Residents, Landlords Debate Plan to Survey I.V. Rental Unit Safety

By RAY BRAMSON
Reporter

Upon closer inspection of a newly proposed county plan, many Isla Vista residents fear being left out in the cold.

Thursday night Mark Chaconas, 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall’s executive assistant, hosted the monthly town hall meeting for Isla Vista residents, landlords and county officials at the University Religious Center in I.V. The primary discussion was the proposed county plan to implement mandatory inspections in over 4,600 I.V. residences, which are intended to replace the current complaint-driven inspection program. The plan, which has yet to be brought before the County Board of Supervisors, would require two additional full-time inspectors, a $30 per unit, per-year inspection charge paid by property owners and a five-year time span to fully carry out.

Chaconas said he hoped the community meeting would help clarify the county’s intentions regarding the plan, which has already generated debate.

“The purpose of [Thursady]’s meeting was to outline the project, generate a dialogue and form an innovative way to address the issues of the community,” he said. “The ultimate goal being safe and quality housing.”

Since 1998, over 90 percent of all complaint-driven inspections have come from the I.V. area. Ken Forman, county supervising building inspector, said he felt such a statistic warranted further action.

“Our experience is we can do a better job with an increased inspection program,” he said. “Maintaining safe housing will be of the utmost importance,” he said.

I.V. resident and landlord Consi Brown said the plan unfairly attacked property owners.

“The mandatory inspection program is too big of a threat to the owners. There must be some middle ground where a compromise could be reached. I just don’t understand why the Building and Safety Division officials) want to go full steam ahead,” she said.

“We need all the help we can get. This place can be a gem, and I hate to see it squandered.”

During the course of the meeting, a number of individuals voiced their concerns about the plan. I.V. resident Jennifer Jett addressed the Building and Safety Division officials, asking them if they knew what it was like to be poor.

“Of course everyone wants to live in a perfect house, but you get what you can pay for.”

Mandatory inspections will raise rent and cause people to be forced into leaving,” Jett said. “The reality is living in a toolshed or a house with problems you have to be happy that you have a place to stay.”

Forman said the housing officials’ primary goal was to solve problems, not create them.

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UCSB Provost Resigns to Focus on English Teaching, Research in Department

By MATT SWEETLAND
Reporter

Everett Zimmerman, a UCSB English professor for the last 31 years, has stepped down as provost of the College of Letters and Science, ending a four-year tenure. Zimmermann wrote in a statement that he wants to spend more time on academic pursuits.

“I am resigning as provost of the College of Letters and Science in order to return to teaching and research in the English Department,” Zimmerman wrote. “The position has been a challenging and interesting one, but my plans include more time in the academic role that I have had here since 1969, when I arrived as an assistant professor of English.”

Under Zimmerman’s guidance, the College of Letters and Science expanded both in research and programs, Chancellor Henry Yang wrote in a statement.

“We are deeply appreciative of the exemplary leadership and integrity Professor Everett Zimmerman has provided as provost over the past four years. Everett is not only a distinguished scholar and teacher, but a deeply caring leader.”

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Bush Considers Lifting Pollution Laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to ease California’s electricity crisis, President Bush is preparing to let the state roll back its air quality requirements on power plants, administration officials said Thursday.

Senior advisers also are exploring the idea that Mexico might boost electricity shipments into the state, although that might not be possible immediately.

California pollution control officials said environmental restrictions have not interfered in power plants operating at maximum capacity. They said the state already has made some adjustments in air rules — when needed — to keep power plants from shutting down.

White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer said the administration was “reviewing a number of options” that might be helpful to California, which has been reeling under high electricity prices, intermittent blackouts and the threat of utility bankruptcies.

He declined to elaborate, saying the options were still under review.

But other senior officials said one idea was that the Environmental Protection Agency give California a waiver on air pollution-reduction standards if it requested to ease emission controls from power plants.

The administration “would be favorably disposed to such a thing, if that’s what they think they need,” said Larry Lindsey, the president’s chief economic adviser.

Separately, two senior officials said that Bush is expected to raise California’s power problems with Mexican President Vicente Fox when the two leaders meet Feb. 16, in an attempt to spur construction of power plants in Baja California.

