

Town unable to regulate cable pornography

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Town Attorney Grainger R. Barrett told the Chapel Hill Town Council Monday night that the town could not regulate the content of pornography on cable television but recommended holding a public hearing on the issue in January, which the council approved.

The council had asked Barrett in October to give his report after receiving a petition signed by 3,500 residents who wanted pornography banned from cable television.

Barrett said regulation of sexually-oriented cable programming was not allowed if only subscribers received that material and if effective measures were provided to stop children from viewing it.

The Playboy Channel is available only to its subscribers, and Chapel Hill's Village Cable provides a free "lock-out" key upon request to parents who want to ensure their children do not watch pornography, Barnett said.

In a memorandum to the council, Barrett said a citizen or group believing a specific movie or programming was obscene should request the District Attorney or the U.S. Attorney to investigate under state or federal law. He also said there was doubt that cable transmission of an obscene program to a private residence was illegal.

Speaker says U.S. can't escape Central America

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Murders, tortures and wars plague Latin America — especially Nicaragua and El Salvador — and the United States government cannot escape responsibility, said second-year UNC graduate student Brian Richmond at a lecture in the Campus Y Lounge yesterday.

Since October 1979, there have been more than 35,000 murders of civilian non-combatants by government security forces in El Salvador, and many of the bodies were severely tortured and mutilated before being killed, said Richmond, a Public Health and Latin American Studies student who visited Central America last summer.

"The practice (of torture in El Salvador) is so widespread as to be routine," he said.

Since October 1979, some 2,000 Salvadorans have "disappeared" following abduction by government security forces, he said. Richmond quoted the late Archbishop Romero, who was murdered in El Salvador in 1980.

Barrett said the council could adopt an advisory resolution to the cable company or provide that the violation of obscenity statutes could be grounds for revocation of the franchise.

In other action, the council voted to spend \$1.4 million on land for a ground-level parking lot for 160 cars at West Franklin and Church streets.

The extra parking spaces will be used to replace the 114 downtown parking spaces that will be lost when one of the municipal parking lots will be closed during construction of the Rosemary Square Project.

The municipal parking lot where Rosemary Square will be built is located on East Rosemary Street east of the NCNB plaza.

The Rosemary Square Project is a plan designed by the Fraser Development Company of North Carolina to build 325 public parking spaces, 175 private parking spaces and a hotel-condominium on that lot.

The council also voted to pass a set of guidelines for considering the proposed contract with the Fraser Company. The council is to vote on the contract Jan. 28.

Other recommendations approved by the council dealt with growth management, but the recommendation by the Chapel Hill Alliance of Neighborhoods

of a six-month moratorium on growth was not approved.

Chapel Hill Town Manager David Taylor said he thought the recommendations of the alliance and the town's growth management task force should be given both short-term and long-term considerations.

Taylor said he did not recommend a moratorium because it would not change the economic conditions that create market demand and would not assure solutions.

He also said the moratorium could encourage growth outside of the Chapel Hill planning district, affecting the town's roads and water and sewer systems.

The council will hold a series of public hearings, work sessions and meetings in December, January and February to consider growth issues.

The issues that Taylor said should be given short-term consideration were floodplains, buffers, 50-foot building limits and density.

Taylor recommended long-term consideration for a review of the growth management's goals and objectives, preparation of an adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, tree protection regulations and revision of the 1977 Land Use Plan.

He said the council should decide on the short-term issues within three to four months.

Nuclear war films shown tonight

Wednesday

Noon

Charity Planas, ex-political prisoner and opposition candidate, presents the BBC documentary *To Sing Our Own Song* on the current political and economic situation in the Philippines. Union 205.

3 p.m.

Fred Battle, president of the local Rainbow Coalition, speaks on his experiences as a minority in the community. Union 206.

4 p.m.

The Black Student Movement and the Campus Y committee People Against Racism sponsor the film *Amandla* and a discussion on South African Apartheid. Union 205.

5 p.m.

The film *In the Nuclear Shadow* features Admiral Noel Gayler, former commander of the Pacific fleet and the National Security Agency and concerns the importance of a verifiable nuclear arms treaty. The film *Edge of History* deals with reactions of children to the specter of nuclear war. Y Lounge.

6 p.m.

The Campus Y committee for Hunger Responsibility sponsors a 24 hour campuswide fast for the benefit of the world's impoverished people. Sign up in the Pit.

7:30 p.m.

The Campus Gay Association sponsors a poetry reading with excerpts from the works of Jeffrey Beam and others. Y Lounge.

8 p.m.

A panel of distinguished black scholars, including Manning Marable (political scientist and columnist from *Colgate University*) and Ron

Walters (political scientist from *Howard University* and deputy campaign manager of the Jackson campaign), will discuss the implications of the elections for blacks and minorities. To attend the following reception, contact the Carolina Union Special Projects Committee, Carroll Hall 108.

8 p.m.

Formerly Exalted Cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan in Durham, C.P. Ellis will speak on what led to his involvement in the Klan, his experience in the Klan, why he repudiated the Klan, and how he is acting to combat racism today. Presented by the Carolina Union Human Relations Committee. Hamilton Hall 100.

Thursday

12:30 p.m.

A documentary, *A Day Without Sunshine*, on the plight of America's farm workers. Union 205.

2 p.m.

The Campus Y committee Students Taking Action for Nuclear Disarmament will sponsor "The Human Cost of World Militarism." Y Lounge.

3:30 p.m.

The possibilities for peace and power of optimism will be explored in an experiential discussion conducted by the Center for Peace Education. Y Lounge.

5 p.m.

The Campus Y committee for Hunger Responsibility ends the 24 hour Fast for World Hunger with a small meal for those ending their fast. Union 205.

