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Quake Shatters Holiday, Kills Thousands in India

Local Group Raises Funds to Aid Indian Disaster Relief

By ALEX SOHN

Reporter

While India celebrated one of its biggest holidays, an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.9 ripped through the country's Western Coast, killing what experts estimate to be more than 20,000 people. India's strongest quake in 50 years struck Friday, Jan. 26, at 8:46 a.m., as many awoke to celebrations and parades. It was Republic Day — the holiday that marks the adoption of India's Constitution in 1950. By Wednesday, the confirmed death count reached 12,000, and some officials believe 13,000 additional people were buried alive. A collapsing building killed 350 school children who were marching in a parade in a town near Bhuj, the earthquake's epicenter.

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Council Opposes I.V. House Party Registration, Takes Stand Behind Boycott of PictSweet Mushrooms

BY ANGELA POTTER

Staff Writer

Parties, mushrooms and gambling sparked a discussion at Wednesday night's Associated Students Legislative Council meeting, leading the council to unanimously pass two resolutions in protest of mandatory party registration and labor violations.

Leg Council members exchanged views on the position paper, opposing a county ordinance that would require party registration in Ila Vista for gatherings of over 100 people. Some members of Leg Council felt that requiring party registration would be a violation of First Amendment rights, and questioned the ability for law enforcement officials to hold residents responsible for people gathering on the street in front of their residences.

The issue first came to the attention of the county two years ago, when students who were concerned about safety at large open parties in Ila Vista formed a committee to discuss ways to lower crime, especially sexual assaults.

Off-Campus Representative Bridget Saltzman, who authored the resolution, said she agreed that safety was an issue, but did not feel that the county's proposal was the best way to deal with those concerns.

"This ordinance is not the answer. They tried this with greek houses and it doesn't work," she said. "This ordinance would just punish responsible party hosts."

Mark Chaconas, executive assistant to 3rd District Supervisor Gaal Marshall, attended the meeting to answer questions and explain the county's position on this issue. Council members questioned Chaconas for 20 minutes, posing hypothetical situations and questioning the ordinance as drafted.

The ordinance currently states that the number of people allowed at a party would be relative to the size of the property where the party is to be held.

In other business, council members discussed endorsing a boycott on PictSweet Mushrooms. The United Farm Workers (UFW) and AFL-CIO began a national boycott of PictSweet in

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Police Discover College Student With Explosives

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A college student who allegedly assembled an arsenal of guns and explosives in his bedroom, according to his friends, was going to kill as many people as possible before clearing the room, according to his friends.

DeGuzman, 19, allegedly planned for two years to kill fellow students at De Anza College and the example of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, who killed 13 people and wounded 23 others in Littleton, Colo., before they died, Dixon said.

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MARIAS LAGOS

"If the government can fund a program whose content and purpose is to promote religion, it means nothing short of a constitutional revolution."

The above is a quote by Marc Stern, an attorney for the American Jewish Congress, a group that says it will not stop the use of tax money in programs which include religious teachings.

The front pages of newspapers in California have played out like a broken record for the past few weeks. Yes, we're still in an economic crisis and making money. But Bush is still fucking up America. We're all a little tic of hearing about both topics, but my disdain with our new president has only risen over the past weeks and culminated on Monday when our new president created an office in the White House that would enable religious charity groups to receive federal funds. Quite a sneaky little proposal, Mr. Bush.

What's most unsettling about this proposal is the direction it leads to — the beginning of the blurring of a line and that which specifically push religion, it means nothing short of a constitutional sparking a healthy argument, with good groups — groups such as Catholic who can pray well? I know this question Sparks a healthy argument, with good religious groups to contribute to the thick layer of smog surrounding Houston, Bush "enthusiastically endorsed the prison fellowship program founded by former Nixon aid "shudder, shudders" Charles Colson," according to an article in Wednesday's Los Angeles Times.

"Tenants spend hours a day reading the Bible, singing and praying."

Now who is the more beneficial member of society? One who is educated, or one who can pray well? I know this question sparks a healthy argument, with good points on both sides, including the logic that what spirituality can be beneficial to rehabilitation. But the bottom line is that most prisoners will come out of jail in worse financial shape than when they went in, and statistically, a large majority of them were already poor. Is God going to help them put food on the table? Probably not. A former prisoner interested in putting his life back on track could, however, benefit from an increase in knowledge or skills.

As Americans, our tax dollars go to plenty of organizations and causes that we, as individuals, don't necessarily endorse. But let's take a look.

