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Race heats up after Sanford surgery

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The U.S. Senate race between Democratic incumbent Terry Sanford and Republican Lauch Faircloth has remained heated as Sanford attempts to regain his early lead in the polls.

Sanford was absent from the campaign trail for two weeks as the result of surgery on a heart valve. His absence led to a series of Faircloth television advertisements in which Faircloth wished Sanford a speedy recovery from his surgery.

The ads were perceived by many as a ploy to hurt Sanford's campaign, said Jennifer Hillman, a Sanford campaign aide.

"It's hard to measure the effect of any given ad, but (Sanford) was definitely hurt in the polls," Hillman said.

Robert Anderson, a Republican candidate for U.S. Congress, said that he perceived the Faircloth ads as "honest

and sincere." The ads were a "breath of fresh air" and illustrated "clean politics," Anderson said.

Hillman said many of Faircloth's other ads contained "lies and distortions" about Sanford's senate record.

She cited Faircloth's accusation that Sanford was against welfare reform as false. Sanford is actually a very strong supporter of welfare reform, she said.

Hillman also said that Faircloth wrongly accused Sanford of being a "big spender."

Sanford voted against President Bush's tax increase in 1990, and he voted to cut \$12 billion from federal spending, she said.

Rory Blake, a Democratic candidate



Lauch Faircloth

for U.S. Congress, also said that the ads had a potentially harmful effect on the Sanford campaign. "The more often you repeat a lie, the more often it sounds like the truth," he said.

Sanford is beginning to respond to the Faircloth ads, Hillman said, but he does not have as much money remaining for advertising as Faircloth does.

Meanwhile, Sanford is attempting to regain his lead in the polls and to "set the record straight," Hillman said.

"He's going to do everything he can to do it," she said.

Sanford, who began campaigning on the day he was released from the hospital, has kept himself in the public eye since then.

He held a press conference Sept. 23, appeared at a women's rally in Raleigh Sept. 24 and attended the Southeastern



Terry Sanford

N.C. rally with vice presidential candidate Sen. Al Gore in Fayetteville, Hillman said. He is scheduled to appear on the Bill Friday Show and to travel with presidential candidate Gov. Bill Clinton and Gore this week, she said.

"Faircloth doesn't make public appearances, so the public doesn't know what he stands for. All he does is run negative ads," Hillman said.

Blake said he believed Faircloth would not be an effective senator. "He's a perfect puppet," he said.

Blake pointed out that Faircloth became a Republican only one year ago and said that Faircloth, if elected, would have no influence in what would be a largely Democratic senate.

But Anderson said he believed Faircloth would win the election.

"He will be a good senator because he represents the people of North Carolina much more than Terry Sanford," he said.

Blake disagreed. "The U.S. Congress without Senator Sanford is like peanut butter without jelly. It sort of sticks to the roof of your mouth."



World Briefs

Lithuanians hold first independent elections

VILNIUS, Lithuania — Lithuanians trudged through heavy snow to the polls Sunday in the country's first parliamentary election since it won independence from the Soviet Union.

President Vytautas Landsbergis tops the list of candidates from the governing Sajudis Popular Front, but with 16 other parties vying for seats, there was no guarantee the movement that led Lithuania to independence would win a majority in the new parliament.

Voters also were being asked to approve a new constitution that creates a stronger presidency. It would provide for popular election of a president, who currently is chosen by the parliament.

After casting his ballot, Landsbergis was asked by The Associated Press whether he would run. The 60-year-old former music professor replied with a smile, "Yes."

According to preliminary reports, 60 percent of the electorate had cast their ballots by the time polls closed at 10 p.m.

Voters came to the polling stations during a heavy snowfall that sent cars skidding into one another on the icy streets of Vilnius.

To ensure as high a turnout as possible, the polls were open from 7 a.m.

For many of Lithuania's 2.5 million voters, Sunday's choice was harder than during the last parliamentary elections in February 1990, when the key issue was whether or not a candidate favored independence from the Soviet Union.

Now, 473 candidates from 17 parties are contesting 141 seats in the Sejm, as the parliament is called in Lithuanian.

Landsbergis remains popular, but he is facing increasing pressure because of the nation's economic hardships.

Muslim guerrillas kill five Israeli soldiers

RASHAYA, Lebanon — Muslim guerrillas set off a roadside bomb Sunday, killing five Israeli soldiers in one of the deadliest attacks in the Israeli-occupied enclave in southern Lebanon, security sources said.

Seven soldiers were wounded in the blast in the village of Ahmadiyah on the northern edge of Israel's self-designated security zone, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The attack came as the seventh round of Middle East peace talks was under way in Washington.

There was no immediate confirmation of the report from Israel, which often withholds news of attacks on its soldiers in Lebanon until their families have been notified.

Israel normally reacts by sending warplanes on bombing missions against guerrilla hideouts in south and east Lebanon.

Israeli warplanes have struck Lebanon at least 29 times this year. Most of the air raids were in retaliation for guerrilla actions in the south, although some were pre-emptive strikes.

The Islamic Resistance, the military wing of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, claimed responsibility for the attack on the Israeli soldiers in a statement broadcast by its radio station, Voice of Islam.

The report said a "large number" of Israeli soldiers were killed or wounded, but gave no figures. It did not say if any of the attackers had been captured or hurt.