8 p.m.

The Discarded People: A Taste of South Africa: The film *The Resettlement of the Homeland* will be followed by a panel discussion with South African graduate students at UNC. Toy Lounge, Day Hall.

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Garner gunman escapes

From Associated Press reports

GARNER — Police commandos searched a fast-food restaurant near Raleigh today for a man suspected of holding two restaurant employees hostage for 2½ hours but abandoned the search when no suspect was found.

Garner Police Lt. R.J. Ford said four employees of McDonald's in K-Mart Plaza were surprised by a gunman when they came to work about 5 a.m. this morning. Two of the employees escaped immediately, Ford said, and the other two either were released or escaped from a storage area about 7:30 a.m.

Police abandoned the search about 10:15 a.m., concluding that the gunman had slipped away shortly after the hostages were taken.

"We've completed everything at this point," Ford said. "The search is over."

Polish groups prosecuted

WARSAW, Poland — Government spokesman Jerzy Urban said yesterday that human rights committees formed after the slaying of a pro-Solidarity priest are illegal, and their members face possible prosecution.

Former Solidarity activists and intellectuals in Warsaw and two other cities have announced the creation of committees to monitor reports of police excesses following the Oct. 19 abduction and killing of the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko.

Three secret police officers have been charged with murdering the Warsaw priest, and a colonel in the Interior Ministry has been accused of "aiding and abetting" them. The Interior Ministry controls Poland's uniformed and plainclothes police forces.

India's elections

NEW DELHI, India — Elections will be held throughout most of India next month to choose a new parliament and decide whether Rajiv Gandhi, who replaced his slain

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mother Indira Gandhi as prime minister, remains in power, the Indian government said yesterday.

The Election Commission said the balloting will be held Dec. 24 and Dec. 27 because India does not have enough police and paramilitary troops to guard all the polling places if they are open at once across the nation of 750 million.

R.K. Trivedi, the chief election commissioner, said no results were expected before Dec. 28.

He said the dates of the voting were fixed by his commission and not by Gandhi. But it is widely believed that the elections were scheduled with the approval of the new prime minister, who was sworn in hours after Gandhi's Oct. 31 assassination by two Sikh members of her security guards.

Latin American debt

BRASILIA, Brazil — Creditor and debtor nations must meet to resolve the huge economic problems that are curbing Latin America's development and threatening its social stability, foreign ministers of the Organization of American States insisted yesterday in speech after speech.

"We will formally invite the United States and other industrialized countries for a meeting," said Foreign Minister Jose Augusto Vega Imbert of the Dominican Republic in announcing a meeting of the Cartagena Group in February.

The group, comprising Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela seeks better repayment terms and conditions for an overall Latin American debt of more than \$350 billion.

Human Rights Week fast begins

UNC students are being asked to fast for one day and donate the money that they would normally use for food to help fight world hunger.

The Fast for a World Harvest, which is a part of Human Rights Week, will begin at 5 p.m. today and last until 5 p.m. tomorrow.

Matthew Tiedemann, one of the organizers of the event, said the money collected from the fast would be donated to Oxfam.

"Oxfam is an international organization primarily concerned with helping with hunger relief," Tiedemann explained. "A lot of the money that is collected will be sent to Africa for

immediate relief. The organization usually uses the money that they receive for secondary relief, such as buying the people machinery and educating them to eventually make themselves self-sufficient."

There will be a meal of simple food, donated by local restaurants, to break the fast at 5 p.m. tomorrow. It will be held in the Student Union, along with either a speaker or a discussion, Tiedemann said.

Those who are interested in taking part in the fast can sign up at the table in the Pit from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tiedemann said students who have not signed up are still encouraged to participate and help in the cause.

— SALLIE KRAWCHECK

Animal Protection holds auction

The Orange County Animal Protection Society will sponsor an auction beginning 10 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday at the ArtSchool in Carr Mill Mall.

Meals from various local restaurants, four vacations, a computer, Cuisinart pottery, local pottery and furniture will be some of the items auctioned. There will also be a bake sale and a book sale.

Proceeds will go to the Orange County Animal Shelter and the Emergency Animal Rescue Service.

Sociology 51 class conducting study

The Sociology 51 seminar class will be conducting phone interviews with 500 randomly drawn undergraduates on various topics during the next two weeks.

John Reed, who instructs the Research Methods course, said the students would begin calling people today.

Reed said the interviews would only take about 15 minutes and he hoped students would cooperate if called. The interview topics range from WXYZ, religion, voting, nuclear weapons, drinking age, race relations in the dormitories, Chapel Hill bus system and the role of women.

The survey has a margin of error of 4 percent.

Reed said the class would analyze the results of the interviews.

Sociology 51 is the first of two classes required for Research Methods. The interview is a class project.

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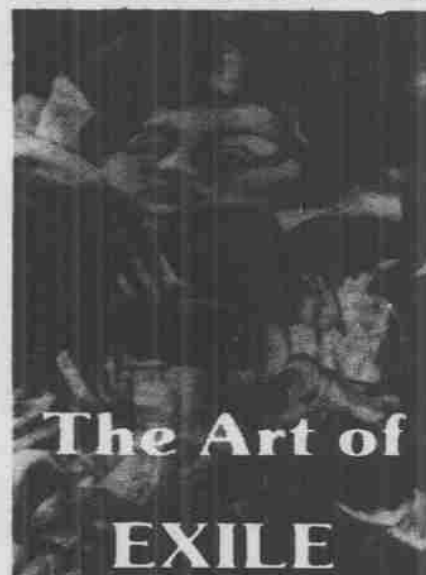
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