

# Lieutenant governor's race heats up

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With two more Democratic candidates adding their names to the ballot, the race for N.C. lieutenant governor promises to be a hot battle, but the Republican nomination is still up for grabs, spokesmen from both parties said.

In an effort to increase name recognition and establish themselves as contenders, Democrats Parks Helms and Harold Hardison declared their intentions early. Hardison, a state senator, announced in April, and Helms, a Charlotte lawyer, put in his bid last week.

Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, will announce today, and Rep. Jim Crawford, D-Granville, plans to announce later this month.

The number of Democratic candidates is typical, said Margaret Lawton, press secretary for the N.C. Democratic Party. She said it is too

early to predict a front-runner. But it's not too early for the Hardison campaign.

"We're considering ourselves the front-runner," said Mike Mann, Hardison's campaign director. "But Helms or Senator Rand is going to be the one to beat."

Educational, environmental and economic issues will dominate the Democratic campaign, Mann said.

During Hardison's stint as a legislator, he introduced a bill creating potential for the ethanol industry and worked to open new markets for farmers, Mann said.

Rand will make education a big issue, said his campaign manager, Steve Doak. He was an original signer of the basic education program bill, which focused the public school curriculum on teaching basic reading and math skills, and has served on the Public School Forum, which discusses educational issues, since its inception, Doak said.

Rand plans to concentrate on building new schools in addition to curriculum changes, Doak said.

Helms said he will also concentrate his campaign on educational, environmental and economic issues, but has no formal platform. He called for a series of debates to address these issues.

Republicans are looking for a candidate who will balance well with Gov. Jim Martin, said Tim Minton, assistant director of communications for the N.C. Republican Party. The party may look for a candidate from eastern North Carolina to draw votes from that area of the state.

No Republicans have announced their candidacies yet, but several expect to announce in November or December.

John Carrington, a gubernatorial candidate in 1984, is the front-runner because of the name recognition his 1984 bid gives him, said campaign manager Steve Medling.

Carrington plans to announce his candidacy sometime before Nov. 1. His platform emphasizes eliminating state-funded abortions and attracting new industries to North Carolina, Medling said.

State Rep. Bill Boyd, R-Randolph, said he will announce his intentions in late November or early December. He said he will continue to work on legislation making AIDS testing mandatory for marriage license applicants, prisoners and convicted prostitutes. He said he plans to seek reforms in the N.C. insurance industry.

"We need someone who will support the governor, and a qualified candidate who understands the legislative process," he said.

Other Republicans who are considering a campaign for lieutenant governor include former U.S. Rep. Jim Gardner and Greensboro resident Wendell Sawyer.

# Los Angeles suburbs rocked in severe quake aftershock

From Associated Press reports

**LOS ANGELES** — A sharp aftershock from last week's severe earthquake jolted Southern California before dawn Sunday, causing at least one death and more than 200 injuries, damaging buildings, knocking out power and sending jittery residents into the streets.

The quake, centered in suburban Rosemead about eight miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles, registered at 5.3 on the Richter scale of ground motion, said Don Kelly of the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo.

The 3:59 a.m. quake was the 22nd aftershock registering more than 3.0 since Thursday's quake, which measured 6.1 on the Richter scale and caused six deaths and more than \$75 million in damage. Neighboring Orange County suffered about \$8 million in damage Sunday and a state of emergency was declared there.

## Probe shows propaganda effort

**WASHINGTON** — An office within the State Department engaged in an illegal, covert "white propaganda" effort to generate support for the Reagan administration's policies in Central America, according to congressional investigators.

Since it was created in 1983, the department's Office of Public Diplomacy for Latin America and the Caribbean at times arranged news media interviews for leaders of Nicaragua's contra rebels and general opinion articles opposing Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government for placement in major media outlets, while carefully concealing its own role in the publicity effort, according to investigators for the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm.

For example, a March 11, 1985 opinion column in the Wall Street Journal on the offensive threat posed by Soviet attack helicopters in Nicaragua was attributed to Rice University professor John Guilmartin. GAO said Guilmartin's status as a paid consultant to the public diplomacy office and the office's collaboration on the article apparently were not disclosed to the newspaper.

The GAO concluded that the activities "were misleading as to their origin and reasonably constituted 'propaganda' within the

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common understanding of that term" and violated a legal ban on use of federal money for propaganda not specifically authorized by Congress.

In addition, the six-month GAO investigation turned up documents seen by investigators as relevant to Congress' Iran-contra probe, but which were not turned over by the White House under a sweeping request for all documents which could have a bearing on the investigations.

