

# New hope for Chantal

*By Martyn Brown*



■ **CHANTAL McCorkle.**

A MOTHER will visit her jailed daughter in America next month for what she hopes will be the last time.

Diane Forrester, of the Frithe, Slough will next see her daughter Chantal McCorkle in a San Francisco prison on October 10.

But Mrs Forrester hopes the appointment of a new transfer lawyer could see her daughter brought back home to serve her sentence in the UK.

She also hopes a landmark case in America, where sentencing powers were given to a jury in a particular case, could see Chantal's jail term cut.

Chantal, 35, is serving a 24-and-a-half year sentence for her part in selling a get-rich quick property scheme on American television with her husband, William.

A US court found her guilty of fraud, money laundering and making false statements. She was jailed in 1999.

Speaking to the Observer this week Mrs Forrester said Chantal's lawyers were planning an appeal against her sentence based on the American case.

She said: "This gives us more

hope that Chantal's sentence will be cut.

"The judicial system in America is an embarrassment.

"Chantal's lawyer also got the services of a transfer lawyer so we can try and bring her back to Britain.

"She should be back here where her family can get to see her."

Last week a vigil (pictured left) was held outside the US Embassy in London to mark six years since the start of her trial. TV crews interview Mrs Forrester about Chantal's case.

■ **CAMPAIGN:** Chantal McCorkle's mother Diane Forrester puts her case to TV viewers.