Death squad threatens El Salvadoran peace

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — A rightist death squad's threat to kill leftist rebel leaders has heightened tension in El Salvador, menacing a fragile peace process in this war-torn Central American nation.

Guerrilla chiefs dug in at their 15 stronghold camps over the weekend, placed their remaining fighters on alert and accused President Alfredo Cristiani's conservative government of being in cahoots with the death squads.

A presidential spokesman retorted that "intelligence reports" showed the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front guerrillas secretly were planning to assassinate a number of government officials.

As tension rose, the average Salvadoran began fearing the January peace accords could collapse and violence erupt again after a cease-fire that ended more than 12 years of civil war expires Saturday. It is also the deadline to complete the terms of the peace plan.

On Saturday, the rebels — popularly known as the FMLN — said they would be willing to accept such an extension. But Cristiani's administration, beset with the delicate task of purging the military of human rights violators, seemed to be dead-set against it.

So are many among the military and in Cristiani's Republican Nationalist Alliance, also known as ARENA, which in the past had strong ties with security forces and the death-squads.

The Brigade said in a statement Friday that the peace accords gave too many concessions to the rebel "terrorists," creating an "intolerable situation" by "purging our glorious armed forces."

Its hit list included U.N. officials in the country to supervise disarmament and enforcement of the accords, leftist politicians, Salvadoran journalists and foreign correspondents.

Joint Chinese, Russian Mars mission planned

BEIJING — Chinese and Russian scientists are preparing for a joint mission to explore Mars and look for signs of life, an official report said Sunday.

For the past two years, scientists from the Chinese Academy of Sciences have been working with the Russian Academy of Sciences researching and making high-altitude sounding balloons for detecting cosmic rays and studying space environment, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Yuri Sergeevich Osipov, the president of the Russian academy, was quoted as saying they were preparing to launch a spacecraft in 1994 that will orbit Mars and collect data. A second launch in 1996 will land on the planet to explore its climate and geology and search for signs of life.

The project has been dubbed Mars-96. France, Italy and the United States also are working on the project, but Osipov did not give details of their work.

The Soviet Union launched two Mars-bound spacecraft in 1988, but both failed to reach the planet, the report said.

China's space technology has focused on satellite launches. It has said it would launch an unmanned spacecraft by the year 2000, but few details of those plans have been reported.

—The Associated Press

Clinton, Gore come to N.C.

Staff report

Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton, his running mate U.S. Sen. Al Gore, D-Tenn., and their wives will be making area campaign stops at the Hillsborough courthouse and the N.C. Central University College Bowl today.

The stops are part of the Clinton/Gore campaign's bus tour through North Carolina. The N.C. trip is the eighth bus tour for the Democratic candidates.

The UNC Young Democrats, the Student Environmental Action Coalition, Students for Clinton/Gore and Chapel Hill for Choice are sponsoring a bus caravan to see Clinton and Gore at NCCU.

The free caravan is departing from the Morehead Planetarium parking lot at 12:30 p.m. today.

For additional information, call the Democratic Coordinated Campaign at 833-1192 or Katherine Wilson at 933-0351.

Lockup

a delay of a few seconds.

Brockmann said she had tried to address the concerns of area residents through a survey.

The survey revealed that a substantial number of students said they felt safer in their rooms with the limited access policy in effect, Brockmann said.

"Mostly everyone is used to the policy, but they haven't forgotten that they don't like it," she said.

Students have expressed mixed reactions to the policy.

Sarah Anderson, a freshman from Charlotte, said the limited access had made her feel more secure about living on campus. "It makes me feel safe to know that strangers can't just walk into

the residence halls," she said.

Anderson also said that she found the Point-2-Point shuttle a helpful addition. The shuttles, implemented this summer, carry only UNC employees during the day and pick up students anywhere on campus at night.

Beau Giles, a freshman from California, said he thought that even though University administrators were trying to help, the efforts weren't useful.

Giles recalled one morning when he walked out of his hall and forgot his key and simply waited around to get back inside the hall.

"If you really want to get in, you can."

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Ewell

council's inclination to appoint a black person but that he thought he would have been able to represent the black community fairly.

"In a perfect world, I would have been the obvious choice," he said, referring to the fact that he was the fifth-highest vote getter in last November's municipal elections.

"If they were to choose a white candidate, I would assume they would have chosen me," Ewell added.

Ewell said the council would continue to suffer because of the lack of representation from the local business community.

"There's no one on the council who has to worry about running a business," he said. "I think they're out of touch with lots of interests."

By operating three businesses, Ewell said he was able to keep up with the needs of a wide cross-section of Chapel Hill residents.

"In the course of a day, (a business

person) sees people from every walk of life," he said. "It gives you the opportunity to talk to people and find out what concerns them."

Ewell said he decided to pull out of the race after talking with the mayor and several council members.

"I did a lot of soul-searching," he said. "It was a tough decision because a lot of folks wanted to see me (on the council)."

Ewell said he would consider running for town council next year, adding that he would continue to stay active on several planning committees and task forces until then.

"I haven't quit yet," Ewell said.

The council is expected to make an appointment for the vacant seat this week. The appointee will serve until next November's municipal elections.

The person receiving the fifth-highest vote total will complete Wilkerson's term through 1995.

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