## Tibetan demonstrations kill six

**LHASA, Tibet** — Chinese authorities imposed a curfew Sunday and tried to stop at least one busload of foreign tourists from leaving the Tibetan capital after pro-independence demonstrations that killed at least six people.

Dissidents proclaimed the six as martyrs. They put up signs saying those who died in Thursday's demonstration "died for all the Tibetan people, not for themselves."

Nineteen policemen were seriously wounded in that demonstration, held to protest the arrests of participants in a Sept. 27 demonstration.

Buddhist monks at the Sera Monastery outside Lhasa said they hoped to stage another protest on Wednesday, the 37th anniversary of the day that Chinese communist troops moved into Tibet to annex it in 1950.

## Officials discuss free trade deal

**WASHINGTON** — President Reagan hailed a tentative U.S.-Canadian free trade agreement Sunday that would eliminate all tariffs between the two countries as a historic pact beneficial to both nations' economies.

"Now, in addition to sharing the world's largest undefended border, we will share membership in the world's largest free trade area," Reagan said in a statement released at the White House.

Treasury Secretary James Baker and Canadian Finance Minister Michael Wilson told a joint news conference they were confident the agreement would be approved by the U.S. Congress and Canada's parliament.

# State board seeks nuclear waste disposal site

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The newly-formed Low Level Radioactive Waste Management Authority took its first step last week toward selecting a state location for a nuclear waste disposal.

The board must make a final decision for the location of the low-level nuclear waste site by Nov. 15, 1990.

The authority has not discussed sites for the proposed facility, but guidelines have been set up, said Merrill Eisenbud, chairman of the 15-member board created in August.

"We're looking for a 200-acre site," Eisenbud said. "So it's going to have to be rural."

But Don Willhoit, the board's public relations director and UNC professor of environmental sciences and engineering, said a waste disposal facility could be located in a number of places.

"The point is, it has to be safe no matter where it is located," Willhoit said. "My first priority is to see that we do a careful, deliberate process and that we not rush it to meet these

deadlines."

The governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives each appoint five members to the board for a four-year term, said David Bagnl, a special assistant to the governor for boards and commissions. The governor appoints the chairman of the board, Bagnl said. The board met for the first time last week.

"It's really a marvelous board," Eisenbud said. "I'm very pleased with it."

Eisenbud said all board meetings will be open to the public and the press.

Public meetings will help convince people of the safety of the site, Eisenbud said.

"The main problem we have is to reduce the disparity that exists between the actual risk and public perception of the risk," Eisenbud said.

N.C. regulations are more stringent than federal safety guidelines for disposal sites, Eisenbud said. The disposal site can be designed and constructed so there is little risk of exposure to radiation outside the site, Willhoit said.

Only low-level wastes, the type of waste created mostly by hospitals, will be disposed of on the site, Eisenbud said.

"This is not a dump," Eisenbud said. "It is a well-planned, carefully-designed disposal facility. It's sort of

like a high-class cemetery."

The totally autonomous board was created because of North Carolina's commitment to the Southeast Compact Commission, an eight-state compact that decides the location of disposal facilities in the South.

Each state in the compact must host a facility for 20 years. The compact last year chose North Carolina to host the next waste dump, but N.C. officials, worried about the possibility of other states failing to keep their commitments to the compact, threatened to withdraw.

Kathryn Visocki, deputy director of the Southeast Compact Commission, said the state must construct a low-level nuclear waste disposal site whether it stays in the compact or not.

But the state will probably stay in the compact, Visocki said. The facility will operate for 20 years, or until it receives 32 million cubic feet of waste, enough to fill more than 474,000 sandboxes, whichever comes first, Visocki said.

Eisenbud said he expects the facility to be in operation for the 20-year period because the volume of radioactive waste has decreased over the last few years.

Willhoit said that because the facility must remain safe for several hundred years, it will be actively monitored for 100 years after it closes.

"We need to have assurance that

whatever is put in the ground will stay there," Eisenbud said.

Visocki said she is concerned that the board's schedule is cutting the deadline close.

N.C. law calls for the facility to be operational by Dec. 31, 1992. But federal law and compact agreement call for the facility to be operational by Dec. 31, 1991, Visocki said.

The present facility, located in Barnwell, S.C., will close Dec. 31, 1992, Visocki said.

"I think it is a given that the Southeast Compact Commission does have the right to impose penalties on North Carolina (if the state fails to meet the deadlines)," Visocki said.