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In recent weeks as power generators faced pressure to produce as much power as possible, some California plants were close to violating air restrictions. But Schelle said arrangements were made to keep the plants from having to power down.

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AP Wire Shorts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan gave a major boost Thursday to President Bush’s plan for across-the-board tax cuts in taxes, and at the same time he warned of threats posed by the dramatic economic slowdown.

He said the U.S. economy’s growth rate at present is “probably very close to zero.”

Testifying before the Senate Budget Committee, Greenspan said rapidly expanding federal surpluses, which by one estimate will total $7 trillion over the next 10 years, offer ample room to provide tax relief and to eliminate more than $3 trillion in national debt held by the public.

By endorsing the economic soundness of cutting taxes, Greenspan offered Bush’s efforts to build support in Congress for his 10-year, $1.5 trillion tax-reduction package.

While there can be various reasons to adjust taxes, he said, “if you’re asking strictly on the question of what is likely to contribute to maximum economic growth on average, then clearly tax reductions, which reflect lower marginal rates, will in the view of most economists be the appropriate direction in which we ought to go.”

Still, Greenspan would not commit himself on whether the size of Bush’s plan is appropriate, because he said that is a political decision that Congress and the administration must make. Democrats contended Bush’s tax cut is too large.

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removed from the BFA program at this late stage is a serious hardship.
"I only have two more quarters — three more classes. I'd been getting As and Bs," he said. "I had finished the basic drama degree; now there's no way I can finish with an emphasis. I wouldn't be in college if it wasn't for this degree — I would have finished last year."
Weinglass and the Sherwood Players will continue to produce plays on campus, though he said his dismissal is a setback for the group.
"I'm going to continue running my production group," Weinglass said. "It makes a statement that we probably won't be able to work with the BFA."

ZIMMERMAN
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A scholar of 18th-century English literature, but also a valuable and knowledgeable senior statesman for the entire campus community. Yang wrote: "In general, our College of Letters and Science has prospered tremendously during [Zimmerman's] four years as provost."
Zimmerman was named acting provost in 1997, and after a nationwide search, he became the official provost in March of 1999. Prior to his appointment, he was the chair of the English Dept. from 1980 to 1983 and the dean of undergraduate studies from 1988 to 1989.
Zimmerman said he will teach a course in satire — a course he first taught when he came here in 1969. Spring Quarter, he plans to work with humanities and fine arts Dean David Marshall to teach a graduate seminar called "New Identifier: Incorporation, Inscription and Life Stories."

The provost oversees the three divisions of the College of Letters and Science: humanities, mathematical, life and physical sciences; and social sciences. Approximately 92 percent of all units taught on campus are through Letters and Science.
"The provost is responsible for the management of a wide range of resources in the College of Letters and Science, including budgets, space and personnel," Zimmerman wrote. "The provost represents the College of Letters and Science in numerous councils on campus. Deans provide most of the direct administrative leadership for divisions and departments, but the provost must coordinate resources and planning that will enable both the teaching and research missions of the campus to thrive."
Yang plans to form a committee from staff and student recommendations to search for a new provost. "Although the duration of such searches is difficult to predict, I anticipate that this process will take six months to a year to complete," he wrote.
Zimmerman has agreed to continue serving as provost until a replacement is hired.

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‘Culture of Life?’
Bush’s Decision to Cancel Funding for International Abortion Support Groups Is Dangerously Right-wing

At George W. Bush’s presidential inauguration last Saturday, one could hear the sound of brakes screeching and rearview mirrors. This sound was the country taking one giant step backward. Bush lived up to expectations on his first day in office — he chose Jan. 22, the 28th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, to issue an executive order rescinding federal aid to overseas organizations that provide abortion counseling or in any way help women obtain abortions. In one swift move, Bush signaled America’s descent into the depths of a Neo-Reagan era.

When Clinton became president in 1993, one of his first actions was to reverse this same executive order, initially imposed by President Reagan in 1984. Bush’s reinstatement of the ban came as little surprise to the nation; however, any lingering doubt about Bush’s true devotion to the ultra-conservative right must now have vanished. The speed with which Bush issued this order indicates his intent to appease the conservative base that supported him throughout his presidential campaign.

