

Elections board to monitor vote-buying

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Four weeks away from the Nov. 4 election, the State Board of Elections has issued a new directive to deal with the old practice of vote-buying.

Alex Brock, executive director of the board, said the directive was issued to alert the public to certain unfair elections practices that occur with every election.

The directive was prompted by the FBI's Project Westvote in western North Carolina and a concern that local officials should become more involved in handling vote-buying

allegations, said Robert Hunter, chairman of the state board.

Project Westvote is a federal investigation of vote-buying instituted after the 1982 election. It has resulted in more than 40 convictions, including three sheriffs, in four mountain counties.

The 1982 convictions generally centered on sheriff's races, but the 1986 elections will also include county officials.

The directive includes a sample affidavit that local elections officials can use to report allegations to district attorneys, he said.

Brock said that any private citizen can make a statement by citing both the incident and its nature and by signing the statement in the presence of an elections official.

The public is the best safeguard we have against unfair election practices, Brock said. "We have no way to supervise every individual's vote; reports from the public are the only way information of this nature comes forth."

Although vote-buying is discussed more than it actually happens, Brock said it is still a serious problem. "Even two cases of vote-buying would be reprehensible and would

contribute to the discoloration of the elections process."

It would be virtually impossible to buy enough votes to swing a statewide or congressional election, he said. Instead, the practice usually occurs on a local level and is most prevalent among the illiterate and those disinterested in elections processes.

Both parties involved in buying votes are illegal, he said. "It is illegal both to buy or to sell a vote and practices of this kind are what we are urging local officials and private citizens alike to be aware of," he said.

Nicaragua secretive about location of U.S. prisoner

From Associated Press reports

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — The U.S. Embassy sought permission Wednesday to see the American who survived when Sandinista troops shot down a rebel supply plane, but Nicaraguan authorities would not say where he was being held.

Barricada, the Sandinista party newspaper, said in the first account of the capture that Eugene Hasenfus, 45, walked a mile through the jungle after the C-123 was shot down Sunday. It said an army patrol found him in an abandoned shack, where he had fashioned a hammock from his parachute.

Officials of the leftist Nicaraguan government say three other people were killed: two Americans identified as pilot William J. Cooper and co-pilot Wallace Blaine Sawyer Jr., and a third man who has not been identified. The plane was hit by missile fire and crashed into the jungle of southern Nicaragua.

Sandinista officials said cargo found on the plane indicate it was part of a CIA operation to supply U.S.-backed rebels who have been fighting the government of President Daniel Ortega for four and a half years.

Hostage's wife tries to mediate
BEIRUT, Lebanon — The wife

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of hostage Thomas Sutherland, saying she understands both sides, offered Wednesday to mediate between the Reagan administration and Islamic Jihad for the release of her husband and two other kidnapped Americans.

In an Arabic-language statement, Mrs. Sutherland appealed to Islamic Jihad to contact her through a post office box or to call her at her home or at work at the American University of Beirut, where she teaches English.

There was no reported response to her offer from Islamic Jihad, the Shiite fundamentalist group that holds Sutherland, Associated Press writer Terry A. Anderson, and a third American, David Jacobsen.

House amends drug bill

WASHINGTON — A compromise anti-narcotics bill was approved Wednesday by the House, which included a death penalty for drug-related murders despite a threatened Senate filibuster that could kill the election-year legislation.

The bill would provide the death penalty for murder to further a continuing narcotics enterprise.

Broyhill to make grass-roots tour of state

By FRED PATTERSON
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Republican Sen. Jim Broyhill will board a train next week to campaign across the state in a style reminiscent of years gone by.

The two-day "whistlestop" tour will begin Monday in Asheville and will include Marion, Morganton, Hickory, Statesville, Salisbury, Kannapolis and Charlotte.

Tuesday's schedule includes stops

in Lexington, High Point, Greensboro, Burlington, Durham and Raleigh.

Broyhill will be joined by Gov. Jim Martin and his wife, Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., and race car driver Richard Petty of Randleman.

On Oct. 1 Broyhill called the trip "a great way to get around the state and visit with the folks."

Although the "whistlestop" tour is labeled as a rally for the mountain

and Piedmont areas, Lisa Brewer, spokeswoman for the Broyhill campaign, said it is another part of the senator's state-wide strategy.

Brewer said that the trip concludes in Raleigh, which many see as an eastern North Carolina city. Brewer said she expects the trip to bring Broyhill into contact with hundreds of North Carolinians.

Former Gov. Terry Sanford, Broyhill's Democratic opponent, has

also traveled around the state, said Tom Lawton, spokesman for the Sanford campaign.

"This summer we covered the entire state," he said, adding that Sanford was also in Asheville and Morganton last week.

