

# Politicians don't want Barry

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Long before former mayor Marion Barry returned to Washington last week, political and civic leaders appeared to launch an informal campaign to keep him from running for office — if not for good, then at least for this year.

Barry's best, and perhaps only, shot at winning election is in Southeast Washington's Ward 8, where longtime District of Columbia Councilwoman Wilhelmina Rolark is up for reelection. Barry still appears to have emotional ties to many voters there who believe he was harassed by the government.

Those close to Barry have said they think it's likely he will run there this fall, despite a resounding defeat in a city-wide council race after his 1990 trial.

That prospect already has led

Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, D.C. Council Chairman John Wilson and many other city lawmakers no longer close to Barry to hand Rolark resounding endorsements that have doubled as blunt messages to Barry: Don't risk another political embarrassment.

Even among some prominent Barry backers, there is sentiment that he should settle into a private life instead of diving into a grueling campaign that could hamper his recovery from alcohol and drug addiction and spark more race and class tension in the district.

Councilman H.R. Crawford, a friend of Barry's, has been in discussions with business and civic leaders in the city about finding the former mayor a new job well outside of politics.

"I don't think Marion should have to come back to this city with his hat in his hand," Crawford said recently. "He should have a good job, and we should just leave him alone."

Barry was convicted of a single count of misdemeanor possession of crack cocaine in August 1990 by a jury that viewed an undercover FBI video tape of the former mayor smoking crack in a hotel room.

He was released from a federal prison in Loretto, Pa., on Thursday after completing a six-month sentence for drug possession.

During a welcome home celebration this weekend, Barry gave no hint about his plans for the future, but said his past mistakes would not block future accomplishments.

"If I was able to do this much good while my life was out of control and I didn't know the grace of God, imagine the good I can do with your help and with God in my life," he told more than 800 people who gathered at Southeast Washington's Union Temple Baptist Church for a prayer service.

# Jackson wants v. p. candidacy

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson said that if he is not chosen as the Democratic nominee for vice president he is "prepared to react" in some unspecified manner, according to a published report today.

"I've got the experience and I've got the votes," the Daily News quoted Jackson as saying. "I see myself as a running mate for the Democratic Party."

Jackson told the newspaper, "We are ready for any opportunity to serve but we are ready if we are ignored or rejected.... If I am rejected this time, I am prepared to react."

He did not indicate what he would do if the Democratic presidential nominee does not select him as a running mate, the News said.

Jackson said he believes he

likely nominee, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, "is a secure enough person to choose me as his running mate."

"I haven't seen any sign of him being intimidated by me," the two-time Democratic presidential candidate said. "There is a mutual respect between us."

Clinton has not yet announced who his running mate would be.

# Perot supporters need help

Piedmont for Perot Committee Chairman Vincent Shortt, held a press conference Tuesday morning to announce that the group has collected only a third of its goal of 25,000 petition signatures.

In his speech he noted that the group has distributed over 100,000 petitions. They urgently need these petitions to be returned to the committee so the signatures can be veri-

fied and turned in to the State before the deadline in June.

According to Mr. Shortt, North Carolina is second only to California in total number of signatures required to place Ross Perot on the ballot. He feels this is due to a political system tailored to preserve the two party status quo.

Volunteers will be collecting signatures up until the June dead-

line, concentrating on major events, shopping centers, and the primary precinct locations. As Shortt noted at the end of his speech, "This campaign is not about filing a protest ... it's about electing a president."

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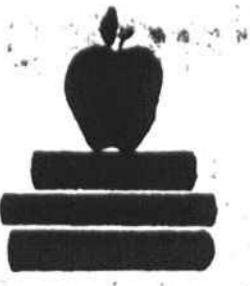
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