

# Council hears views on capital improvements

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Local residents and advisory boards recommended changes and additions in the preliminary Capital Improvements Program to the Chapel Hill Town Council Monday night.

Gary D. Giles, a Chapel Hill architect, told the council the CIP plan neglected landscaping improvements on Franklin Street. He said students were injuring trees by locking their bikes to them and suggested that more bike racks be added on Franklin Street and that fines be given to any person locking his bike to a tree.

Al Wurth, a member of the Chapel Hill Transportation Board, told the council he agreed with the proposal for more bike racks, adding the CIP plan should include a comprehensive plan to extend bikeway networks in Chapel Hill.

Pat Sullivan, chairman of the Human Services Advisory Board, asked the council to re-emphasize the need for housing that middle-income families can afford. Chapel Hill is a bipolar town composed of

high- and low-income families, and the needs of the middle class are often ignored, she said.

"Craftsmen, women and university faculty are being eliminated from Chapel Hill," she said.

The town, according to Sullivan, is losing the vitality brought by the presence of a diversity of people by eliminating middle-income families as residents.

Jacques Menache, director of the ArtSchool in Carrboro, asked the council for help in developing creatively and historically with the arts. He also said he would like to expand the ArtSchool's programs to Chapel Hill.

Lisa Price, chairman of the Chapel Hill Public Library's Board of Trustees, told the council she hoped it would agree to build a new 28,000 square-foot building as a main library and retain the town's current library as a branch.

A library system with two buildings would provide easier access to residents, she said.

Automation in the main library would help reduce operating costs of the two libraries, according to Price. In other action, the council held another public

forum on the Rosemary Square project, with a local resident complaining of a lack of public discussion on the project.

Joseph Herzenberg of Cobb Terrace said he had no recommendations on how to get more public input.

Another resident, Wade Dansby of North Street, asked the council to not allow the project to ruin the neighboring residential areas, adding that North Street already had a lot of traffic problems.

"Every five minutes a car being driven at excessive speeds passes on North Street," Dansby said.

Henry A. Whitfield of 302 Plum Lane asked the council to consider moving the proposed Rosemary Square to the edge of town, because according to Whitfield, Rosemary Square would damage the atmosphere of Chapel Hill as a student town.

"I've lived here since 1922, and the area from the old Post Office to University Square has always been dominated by students," Whitfield said.

Watts Hill Jr., vice president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, disagreed with Whitfield, saying Rosemary Square's proposed location would not destroy Chapel Hill.

## Baker, Regan to trade jobs

From United Press International reports.  
WASHINGTON — President Reagan announced yesterday a swap in his leadership team, nominating his chief of staff James Baker III to be secretary of the treasury replacing Donald Regan, who will take Baker's place at the White House.

The surprise announcement means Regan will sweep clean the "Big Three" group of advisers who guided the White House during his first term.

Regan, whose announcement was nationally televised, said both Regan and Baker had "served loyally and admirably at considerable personal sacrifice."

He also said that "their desire for the change is completely understandable" and that each "is extremely well suited for his new assignment."

### Zaccaro pleads guilty

NEW YORK — John Zaccaro, the husband of Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, pleaded guilty to participating in a fraudulent real estate scheme to spare his family the publicity and "anguish" of a trial, his lawyer said.

Zaccaro was accused of inflating the value of five apartment buildings he was helping a client purchase, altering a property appraisal in attempting to secure financing for the deal, and overvaluing his net worth by nearly \$18 million.

If the deal had been consummated, Zaccaro would have received a \$333,000 commission plus more than 8 percent ownership in the building, authorities said. The deal never went through.

### Guerrillas surrender camp

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand — Outgunned Cambodian guerrillas gave up the last portion of their headquarters camp yesterday after battling for two days against an overwhelming Vietnamese assault.

Fighters of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front were ordered at 11 a.m. to withdraw "to keep the KPRLF troops intact for further struggle," a statement from the resistance command said.

The command ordered the tactical withdrawal from the overrun camp near the Thai border to an undisclosed location for the purpose of "carrying out a more successful guerrilla struggle," the statement said.

## News In Brief

### Priest kidnapped in Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Unidentified gunmen kidnapped an American priest from a Moslem west Beirut street yesterday and escaped in morning rush-hour traffic, firing machine guns to clear a path through the crowded avenues.

The abductors, with Roman Catholic clergyman Laurence Jingo in a car, sped past a police station near the well-guarded West German and Saudi Arabian embassies, firing machine guns to push their way through early morning traffic jams, a witness said.

The abduction coincided with an unexpected breakthrough in the Lebanese government's efforts to send troops south along a key coastal highway to the Israeli army lines at the Awali River in southern Lebanon.

A committee of rival Christian, Druze and Shiite Moslem militias gave the green light to a task force of 200 Lebanese policemen to deploy along the highway in preparation for a Lebanese army move to the river.

### Budget to bring new debate

WASHINGTON — The budget President Reagan sends to Congress next month likely will miss his goal of slicing projected \$200 billion deficits in half by 1988, according to administration officials.