Eisenbud said he expects the facility to be in operation in time to meet the deadlines.

The facility will be run by a private operator in order to cut state costs, Eisenbud said. Potential operators will submit bids after the board selects the site to the Radiation Protection Section, which will license the facility, he said.

Visocki said the facility could bring economic growth to the area in which it is located.

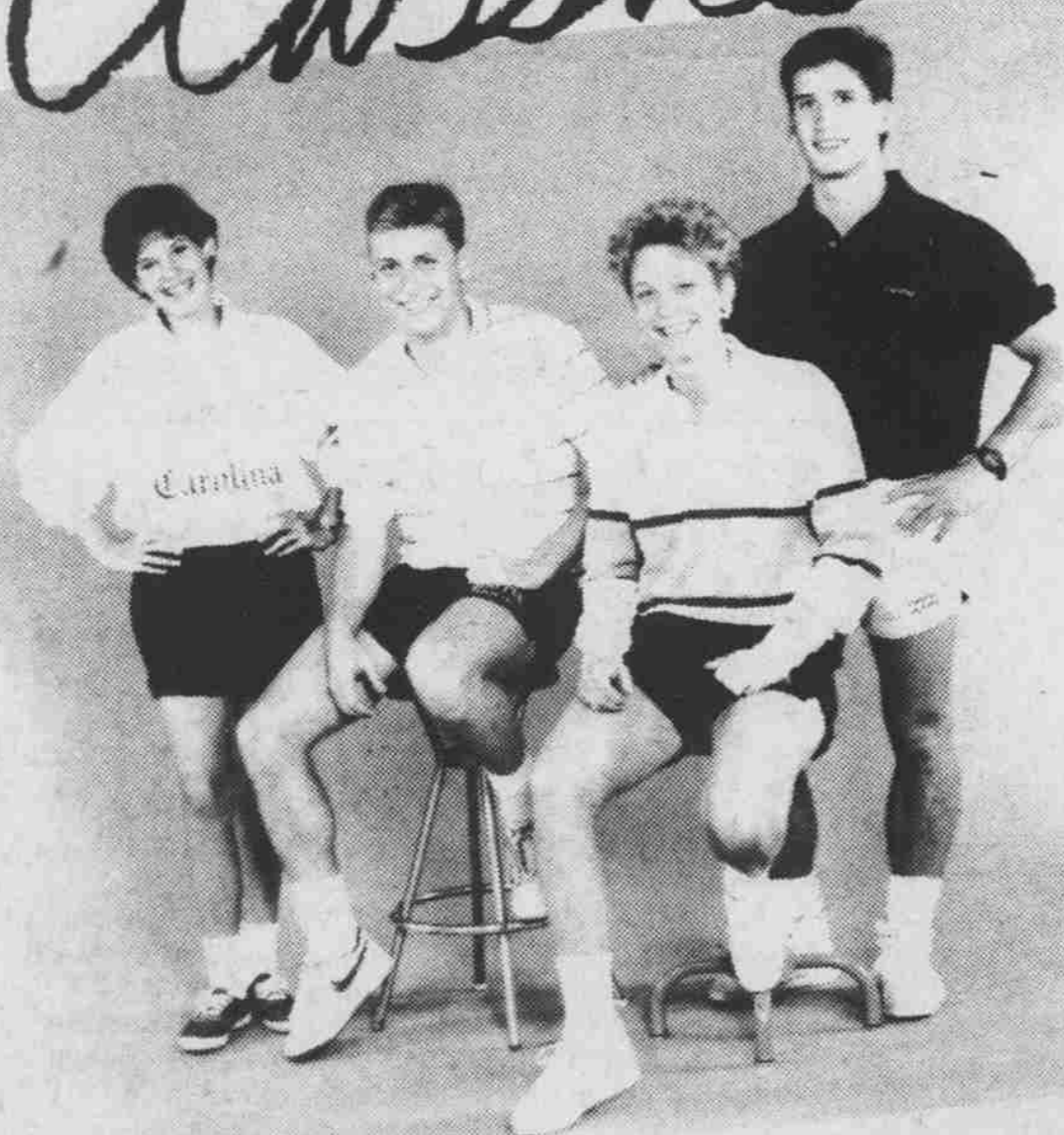
Many people in Barnwell do not want the facility there to close, Visocki said.

Willhoit said, "They've lived with it long enough with no major problems, and (the operator) has been such a good corporate citizen that they don't really want to see it go."

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