Chin-Chin Chang, wife of the imprisoned Paul Chang, speaks to supporters in front of the main post office in downtown Santa Barbara on Wednesday.

Community Calls for Release of Chinese Restaurant Owner

Protesters Label Sentence for Housing of Illegal Immigrants ‘Unfair’

By Jennifer B. Sverts
Staff Writer

Wednesday marked the beginning of the Chinese new year, but members of the local Chinese community who con­gregated downtown didn’t spend their afternoon celebrat­ed.

Approximately 80 people gathered under the American flag in front of the main post office downtown to protest the imprisonment of the China Castle restaurant’s former owner Sui-Yi Paul Chang. Chang is serving a 366-day sentence at the Lompoc Federal Prison after he and his wife, Chien-Chin Chang, pleaded guilty to employing illegal immi­grants at their downtown restaurant.

Two of the seven illegal immigrants employed at the restaurant were also living in the Changs’ home. Chien-Chin Chang is serving a four-month sentence under house deten­tion.

The protest was held to raise community awareness of Chang’s case and collect signatures for a petition requesting that he be allowed to serve his sentence at home. James Sturgeon, president of the Santa Barbara Chinese Organization and friend of the Changs, spoke at the rally against Chang’s sentence.

“I feel like something dread­fully wrong has happened to the Changs. We know hiring peo­ple undocumented in the coun­try isn’t right,” he said. “But if someone is singled out and shuffled through our judicial system, I think we need to speak out against it. I urge you to please sign the petitions and bring Paul Chang home.”

Protestors held signs written in Chinese, Spanish and English entreating the courts to allow Chang to complete his prison sentence at home with his family. The Chang case has received an overwhelming amount of support from the Chinese community as well as the non-Chinese community, according to Phillip Ho, a local dentist and a protest organizer.

“I wanted to quote the chief U.S. judge of the central federal court, Harry Hatter Jr. ‘If there is a perception in the communi­ty that defendants are not treat­ed fairly, then the whole com­munity suffers,'” he said. “Equal justice is something that affects every American.”

The Changs have done a considerable amount of philan­thropy within the community, Ho said. “They have always donated food to various homeless shel­ters and other organizations,” he said. “Basically anyone who asked them for help, they gave a donation to, always a minimum of $30 to $50, which adds up to hundreds of dollars over a short period of time.”

Sophomore political science major Thomas Bunting said the

County Eyes I.V. Housing Conditions

A controversial issue directly affecting the lives of the students, families and property owners of Isla Vista will be debated at tonight’s town hall meeting.

County officials are working on a proposal that would implement mandatory housing inspections to more than 9,600 Isla Vista apartments. Building and Safety Manager Chaconas said the proposal is necessary to ensure I.V.’s housing provides ade­quate safety and living conditions for its tenants. The cost of the inspections would be $30 per unit, to be paid by the building owners.

The proposal is still in the plan­ning stages and will not be ready to present to the board of supervisors for a few weeks, Isla Vista Housing Inspector Kevin Green said.

“If the proposal meets county approval, there will be a mandatory inspection plan,” he said. “It will affect the owners of multiple rental unit build­ings and will be inspected once every five years. We will be looking for basic housing habitability. Basically, just making sure it is a clean, safe place to live.”

The age and upkeep of many apartment build­ings is the main concern for the county, Green added.

“I believe this inspection plan has been pro­posed because a lot of structures are coming to the age where they need special attention,” he said. “It is especially necessary because of the way they experience and their lack of maintenance.”

This is not the first time the plan has been pro­posed, said Mark Chaconas, executive director for 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall.

“In the meeting we will talk about the potential for expansion of this program from a complaint-driver­n inspection to mandatory inspec­tions,” he said. “When this proposal was pre­sented before, we could only get enough votes at the board of supervisors for com­plaint-driven inspections.”

Chaconas said the town hall meeting will be an opportunity for the community to have an open dialogue on the proposal.

“We plan on listening to landlord and resident con­cerns,” he said. “We want to tailor a program to improve the housing stock in Isla Vista.”

The monthly town hall meeting will be held at the University Religious Center (URC) and begin at 6:30.

— Kim Sadler
The state has been scrambling electricity for days to avert rolling black-outs, buying megawatts on the expensive spot market from as far away as Canada.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California wrapped up a desperate power auction Wednesday, receiving contract offers from 39 bidders for long-term supplies but at higher-than-anticipated prices.

Gov. Gray Davis said officials would begin immediate negotiations with the bidders, who offered on average a price of $6.9 cents per kilowatt hour for typical day and night electricity use.

The state hoped for bids as low as 5.5 cents per kilowatt hour. Davis would not say if any bids matched that goal.

"It's good news, and I'm enthusiastic," Davis said, adding that he was confident the state could provide power without raising rates.