But these officials are claiming success by setting the agenda for this year's upcoming budget debate. And they add that the short-term goal of holding federal red ink to about \$170 billion next year can be met.

Less than two months ago, Reagan decided to seek a deficit-reduction plan that would bring deficits down to about \$99 billion by 1988 — a level equal to about 2 percent of the Gross National Product.

Current administration projections show the deficit for the current fiscal year at about \$218 billion.

Also, an administration official said Reagan would endorse the Treasury Department's proposed "flat tax" with some modifications and believed there was a reasonable chance of its passage by Congress.

## Apex man charged with murder in shooting death

By LEIGH WILLIAMS  
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Chapel Hill police stayed busy during the Christmas holidays, investigating the town's first murder charge in more than a year, as well as another shooting, an armed robbery and one assault.

Burnell N. Neville, of 601-B Goman St., was killed by a gunshot wound to the chest on Dec. 24 because of a domestic dispute, according to Detec-

tive Barry Thompson of the Chapel Hill Police Department.

Arthur William Brown, 46, of New Hill Road, Apex, was arrested in the case Dec. 25 and was charged with first degree murder. He is being held without bond pending his trial in Orange County Superior Court.

In another shooting incident, Rodney Merrit, 28, of 500-B Sykes St. was shot in the head during an argument on Jan.

1. According to Thompson, the shooting was the result of an argument that "got out of hand." Thompson said alcohol was involved in the incident.

Merrit was treated at N.C. Memorial Hospital and released on Jan. 5.

Tyrain Renae Snipes, 20, of 611-A Sykes St. was arrested for assault with intent to inflict bodily injury in connection with the shooting.

An armed robbery occurred during

the holidays at Revco Drugs in Ramshad Plaza when a man armed with a butcher knife stole about \$40 worth of drugs. Police have no suspects.

In another case, UNC graduate student Neil G. Alderman, 23, was assaulted by two unidentified men on Pritchard Avenue Extension while he was delivering two pizzas. The two men beat Alderman with sticks and stole the pizzas.

## Lower gasoline prices expected to continue this year

By LAURA VAN SANT  
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For N.C. motorists, 1985 brings good news of continued lower gas prices.

The Carolina Motor Club reported that in December an average gallon of gas in North Carolina cost \$1.19, about 3 cents less than the national average of \$1.22 per gallon. In Chapel Hill, prices were even lower, averaging \$1.16 per gallon.

Earl Walker, owner of Walker's Gulf in Chapel Hill, attributed the cheaper gasoline to competition and low oil prices.

"The current situation in the Middle East, with a weaker OPEC and all, has driven down the price of a barrel of oil, and these savings are passed on to

the consumer," Walker said.

In Chapel Hill, the average price for self-service unleaded gas is \$1.09 per gallon, while a gallon of self-service regular costs \$1.02. Statewide, self-service unleaded averages \$1.12 per gallon, and self-service regular is \$1.03. Full-service runs about 20 cents higher for each grade of fuel.

Carolina Motor Club president Ralph Peters said he expected prices to continue to decline as OPEC is forced to charge less for each barrel of oil.

"Prices are dropping fairly steadily at this point, and we expect them to continue falling," Peters said. "We think the decline will be most noticeable in late winter or early spring, as demand for heating oil begins to slacken."

Walker blamed the difference in gas prices around the state and throughout the nation on transportation costs that differ according to where gasoline is being sent. He said distributors were often so eager to sell their fuel that they would accept an unusually low price.

"If (a distributor) wants to sell his goods . . . he'll usually take any reasonable offer," Walker said. "Sometimes he's just willing to deal, and the gas gets sold for less."

Walker added that when one gas station lowered its prices, others in the area usually followed even if their wholesale costs had not gone down.

"Competition should keep the prices down for a while," Walker said.



### Recording star Evelyn King:

"There is no greater joy than to have a healthy, beautiful baby. But not all babies are so fortunate — 250,000 infants are born with physical or mental birth defects each year. The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation works to save babies."

### Martin

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entertainment at the Raleigh Civic Center.

Prior to Saturday morning's inauguration, outgoing governor Jim Hunt and his wife, Carolyn, were shaking hands with and hugging goodbye the executive mansion security guards and

staff. The Hunts officially left the mansion Saturday morning, returning to their native Wilson County residence. Hunt will commute to work in the Raleigh law firm of Spruill Lane Carlton McCotter and Jolly.



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## Deadlines approaching for campus elections

Campus elections are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 5. Petitions and candidate information sheets for all offices except CGC representative are available now in Suite C of the Student Union. CGC petitions will be available Jan. 15.

A mandatory candidates' meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 24 to explain finance and campaign laws. Candidates not attending the meeting will be disqualified, and the names of candidates who do not submit their petitions by the meeting will not be on the ballot.

Groups desiring to sponsor a forum should contact the Elections Board as soon as possible. Forum requests must be made by Jan. 22.

Students interested in tending poll or otherwise assisting the Elections Board can go by the Elections Board Office in Suite C.

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