Broyhill, a 23-year congressman from Lenoir who was recently appointed to the seat held by the late Sen. John East, and Sanford are running for East's seat.

Reagan wants to stick to his guns at Iceland summit

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — President Reagan intends to stand firm on his "Star Wars" plan and urge an 80 percent slash in Soviet nuclear missiles in Asia at his meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev in Iceland, an administration official said Wednesday.

If the Soviet leader agrees to make concessions on the missiles, Reagan

and Gorbachev probably will emerge from their session in Reykjavik this weekend with a framework for a treaty to sharply reduce U.S. and Soviet nuclear missiles in Europe, the official said.

Also, the president and the general secretary are likely to set a date for a full-scale summit meeting in Washington in December, said the official, who demanded anonymity.

But Reagan does not intend to negotiate with Gorbachev about the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative, known popularly as Star Wars, and he is not expected to make much headway with the Soviet leader toward reducing long-range U.S. and Soviet nuclear weapons.

The State Department advised the president to seek a compromise with Gorbachev on their views of the 1972

Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, the official said, but Reagan rejected the advice.

The ABM treaty strictly limited U.S. and Soviet radar systems and other defenses against missiles, to lessen chances of nuclear war. Gorbachev asked Reagan in a letter last month to promise to keep the treaty alive for up to 15 years.

Reagan met with his senior advisers Tuesday at the White House and reaffirmed his intention to ask Gorbachev for better treatment of dissidents and other Soviet citizens.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz said Wednesday that Reagan would look Gorbachev "in the eye" and warn him that without an improved human rights atmosphere in the Soviet Union, there would be no lasting improvement in U.S.-Soviet relations.

Reagan

on the bench. What we need are strong judges who will aggressively use their authority to protect our families, communities and way of life."

Reagan said that since he took office, the average sentences for drug-related and other crimes are up. Sens. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., and Broyhill are in the majority on the Senate Judiciary Committee that oversees judicial appointments, he said.

"Without Jim Broyhill and a Republican Senate majority, that job will be turned over to Teddy Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Joe Biden (D-Del.)," he said, eliciting boos from the crowd. "You can strike a blow against the drugs, thugs and hoodlums by casting your vote for

Jim and keeping him as a force for law and order in the U.S. Senate."

Reagan said Broyhill, who is serving on the Senate Armed Services Committee, has consistently supported a strong national defense.

"We've made great progress — with liberals kicking, screaming and fighting us all the way — in rebuilding our military strength," he said. "We've revitalized the Western Alliance. And I'm happy to report that after five and a half years, not one square inch of territory has been lost to communism. In fact, one small country, Grenada, has been brought back into the family of free nations."

Reagan said Republicans should make certain "everyone who sympathizes with our cause joins and gets

out the vote."

He also said he was glad to see children and students at the rally.

"This generation, simply put, is the best darn bunch of kids we've ever had," he said. "I promise all of you, my generation pledges to you, you're going to take over this country just as free and full of opportunity as when we took it over."

The rally was followed by a \$1,000-a-plate reception, after which Reagan left for another rally in Atlanta.

Outside the civic center, about 100 demonstrators protested American policy in Central America, the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant and the administration's trade policies.

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For the Record

In Tuesday's Student Congress candidates' page, The Daily Tar Heel transposed the candidates for districts 4 and 14. The same is true in Wednesday's article "Fall elections fill vacancies in eight districts." The Daily Tar Heel regrets its error.

Cobey, Price agree to go on air

By TIMOTHY HARRISON
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Congressional candidates David Price and Bill Cobey have agreed to debate several times on radio before the Nov. 4 election.

A taped debate between Cobey, the Republican incumbent from the 4th District, and Price, his Democratic challenger, will be aired Oct. 15, said Margaret Lawton, press secretary for Price. The debate, recorded in September, will be shown at 8 p.m. on WUNC-TV.

Also on Oct. 15, WPTF Radio will air an hour-long panel discussion with reporters, Lawton said. At least two other debates have been scheduled later in the month on WTVD and WPTF-TV, she said.

Cobey and Price will discuss the issues of tax reform, PAC campaign contributions, the licensing of nuclear power plants and others, Lawton said.

David Murray, press secretary for Cobey, said another key issue will be which candidate is more committed to balancing the federal budget. He said another important topic will be which candidate supports President Reagan, in light of a recent poll showing that over 70 percent of the people in the 4th District approve of the president.

The last chance for voters to see the two candidates debate will be Oct. 26 at 1:30 p.m. on WTVD-TV, Murray said.

Price and Cobey had planned to debate on WRAL-TV Oct. 12, but decided against it when a debate between Republican Sen. Jim Broyhill and Democratic nominee Terry Sanford was scheduled for the same day.

After negotiating the terms for the debates, the candidates reached an agreement last week.

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