China Responds to Protests With Tighter Security

BEIJING (AP) — China scored a victory Wednesday in its 18-month-old standoff with the Falun Gong spiritual movement, thwarting planned protests by the banned sect by focusing on the heaviest security clampdown on central Beijing in years.

Checkpoints circled Tiananmen Square, marring the beginning of the lunar new year, the most auspicious date on the Chinese calendar. Police inspected identification papers, bags, pockets and coat sleeves to ferret out suspected Falun Gong followers.

The intrusive security came after five people, doused in lighter fluid, tried to burn themselves to death by the square's north gate Wednesday to repeat the phrase "Falun Gong is an evil cult" or made their final statement to the world.

"Is Li Hongzhi a good or bad egg?" asked a man, according to eyewitnesses.

A man climbed atop a mound of shoveled snow inside the square and held up a banner before police rushed at him from three sides, knocking him over. One officer pressed a knee into the protester's body, pinning him to the ground until a police van drove up.

"Falun Dafa is good!" shouted another man from inside a police van, using an alternative name for the group. Police took away four others, among them a man who held up a red banner and another who yelled Falun Gong slogans as three plainclothes officers grabbed him.

The crisis is blamed largely on the state's 1996 deregulation law, which ordered utilities to sell their power plants and buy wholesale power, but capped the rates they could charge customers.

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State officials say they have already spent more than $113 million of a $400 million fund approved last week by lawmakers to buy power as high as $600 per megawatt in the past year.

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would agree to sell for $35 per megawatt, though wholesalers have suggested they are more interested in the $80-per-megawatt range.

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Nicolas Teng, a member of the Santa Barbara Chinese American Association shows his support for Paul Chang, a local restaurant owner currently in jail for violating immigration laws.

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Changs were singled out specifically because of their race.

"Personally, I'm here to bring attention to the fact that it's a very harsh sentence against Paul Chang," he said. "It is an example of unfair, racial sentencing.

Chin-Chin Chang said she felt fortunate to be able to stay home with her children and was grateful for the large amount of support they have received from the community.

"We have been treated very poorly. It's very hard not having [Paul Chang] home with the kids; everything is in disorder, and I'm trying to get my life back in place," she said. "I'm going to tell Paul when he gets back that this is his hometown and everyone came out here to support him."

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I.V. Housing Inspections Are a Needed, Though Difficult Step

Isla Vista, one of the densest residential developments in the nation, is plagued corner to corner by dilapidated housing, cracked foundations, faulty wiring, leaking sewage and vermin. Now, in an effort to assuage such rampant health and safety violations, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is preparing to consider a plan for mandatory housing inspections of the community’s approximately 4,600 units.

The county Building and Safety Division is still hammering out the details of the plan, but both landlords and tenants have already raised questions and concerns. Landlords claimed that 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall, whose jurisdiction covers I.V., is attempting to “denounce” property owners. Chuck Eckert, chair of the I.V. Property Owners Association’s executive committee, has been so audacious as to accuse Marshall of attempting to cover up the school’s illegal and unconstitutional giving of landlords greater autonomy. What men like Eckert refuse to acknowledge is that I.V.’s housing stock has fallen into such a state of disrepair because the majority of landlords have been recalcitrant in attending to needed upkeep.

Granted, the student population exerts an uneven amount of wear and tear on its rental units, but when it comes to foundations and plumbing, landlords must pick up the slack. Many property owners have also turned a blind eye to illegal garage conversions that squeeze in more students but substantially increase fire danger. I.V. is well within the red zone, and some day the fires will fall. As UCSB enrollment continues to climb, the housing crunch bears down upon local residents with increasingly greater force. This does not mean that these people should be forced to put up with substandard housing.

A program similar to the one currently under review was introduced in 1997, but was struck down for fear of violating tenants’ rights. In lieu of mandatory housing inspections, the office of the I.V. housing inspector was established, but the position’s prerogatives were limited to inspections based upon complaints or violations visible from the street. Thus far, the office has received 400 solicitations for aid, 372 of which have resulted in the discovery of code infractions.

The issue of tenants’ rights is a legitimate concern. Although the I.V. Tenants’ Union has recommended the county’s desire to ameliorate local living standards, the group remains apprehensive about what would become of local families or renters should their places of residence be condemned. Unfortunately, Isla Vistans are caught right in the middle of a big, fat Catch-22. Living in I.V. isn’t easy, and it certainly isn’t improving if nothing is done. Of the 373 complaints that the housing inspector received in those three years, not one constituted a condemnable violation. The program calls for one inspection every five years, conducted under the watch of two inspectors. Such inspections may seem invasive at first, but consider the fact that many of tenants’ most fundamental requests, such as a working oven, go unanswered by landlords for years.

