

Council Invites Public Input on Town Budget

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Chapel Hill residents will be able to voice their concerns about the town's 1996-1997 budget at tonight's Town Council meeting at Town Hall.

The public forum will be the first of four public hearings the Town Council will conduct to get residents' comments on spending for police and fire protection, public works services, transportation and other budget-related items.



Mayor ROSEMARY WALDORF said the public's views are crucial to budget discussions.

"I think the budget is extremely important; it's the most important thing we do all year long," said Mayor Rosemary Waldorf.

Waldorf said the council is actively seeking residents' input on next year's budget, which is over \$30 million.

"Truly it's a forum for anybody to say something about anything," she said.

FORUM

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ated longer on average than those who are found guilty.

N.C. Sens. Patrick Ballantine, R-New Hanover, and Mark McDaniel, R-Forsyth, co-sponsors of the Ballantine-McDaniel Bill calling for the enactment of the guilty-but-mentally-ill verdict, also spoke at Friday's forum.

"This is a victim's rights issue," Ballantine said. "Our bill is simple. It says

The hearing begins at 7 p.m. and is scheduled to last for three hours. The forum will address eight budget topics, including capital programs for 1996-2001, which will relate to improvements of town buildings, roads and sidewalks, as well as the purchasing of land for parks.

People can get the initial 1996-1997 financial forecast report in the town manager's and clerk's offices in Town Hall and at the reference desk at the Chapel Hill Public Library.

Residents will be able to comment on the use of two federal grants within the town designed to benefit low-income to moderate-income families.

A separate grant targeted to improve local public housing neighborhoods will also be discussed.

"It's always good to hear what citizens have to say," said council member Lee Pavao.

In addition to setting town service levels and property tax rates, the council will be making decisions on whether to adjust or adopt service fees.

Refuse collection, transit, development review, inspections and other programs and services will be reviewed in the budget discussions.

if you kill people you will be punished, no excuses."

Peter Murphy, former teammate of Kevin Reichardt and one of the forum's organizers, said the forum should be just a start for those who want to make a change.

Karl Reichardt also urged the audience to help him and the foundation members change the law. He said: "I ask you as Kevin's father, who will never see or hold him again ... to help me right this terrible wrong and prevent this tragedy from happening again."

New State Laws Force Deadbeat Parents to Pay Up

Parents who owe child support could lose their driver's licenses.

BY MEGAN MCLAUGHLIN
STAFF WRITER

Only three of Governor Jim Hunt's "10 most wanted" deadbeat parents remain at large after new state laws aimed at cracking down on parents who are delinquent in their child support payments went into effect Jan. 1.

Two more "at large" parents, Gary Joseph Threadgill and Joseph Ray Colavito, were arrested Monday.

Four of the seven "10 most wanted" deadbeat parents who have been found were arrested, two turned themselves in,

and one, Threadgill, currently resides in Tampa, Fla., which will complicate the legal process for arresting him.

Many deadbeat parents have turned themselves in after the new laws were enacted. Under the new laws, a deadbeat parent's driver's license, professional license or hunting license might be revoked.

"Many professionals are afraid of losing their licenses, so they turn themselves in," said Theresa Dalton, who works at the Family Centered Services Department of the State Department of Human Services.

Additionally, the laws give state agents greater freedom when tracking down parents because they can use financial and employment records to locate them. Dalton said much of the recent success was because of greater public awareness efforts, products of Hunt's "Crackdown on Children" program. The program includes ra-

dio ads, public service announcements and billboards that feature pictures of deadbeat parents and tell the public what to do if they know a deadbeat parent.

"If you owe back child support, pay up now or face the tough consequences when we find you," Hunt stated in a press release.

Dalton also credited the state's success to a toll-free hotline. Anyone with knowledge of a deadbeat parent can report to the toll-free number. "We've had over 500 tips and leads from this number. The public is really behind this effort," Dalton said.

Colavito was located by a tip from a woman who saw him on a "10 most wanted poster" when she went to sign up for child support services. The woman provided authorities with the address that led to his arrest. Colavito owed his children more than \$35,000 in back child support.

Nationwide, 18 other states have used the threat of driver's license revocation. Kay Hollestelle, executive director of the Children's Foundation in Washington, D.C., said, "There are newspaper ads and publications put out in many places."

Hollestelle said several other creative initiatives have helped track down parents who owe child support. In Contra Costa County, Calif., a cable program features "at large" deadbeat parents each week.

The future of federal efforts to track down deadbeat parents is in limbo, Hollestelle said. "There were several pieces in any of the welfare reform acts that would have added some teeth," Hollestelle said. "But none of them have passed."