Last week it was cool for Bush to cut funding to overseas charity groups that educate about or perform abortions because he, a lot of Americans (including the Christian right) don't believe in abortion, including the president. This week, however, it's cool to fund religious groups because, hey, a lot of Americans (including the Christian right) are religious. It all makes sense. Who, besides the oil companies that will soon be able to go to Alaska, funded and supported Bush's campaign? You guessed it. Bush's new proposal is, very simply, a veiled attempt to push through legislation that could lead to a breakdown of the First Amendment which Thomas Jefferson said was intended to erect "a wall of separation between church and state."

Oh well, the founding fathers have been dead for a while anyway. Marisa Lagos is a Daily Nexus assistant county editor. Her nomination as official assistant is pending Senate confirmation.

Isla Vistans Unite to Assauge Local Rental Woes

BRIAN HELMIE

How is the apartment hunting going for you? I suspect that it might be a little stressful and disappointing for some folks, but remember that this isn't the worst part. Moving out and getting your security deposits back is where people usually run into problems. Landlords must return your security deposit within 21 days of moving out of the apartment, or else prove that they spent it on things you broke or ruined. If they don't return your money, or if they claim of your irresponsible destruction cannot be substantiated, you can take them to court and demand a full refund, as well as a $600 fine (paid to the tenant) for acting in bad faith.

It used to be even better if you took a punitive damage of three times your deposit — but thanks to the well-funded landlord lobby, the law was revised down to a $600 fine. But still, that is a good fine.

On Monday, for the first time, the Santa Barbara Superior Court ruled in favor of a tenant and granted a $600 bad faith payment to an Isla Vista tenant.

Landlords count on the fact that most tenants are too busy working, and worrying about keeping what they've got, to fight back or organize. But, organizing is the only way anybody ever got anything from the powerful. The A.S. Isla Vista Tenants Union (IVTU) is a grassroots organization formed by Isla Vista students and families in 1998 after mass evictions of low-income tenants at the Colonial, Balboa and Cortez apartments. Since then, we have been educating tenants on their rights, fighting unjust evictions and organizing for more tenants' rights.

No matter how rich or poor you are, when someone has arbitrary power over your life (like landlords with housing), they can be taken advantage of.

The IVTU is putting together a Tenants Outreach Drive this weekend throughout I.V. and we need your help. We hope to distribute 4,000 renters' rights booklets and launch the landlord evaluation program we have been working on with A.S. Legal Services, I.V. Community Relations Committee and other housing experts. We will be asking tenants to fill out the evaluation forms, which evaluate living conditions, the landlord's responsiveness to repair requests and rental rates. This will be a massive effort and we need your help! We are meeting at the Steven Biko house, 6612 Sueño, from 12-5 p.m. on Saturday and 12-3 p.m. on Sunday. Food will be provided for all volunteers. If you are interested, please RSVP by calling 893-5989.

Some of the IVTU's current and upcoming projects and events include:

La Pachanga de Inquilionos — Tenants Jam! Join us for a night of celebration and inspiration for tenants in I.V. on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 5 p.m. The place is still to be announced; e-mail us at ivtenantsunion@hotmail.com.

At the Pachanga, there will be food, live music, IVTU information and various speakers.

The El Encanto Project — We organized and voiced support for the building of an 18-unit affordable housing development in Goleta. At the board of supervisors' meeting on the subject, 20 IVTU members were present, and the board voted unanimously to purchase the land for the project. The project will come up for approval in a couple of months.

I.V./Goleta Cityhood — The Tenants Union has been taking an increasingly active role in the Goleta cityhood hearings. The Goleta Now! proposal excludes I.V. from the proposed city and I.V.'s exclusion/inclusion is the most contentious issue in the LACFO (Local Agency Formation Commission) hearings. Although the IVTU has not taken a position yet, we are researching a variety of governance possibilities for I.V. and will remain an active participant in the discussions.

Ongoing education and leadership development — The Tenants Union provides educational opportunities for members and reaches out to the community with information on tenants' rights. We receive complaints, direct people to appropriate resources and educate people about their rights, so as to proactively prevent problems. At our last meeting, A.S. lawyer Marshall Fox made a presentation on tenants' landlord law, from the eviction process to security deposit issues.

The Tenants Union is a great place to get involved in the local community and build leadership skills. We meet every Friday at the I.V. Community Service Center at 6 p.m. (970 Embarcadero del Mar, behind Rosarito's and Deja vu). Come join us!

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September because, as the resolution states,
"PictSweet Mushroom Farms in Ventura, California, is a company that
neglects, abuses and exploits its workers." On-Campus Rep
Robert Cordaro seconded the resolution endorsing
the boycott and said the farmers were part of the
community. "They are only asking for a 4-cent raise and they
won't even give them that," he said. "They're not look-
ing for luxuries; they are just trying to make a liv-
ing."