The spurious use of his executive power was merely a token gesture to please the right, and yet it has serious implications for overseas organizations. The foreign aid that will be cut amounts to $425 million annually — more than the GNP of most Third World countries. The only such funding seeks to assist. The organizations that will be affected by this measure are “family planning” advocates, our “abortion” advocates. Family planning groups counsel women on multiple contraceptive options in addition to offering women the choice of a safe abortion — this is not an abortion issue; it is a women’s health issue.

The foreign aid ban will significantly impair the ability of these organizations to function effectively in places where population numbers are increasing exponentially and AIDS is rampant. Bush’s anti-abortion agenda will end up costing lives, the lives of women who must resort to “backdoor,” primitive abortion procedures and the lives of those who will die from sexually transmitted diseases. AIDS is spreading faster in Africa than in any other area of the world. Reduced funding for contraceptive programs can only exacerbate this situation. This seems far removed from the “culture of life” that Bush is so keen to promote in the U.S. Perhaps the lack of public outrage at this decision can be attributed to the fact that Bush is fulfilling a longtime campaign pledge; or, perhaps it can be attributed to the fact that the measure is being implemented abroad and not at home. However, Bush’s decision to issue this executive order on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court case protecting a woman’s right to seek an abortion, sends a clear message to pro-choice groups. In an executive memorandum to the Agency for International Development, which oversees the administration of family planning aid to international groups, Bush wrote, “It is my conviction that taxpayer funds should not be used to pay for abortions or advocate or actively promote abortion either here or abroad.”

Irrespective of whether or not Bush is seeking a reversal of Roe vs. Wade, the timing of this move was extremely aggressive and lacks any sign of the greater bipartisanship or “compassionate conservatism” that his administration has purported. At a time when the country is still reeling from the most recent election in recent history and remains clearly divided, a gifted leader would have made conciliatory moves to repair America’s faith and trust in politics.

In his first week in office, George W. Bush chose the country’s most divisive and highly emotive issue to exercise his newly found — though questionably legitimate — executive power. By doing so, he managed to rub salt in a gaping wound. What are the plans for week two of the Bush reign?

U.S. Sanctions Against Iraq Cripple Lives of the People

HARLEY AUGUSTINO

Three recent graduates of UCSB were among over 100 people who risked 12 years in prison by delivering $1.5 million worth of much-needed medicine to the people of Iraq. The delivery was an act of civil disobedience. In 1991, the U.S. proclaimed the sole cause for the sanctions, because we think he has “weapons of destruction.” He may have. But if we applied, “I think it is a very hard choice. But the price, we think the price is worth it.” I don’t know how she can live with herself, but such callousness is nothing new among U.S. political leaders, particularly when protecting and defending U.S. political and economic hegemony.

The government and the media would have us believe that Saddam Hussein is the sole cause for the sanctions, because we think he has “weapons of destruction.” He may have. But if we have been found in Yugoslavia and Iraq, resulting in unknown diseases and cancers.

Even if the Pentagon truly seeks to oust Hussein, the sanctions are working against it. Saddam remains in power and the life is being sucked out of the Iraqi people. Before the sanctions, Iraq was a rich country with some of the best education and healthcare systems in the world. If anything, the fact that the U.S. is starving out the population simply because we do not like its leader, has resulted in anger toward the U.S., both in Iraq and around the world. Support for the sanctions is deteriorating. The French and Italian governments have called for an end to the sanctions and other European countries are also applying pressure. The U.S. movement is growing, but when the same corporations that profit from the sanctions and the bombing control our media, accurate information is hard to find.

With the Bush administration coming in with promises to uphold and intensify the sanctions, we have no choice but to engage in civil disobedience, and support those who do. The delegation that just went to Iraq was not only people breaking the sanctions in order to bring much-needed medical supplies to the people, they were sending a very important message. Sanctions, as a foreign policy tool to protect U.S. political and corporate interests, are immoral and must be stopped immediately. We must no longer accept that the U.S. is spending $60 billion a year (yes, that is our taxpayer money) to uphold the sanctions, while thousands of children die each month in our name.

