has improved his mental approach to the game.

“I think before [Kosakowski] was trying to decide what kind of player he wanted to be,” Davis said. “He’s more aggressive this year. He’s coming to the net more. He’s a big powerful guy and now he’s taking full advantage of his size.”

Davis thinks the turning point for Kosakowski came at the ITA regional tournament last fall, when Kosakowski defeated nationally ranked UCLA junior Efran Dyahangiri.

“I think [beating Dyahangiri] really put him over the top.” Davis said. “He realized he belonged.”

Kosakowski not only contributes to the team with his consistent play, but he also provides leadership for the young Santa Barbara squad.

“I’m not a real vocal guy,” Kosakowski said. “I try to lead by example. I try to play with high energy in practice and matches. I think the amount you put into something is how much you’ll get out of it.”

Freshman Jerome Chan believes Kosakowski’s approach to practice sets a good example for the other players.

“He plays a huge leadership role,” Chan said. “He keeps us on task. He works hard at everything. I think he’s a role model to everybody on the team.”

Davis has also been impressed with Kosakowski’s role within the team as a co-captain and one of the veteran players.

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Kosakowski is now excited about the remaining portion of this season, and has confidence in UCSB’s ability to play great tennis as the season begins to draw to a close.

“I would be surprised if we didn’t win the Big West Tournament,” Kosakowski said. “We are very capable of playing great tennis, and next year we have two really good recruits coming in. We’re only going to get better as a team.”

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By BRITTANY LANGAN Staff Writer

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Southern Cal’s junior 2000 All-American opposite hitter Brooke Billings led the team to victory with 20 kills earlier this season. USCBS sophomore outside hitter Ben Kozi had a grudge against the junior and is ready for some payback.

“I’ve been playing against [Billings] my whole career,” Kozi said. “We went to rival high schools. It was always Brooke, Brooke, Brooke when I played against him — I’ve always wanted to beat him.”

Kozi and the rest of the Gauchos will look to exact some revenge from the Trojans tonight in the Thunderdome at 7:05.

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