Off-Campus Rep Hagen Green added that Vote and Ralphs have
already joined the boycott. A large number of stu-
dents came to speak in favor of the position paper
as well as a representative from the UFW.

The union has already filed 11 charges against the
company with the Agricultural Labor
Relations Board, and there
are seven others currently
being investigated, the UFW representative said. He also pointed out that
the workers have not had a contract for 13 years and
have only had one 3-cent raise over the last 13 years.

Another topic of dis-
cussion at the meeting was
the expansion of the Chumash Casino in Santa
Barbara County. The reso-
lution was a position paper
in favor of the develop-
ment, but after some dis-
cussion, Leg Council
decided to table it in order
to allow for further research on the expansion.

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## Santa Barbara Prepares for First Plate Appearance of 2001 Season

### SEASON PREVIEW

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The UCSB baseball team kicks off the 2001 season this Friday, squaring off against George World Series participant San Jose State in a three-game series. With nine starters returning from last year’s club, Santa Barbara is looking to improve its third-place conference finish.

Moving up will not be easy because the Big West promises to be deep-set with talent, led by perennial powers Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach State. Both teams are nationally ranked; Fullerton represents the Big West with a #12 ranking.

Nevertheless, UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema expects this team to be a contender and said making it to the College World Series this season is a realistic goal.

"I think that we have as much talent and ability on this team as we’ve had in a long time," Brontsema said.

Included among the nine returning starters for UCSB are three senior All-Conference athletes: third baseman Dave Molidor, shortstop Jeff Bannos and second baseman Chad Peske. The Gauchos must get repeat performances from all three players in order to make a run for the conference championship. Molidor thinks that the team is more than up to the daunting task of upsetting the Titans and the 49ers.

Before I felt that Long Beach and Fullerton had more talent than us, but this year I feel that we’re right up there with them," Molidor said. "This season we’re healthy, and our goal is to win the conference title. Santa Barbara pitching took the hardest hit in the offseason by losing eight hurlers. Yet I think we’ll still be fine."

Santa Barbara is looking to improve its record, yet not its spirits. UCSB’s only road victory came at Cal State Fullerton, 74-71, back on Jan. 11. Santa Barbara, however, blew a 10-point lead with minutes remaining to relinquish all the momentum, and bring the Titans back into the game, before finishing off the opponents.

The Gauchos have also been working on elements of their game that will be crucial in deciding the outcome of the contest. Though six minutes of its attack worked, UCSB still struggled in certain areas.

"We’re going to go out there and play the way we’re capable of playing defensively," junior forward Mike Vukovich said. "We’ve been working on getting back on transition and stopping the ball. We need to play our own game and worry about ourselves. We need to come out and play hard to make them match our intensity."

The speed of the Gauchos will be important to tire out workhorse guard Ron Johnson, and the rest of the 49er defense. Johnson and guard Michael Durrett harassed point guards B.J. Ward and Jacoby Atako all night. Moving the ball around is key for UCSB to wear down the larger Beach squad.

Atako tries to dictate the offense how to play," Ward said. "We have to drive the ball and try and tire them out. We have to take care of the ball. He’s one of the strongest point guards that we’ll face this year."

As a positive as shutting down Reed, the team was dismayed by the strongest game of the year from Ramel ‘Rock’ Lloyd. Lloyd exploded for 27 points, 17 in the first half, having his way inside and outside all night.

"That big crowd [in the Jan. 18 game] stimulated Rock," Williams said. "He was highly pumped up."

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Brontsema does not expect any serious drop-off. UCSB has brought in seven new pitchers, with returning senior starter Ryan Ogle expected to be the ace of the staff.

"I think that with the addition of [junior] James Garcia and with Ryan Ogle healthy we have the pitching," Peske said.

In addition to Molidor, Bannos and Peske, the Gauchos roster features many juniors and seniors, giving the team the added dimension of being focused on the team goals. UCSB was picked to finish third in a poll of the conference, and that only adds fuel to the fire, according to Peske.

"It gives you more motivation," Peske said. "But you expect that with Long Beach and Fullerton, they’re the traditional powerhouse of the conference."

Even though the team is preparing for its first road trip of the season, Brontsema was quick to stress the importance of every series.

"It’s only an 18-game conference schedule, so you have to do well every weekend," he said. "We’re going to have to start with making it to regions, but we do have the ability to make it to the College World Series, and that is our goal."