Given the housing situation in I.V., it is extremely easy for landlords to victimize renters, and a program that will check this trend is crucial.

The county will ask $150,000 from the state government to cover the estimated $344,000 cost to implement the program. The cost of inspection per apartment would be $150, to be paid over a five-year period by the property owner. Landlords, being the just and responsible overseers that they are, have already bluntly admitted that they plan to pass these costs on to tenants. However, in light of rents, which have soared by as much as 75 percent in the last two years, such duplicity on the part of property owners would be nothing new.

A mandatory inspection program will not be easy for any party, by any means. However, I.V.’s housing stock is facing very drastic circumstances and, as the old colonialism goes, this requires drastic measures. County government must step in for the good of the community.

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THE READER’S VOICE
Kohn’s Peace Advocacy IS As Important As Nobel

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I commend the Nexus for last week’s series on the lives and works of the recent Nobel laureates. UCSB has a lot to be proud of in this area, and the “Higher Ups” will not let us forget it, as they have plastered the campus with obnoxious yellow “Nobel laureate” signs. It’s an image booster, and the university is milking it. But I do appreciate the recent series, which give us some sense of the background of our prized professors.

However, I must comment that Walter Kohn’s piece was not complete. When writing about Walter Kohn’s work that earned him the Nobel, his activism for peace as a member of the faculty should not be overlooked.

For decades, Kohn was a leading voice in the struggle to end the arms race. He argued that the University and “higher education” has no business in managing, and therefore supporting, weapons of mass destruction. He lobbied the Regents and the faculty to break ties with the nuclear weapons plants. He argued that the University is facing very drastic circumstances and, as the old colonialism goes, this requires drastic measures. County government must step in for the good of the community.

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hearings examiner must listen more to students

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Most students who drive and park on campus have had some sort of conflict or confrontation with Parking Services. I am included in this group. Over my four-and-a-half years at UCSB, I have received a few tickets, as most students do, for missing the meter by a minute or running in to drop something off. I have fought tickets twice. This morning was my hearing for an appeal of a ticket that I felt was issued unfairly. I am not bitter about losing the money — it was $30 and I will survive without it. I want to tell you about my experience with Bill Bean, who is the hearing examiner and UCPD police captain.

I explained my issue to Bean and told him the reasons in which I felt the situation was unclear. Bean not only refused to consider my side; he managed to belittle me in the process. He evaded the issues I was explaining and persistently explained that I was not parked in a marked stall (a point that I never even tried to argue) and went on to explain to me what a marked stall looked like
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It was revenge that the #2 UCSB men’s volleyball team was looking for last Wednesday against Cal Baptist, and it got it.

After losing to the Lancers last season, the Gauchos decided to put Cal Baptist in its place. Santa Barbara snatched the ante and came out on top in a short-and-sweet 30-21, 30-26, 30-16 win.

“It was a pretty match,” UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. “We got off to a bad start. There were some weird calls. We missed some serves, and they missed some serves. In the second and third game we started passing better, transitioning better and serving better.”

UCSB (+6 overall, 1-0 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) got off to a rocky start in game one. However, the team quickly turned the table and took a 14-11 lead. Sophomore free and senior Alex Yaftali’s two ace serve led the Gauchos’ lead to seven, 22-15. Santa Barbara had a few more aces in its hand, specifically from the two service areas that junior outside hitter Dave Kohl fired at Cal Baptist, ending game one in UCSB’s favor, 30-21.

“We were a little too tense at first,” Koski said. “We played sloppy volleyball, but we got it together in the end. [In the second game] we put a lot more balls away in transition.”

The Gauchos might have thought they had a chance in game two with the scored tied at three, but UCSB quickly took control of the situation and scored five consecutive points, 8-3. Cal Baptist’s senior outside hitter Rick Schapler’s feet came down wrong shortly thereafter, and the fall rattled players on both sides of the net.

“When we went down it screwed up the tempo,” Koski said. “It’s upsetting seeing someone get hurt like that because you start to think that it might happen to you. But we sucked it up and finished the game.”

The Gauchos wanted to get off the court because their intensity rose to another level as the Gauchos lost a difficult match, 6-1, 6-1. Kosakowski was defeated, 6-3, and Jerome Chan lost their doubles matchup, Schnugg and Yaftali would lose 9-1.

“Neither of us execute our game plan well enough,” Schnugg said. “We gave them too many opportunities.”

Junior co-captain Marco Pepe lost a close singles match later in the day. Though he lost the first set 6-3, he played well in the second set before falling to a 7-6. In other singles play, Stewart lost a difficult match, 6-1, 6-1. Kosakowski was defeated, 6-3, 6-3. Placek lost his match 6-3, 6-1, and Yaftali lost his match 6-2, 6-2.

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