

Poll reports Lee and Andrews running even

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With a recent poll showing Howard Lee running even with incumbent Ike Andrews for the 4th District congressional seat, Lee is counting on both Andrews' negative image and the pull of presidential hopeful Jesse Jackson to pull him through the Democratic nomination for the seat.

Jim O'Rielly, a Durham political consultant who conducted the poll for Lee's campaign in the first week of March, said, "One of the key findings is that among Democrats saying they would vote in the primary, 33 percent support Andrews and 33 percent support Lee."

Lee also stands to benefit from Jackson's ability to persuade blacks to vote in the May 8 primary. Black voter registration is up in North Carolina 17 percent. "If he pulls out more voters, I feel I have a fair shake at getting their votes," Lee said this week.

One of the key factors O'Rielly found was that Lee was

running about even among whites in Wake County. White Wake County Democrats make up 49 percent of all Democrats in the 4th District, which includes Orange, Wake, Chatham, Randolph and Franklin counties.

"For a black in North Carolina, I don't think I've seen a poll with such a strong showing," O'Rielly said. "The bottom line is that the two are running even and headed into a runoff."

The third candidate seeking the Democratic nomination, John Winters Jr., will either cause a primary runoff or will pull enough from Lee's black support to let Ike squeak by.

Another significant finding of the poll is that Republican challenger Bill Cobey would be able to draw considerable support from Andrews if the two were to meet in the November election. "One of the rationalizations for rejecting Lee is the claim that only Ike can beat Cobey," O'Rielly said. "Among Democrats there has been a measurable weakening of support for Ike. A

significant fraction voting for Ike in 1982 said they would vote for Cobey now. The poll suggests if Ike wins, we'll get Cobey for Congress.

"It's clear, directly or indirectly, that lots of people think positively about Lee, but negatively about Ike as a person and about performance in his job. Ike has been no better than mediocre as a congressman," said O'Rielly.

Speaking at a Phi Beta Sigma Anniversary Celebration Tuesday night in the Carolina Union, Lee went on the offensive against Andrews.

"When a congressman does something, it should be done in such a manner that he stays in touch with his district," Lee said. "Many people in this district cannot name one bill he (Andrews) has introduced in Congress or one critical vote he has cast."

Andrews narrowly defeated Cobey, his Republican challenger, in the 1982 election. The race was marked by Andrews' arrest for driving under the influence less than a month before the November election.

Kennedy relative found dead

The Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — David Anthony Kennedy, the 28-year-old son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was found dead in a hotel room Wednesday in this oceanside resort where his family had wintered for 40 years. Kennedy had a history of problems with drugs and alcohol.

Palm Beach Police Capt. William Shetron said the body was taken to the County Medical Examiner's office for an autopsy to determine the cause of death, but he said, "There's no sign of foul play."

Kennedy, the fourth of Robert and Ethel Kennedy's 11 children, had been treated for drug addiction in 1979 and 1980. His older brother, Robert Jr., was given a two-year suspended sentence in South Dakota last month for possessing heroin.

His uncle, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., issued a statement in Washington saying, "This is a very difficult time for all the members of our family, including David's mother, Ethel, and his brothers and sisters, who tried so hard to help him in recent years."

Court rules on custody

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, saying a white woman's child wrongly was taken from her because she married a black, barred courts from bowing to society's racial biases in child custody cases.

"The Constitution cannot control such prejudices, but neither can it tolerate them," Chief Justice Warren E. Burger wrote for a unanimous court.

The decision overturned Florida court rulings in the case of Linda Sidoti Palmore, who lost custody of her daughter, Melanie, after she married Clarence Palmore, who is black.

'Star Wars' weapons debated

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's top military and scientific advisers stood fast Wednesday behind his call for development of a high-technology shield against nuclear attack, despite a non-partisan congressional study that virtually pronounced the program a pipe dream.

In a stormy confrontation with members of a Senate subcommittee, Defense Department and White House

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planners behind Reagan's proposed Strategic Defense Initiative — dubbed "Star Wars" by critics — acknowledged that its promise hinges on discoveries that could be decades away.

China set for Reagan

AGANA, Guam — President Reagan, who spent a generation as one of the United States' harshest critics of China, underwent final preparations Wednesday for his first visit to that communist nation.

After an overnight visit to Guam, the president and his wife, Nancy, were set to fly the final leg of a 9,290-mile journey across the Pacific Ocean and land in Peking early this afternoon.

A bouquet from school children and a low-key welcome, led by Foreign Minister Wu Xuesian, awaited the Reagans at the Peking Capitol Airport, a 30-minute motorcade ride from downtown, before a more formal welcome at Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world, and a conference with President Li Xian-nian in the Great Hall of the People.

MacDonald papers filed

FAYETTEVILLE — Attorneys for Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald filed papers in federal court Wednesday claiming that a former soldier made statements indicating he was involved in the 1970 killings of MacDonald's wife and two children.