Hollestelle said many members of Congress support legislation that would require all states to have up-to-date, uniform computer tracking systems.



IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Rabin's Assassin Questions Witnesses, Defends Self

TEL AVIV, Israel — His defense in disarray, Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin cross-examined prosecution witnesses himself Sunday, often interrupting police to correct their accounts of the shooting.

Cordial and casual in a sweat shirt, former law student Yigal Amir took over

defense questioning in a chaotic six-hour court session after one lawyer resigned and the second stumbled badly over the Hebrew language, bringing laughter from the packed courtroom and a despairing sigh from Judge Edmond Levy.

Levy chastised U.S.-born lawyer Jonathan Ray Goldberg, but agreed to help Goldberg look for a second defense lawyer. Amir has admitted shooting Rabin after a Nov. 4 peace rally in Tel Aviv, saying he believed that Rabin's peace policy put Israelis in greater danger of Palestinian attacks.

Last week, Amir, 25, gave contradictory testimony over whether he intended to kill the prime minister or only disable him so as to force him from office. That was registered as a plea of not guilty. Amir is charged with murder and faces life in prison.

Goldberg angered Levy when he asked Sunday to postpone the trial — which

resumed last week after a month-long recess — to give him more time to prepare his defense. "You have had one month and more to prepare," Levy said. "If I were you, I wouldn't sleep at night in order to learn every part of the file. Whoever heard of such a thing?"

Goldberg, who moved to Israel seven years ago from Houston, frequently fumbled over his words in Hebrew, and his client joined the courtroom audience in laughing at Goldberg's mistakes.

Du Pont Heir Captured After Police Standoff

NEWTOWNSQUARE, Pa. — An heir to the du Pont fortune was captured by SWAT team members Sunday as he stepped outside his mansion to fix his boiler, ending a 48-hour standoff that began with the shooting death of a top wrestler.

John E. du Pont, who had been without

heat since police cut off his boiler system, Friday night, told negotiators he was cold and was leaving his house, said Newtown Township Police Chief Michael Mallon.

He did not carry one of the many weapons he kept on his 800-acre estate. No one was injured in the capture. "His intent was to make repair to the boilers because he was without heat," Mallon said. "Within a few moments our SWAT teams were on the location, and they made a capture."

Police, who had cleared the entrance to the estate hours earlier, picked up du Pont at about 3:30 p.m. and took him to the police station for arraignment.

He arrived kneeling in a black van, his hands handcuffed behind him. Wearing a jacket advertising his world-class wrestling center and team, Foxcatcher, and running tights, du Pont looked dazed as an officer grabbed him by the handcuffs and lifted him out of the van.

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Campus Calendar

MONDAY

2 p.m. DISSERTATION SUPPORT GROUP: Handle the problems that block progress with specific strategies. Sponsored by University Counseling Center in Nash Hall. Call 962-2175. Registration required.

3 p.m. MARK LEYNER, humor columnist for Esquire, will read from "Tooth Imprint on a Horn Dog," his book of short stories, in the Bull's Head Bookstore.

3:15 p.m. CAREER CLINIC: Develop an action plan for choosing a major or a career. Sponsored

by University Counseling Center in Nash Hall. Call 962-2175.

TUESDAY

3:15 p.m. CAREER CLINIC: Develop an action plan for choosing a major or a career. Sponsored by University Counseling Center in Nash Hall. Call 962-2175.

3:30 p.m. LESBIAN EMPOWERMENT GROUP: An affirmative environment to discuss relevant issues. 210 Nash Hall. Sponsored by University Counseling Center. Call 962-2175.

7 p.m. CHISPA will hold a cultural dinner night in Student Union 226. Bring your favorite Latino dish to participate.

WEDNESDAY

11 a.m. DISSERTATION SUPPORT GROUP: Handle the problems that block progress with specific strategies. Sponsored by University Counseling Center in Nash Hall. Call 962-2175. Registration required.

3:30 p.m. SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN GRADUATE STUDENTS: Discuss challenges and explore problem-solving strategies.

Support group sponsored by University Counseling Center in Nash Hall. Call 962-2175. Registration required.

For the Record

Friday's article, "Decision Delayed in Confessed Killer's Killing" should have stated that Sean Patrick Goble's pre-trial hearing was not delayed but that Goble could face the death penalty if found guilty.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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KENAN CHAIRS

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said recruited professors would be paid within their current salary range.

"The salary range is actually fairly modest," Hooker said.

When (BOT Chairman William Armfield and myself) were at Carolina, it seemed like going out for a few beers on Saturday night was part of student culture."

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