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"We played extremely hard tonight," UCI Head Coach Pat Douglass said. "They tried to bottle up Jerry Green, but we have good players besides Green who stepped up for us. Overall, I'm pleased with our performance. It's always satisfying to win a game on the road." The Anteaters started the game by making three of their first four shots from beyond the arc to a 9-2 lead with 17:52 to go. The Gauchos attacked Irvine by setting up their defense in a "Box-and-One," which UCSB used to try and shut down the dangerous Green from catching fire. Freshman point guard Jacoby Atako was the primary defender entrusted with chasing Green across the court.

Though Green never found his touch in the game, Irvine made UCSB pay for its defensive tactics with deadly outside shooting and solid ball movement.

"We wanted to contain Green, and we did," forward Brandun Fullove said. It was other players who had to step up and they did. That Jackson kid did a good job tonight, same with Malachi. The others played well, and they filled some big shoes tonight.

Irvine continued its hot touch with 4-5 threes, with Jackson hitting the three that was closest to the lead 16-12 at 8:56.

"We get good minutes out of Juliano," UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams said. "But we used Mike [Vukovich] to step up." Vukovich finished with six points in only 16 minutes of play. Sophomore forward Mark Hull had another quiet evening, finishing with two points on a torpid 1-11 shooting and taking many off-balanced, forced jumpers. Jackson drew the defensive assignment on Hull, limiting the forward’s range and limiting his motion to east-west on the court.

Hull scored a total of six points in the last three halves the Gauchos played. He scored four or fewer points in the second half for the third straight game, going scoreless in two second halves of those games.

"I thought that our defensive player and he really prepares well," Douglass said. "Maybe Mark didn’t play as well, and maybe Sean did a great job or maybe it was a combination of both."

UCI went on a quick 6-0 tear on treys from Jackson and freshman forward Stanislav Zuzak.

Whenever the Gauchos tried eroding into the lead, the Anteaters had an answer, halting UCSB before it could get any momentum swing in its favor.

"We were getting so many open shots, it was surprising to us," Jackson said. "We've been playing unselfish basketball, and that's why we're winning. Guys rotated the ball to me, and I just hit the shots. It's good to help the team.

"Santa Barbara could not climb out of its hole in the first half, falling behind by as many as 14 points before facing a 36-25 halftime deficit. The closest the Gauchos came in the second half was within 9 points of the lead. UCI extended its margin at one point to 20, leading 56-36 with 9:02 left in the game.

Green put the nail in the coffin five minutes and 11 seconds early with a resounding dunk after Fullove fumbled the ball, which put Irvine up 58-42 and put UCSB behind the Anteaters. A particularly disheartened, but optimistic Bob Williams commended the hole the Gauchos have found themselves in.

"What builds confidence is success, and confidence is making shots," Williams said.

"Our players have to take more responsibility by putting the ball in the hole. [Freshman guard] Nick Jeneet said to do this (with seven points)."

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Sophomore guard Jess Hansen and the Gauchos will look for a way to stop Boise State during tonight’s Big West home game.

UCSB prepares for battle against Broncos tonight

By Elay Appelbaum

The UCSB women’s basketball team is preparing for a conference matchup with Boise State, hoping to extend its regular-season Big West conference record to 46 straight victories.

Santa Barbara (9-6, 3-0 in the Big West) defeated Boise State at the Thunderdome last Saturday 79-72 to open its conference season. The Broncos (6-10, 2-1) have never beaten the Gauchos in the T-dome, going 0-2 all-time.

From watching the video of Boise State during their win of Long Beach State (on Jan. 21) it looks like they scrap for a lot of stuff and play real hard," junior power forward Kayte Christiansen said. "Everyone gets pumped for playing us. We are their big game. [BSU]

will give it everything they have.

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Santa Barbara ready for upcoming meets at home

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We’re eager to get our morale back up where it was after the UOP meeting. We’ve been working on our defense and different ways we’ll be guarding them."

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