Bryant and Norma Lane of Charlotte say Greg Mitchell, who died about six weeks after the alleged statements, talked to them about an unspecified crime which they later believed to be the MacDonald murders.

MacDonald was convicted of the killings in 1979, nine years after the bodies of his wife and two children were found in their Fort Bragg home. MacDonald, who was a Green Beret doctor at the time, suffered multiple stab wounds.

MacDonald has contended the murders were committed by a band of hippies, and his attorneys say Mitchell was a member of that group.

N.C.'s Safe Roads Act of 1983 encounters difficulties in court

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North Carolina's Safe Roads Act of 1983 is proving to be a major headache for the North Carolina court system, officials in the N.C. Department of Justice say.

Lawyers defending against driving-while-impaired charges have found numerous ways to challenge the law, Deputy Attorney General Ike Avery said this week. The main challenge has come over the law's provision allowing Breathalyzer operators to submit affidavits on Breathalyzer test results rather than actually appearing in court, Avery said. Defense attorneys have claimed this violates the right of the defendant to confront his accusers.

"When the law was passed it was felt that this was an easier way to present Breathalyzer results," said David Land, a Breathalyzer expert with the Office of Highway Safety. "You can see the difficulty of operators working all night and then having to be in court too."

Land said he viewed the challenges as "picky."

"All it does is cause a backlog of cases. The result of the tests is what is important as evidence," Land also pointed out that the defendant has the right to subpoena a Breathalyzer operator if there is any doubt about test results.

"It's going to end up costing a lot of people a lot of money plus time (if operators are forced to appear in all DWI cases)," Land said.

Avery said the other major challenge to the DWI law has come over the provision for mandatory 10-day revocation of the driver's license of those who refuse to take a Breathalyzer test. This challenge has come up in at least three places, Avery said. He added, "we have had numerous other technical challenges as well."

One technical challenge has been to the clause that states it is illegal to have a blood-alcohol level of .10 "any relevant time after the driving." Avery said the vagueness of this provision had been grounds for challenge.

Another technical challenge has been that the statute does not include the word "unlawful" in the definition of driving while impaired. And in Wake County there has been a controversy over whether conviction of the defendant for driving under the influence before October 1983 can be considered an aggravating circumstance for his trial under the new law.

Avery said most challenges have taken in Wake County. The DWI legislation has not been contested as often in the Chapel Hill area, he added. "I understand that in Orange and Chatham counties their implementation is flowing very smoothly," he said.

Candidates receive coaching

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The 1984 candidates spend 12 or more hours a day on the road meeting and speaking to their constituents; they are constantly in the public eye.

How do the rookies and the veterans of state politics stand up to the pressure? Most of them have coaching on public appearances, often from staff members, but in some cases help comes from outside the campaign.

Aides say that Gov. Jim Hunt, who is challenging Sen. Jesse Helms in the U.S. Senate race, receives pointers from his staff. His years as a lieutenant governor and a two-term governor have also made him at ease in front of the public.

Likewise, Jesse Helms, who was a television broadcaster for 12 years before turning to politics, has no problem with public speaking. Helms' press secretary in Washington, D.C., Barbara Leukens, said that Helms writes many of his speeches and has more experience in public speaking than anyone on staff.

Many of the gubernatorial candidates' aides said that there are staff people who follow the candidates and criticize their speech delivery and gestures. Some candidates have mock sessions, and others have hired speech coaches to hone their skills.

Brad Crone, deputy press secretary for gubernatorial candidate D.M. "Lauch" Faircloth, said that the staff gives Faircloth feedback on his public appearances. Crone said that Faircloth's biggest problem is dealing with a script. "Lauch is generally an off-the-cuff speaker, and he is his own best speechwriter," Crone said the key to a

good speech is effective communication between the staff and the candidate while making the transition between the idea and the written product to the spoken presentation.

The candidate should also be comfortable with the crowd he is with, Crone added. "If people expect to see the next governor, he's got to be gubernatorial."

Another Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Tom Gilmore, receives help from press secretary Rodney Maddox. He has also hired a speech and drama teacher in Wake County to improve his delivery and gestures. Gilmore's Issues Committee writes his speeches, then Gilmore makes revisions if needed. For candidate's forums and appearances, Gilmore holds mock sessions with staff members and his speech coach.

Maddox said that the key to good delivery is rest and relaxation. "But," he said, "after a man has been in the public's eye as long as Gilmore has, you can't dramatically alter his speaking habits."

Gilmore also is debriefed after speeches to find out what he thought went well and what went wrong, Maddox said.

Arleen Higgins, on the Eddie Knox for Governor staff, said that Knox meets with his Issues Committee for briefing and delivery pointers once a week. Knox doesn't have a speech coach.

An aide for Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Martin said that Martin gets little coaching and doesn't use notes for his speeches. "He is a former chemistry professor," she said, "so he can assimilate his positions from his notes before he gives a speech."

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