



Photo By Calvin Ferguson

Candidate for District 2 Board of County Commission, Nasif Majeed, and his supporters walked through the black neighborhoods of Piedmont Courts, Boulevard Homes and Reid Park last Saturday questioning the concerns and seeking the support of the areas' citizens. Majeed says the residents of these low income housing projects

particularly need a voice in city-county government. He also said this event was a way to build trust between the community and politicians. Shown here Majeed (l) greets Vanessa McCain in Piedmont Courts. Former City Councilman and Majeed supporter, Ron Leeper (c) looks on.

Group Gets Warning

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after his assault conviction last year in a homosexual encounter.

Barnett said Walton's reelection would send a negative message to blacks and especially the young.

"We feel that if Bob Walton wins, the black community loses," he said. "Any race that refuses to discipline its own is going nowhere."

Anthony Ford, 19 and secretary of the Piedmont Courts Residents Organization Committee, echoed Barnett's sentiments as he addressed the board.

"I don't like Bob Walton," he said. "To me, I don't see him as a fit politician and as a role model. I picture him to be a joke to the black community and the state."

Ted Arrington, the election board Chairman, asked Barnett if the group was trying to affect the outcome of the hotly-contested race. Barnett denied there was an effort to oust Walton but to open the debate as to his fitness for office.

"We're not trying to change the election," Barnett said. "We just want the black community to know what's going on."

Bill Culp, the county's election Supervisor, wondered aloud if Barnett's group was just exercising its right to free speech without becoming a PAC.
"I wonder, if as an organiza-

tion, if they're doing anything other than expressing the opinion of two individuals," he said.

Arrington agreed, but pointed out that it's the raising and spending of money that makes a PAC.

"Where you cross the line is where you become a factor in the election," he told Barnett. "Don't spend any money through People United (for Justice) without filing."

After about 40 minutes of debate, the board agreed that PUJ hadn't violated any state laws and was free to continue its current campaign.

"We don't have any hard evidence, despite what Mr. Osborne says," Arrington said. "Well, you're not a PAC-not yet, anyway."

Afterward, Barnett pondered the idea of forming a political committee separate from PUJ.

"We knew we were skirting the line pretty close before," he said.

We Err'd

In an article published last week (Anti-Walton Efforts Must Form PAC) District 2 County Commission candidate was named as a member of a local group opposed to Commissioner Bob Walton's reelection.

Baldwin is not a member of People United for Justice, which is headed by James Barnett.

Jackson Camp Is Ready For N.C. Primary

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"We've gotten an excellent reception throughout the state," he said. "People are ready for a realistic discussion, a practical discussion. We're talking about a campaign that embraces progressives and middle-of-the-road folk."

Jackson has come a long way since his 1984 campaign, which was considered badly managed and too liberal for most white

voters. The message has not changed, but the candidate, with that experience behind him, is a better campaigner.

"The candidate has grown exponentially in the last four years" in his knowledge of international and domestic issues, Blue said.

Running as a national candidate, Jackson has set himself up for a good southern showing knowing the campaign is solid.

Blue said. Voters don't care where the candidate is from as long as the message is consistent.

"We don't have a Southern strategy, unlike at least one other candidate," Blue said in reference to Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore. "What we're talking about in Iowa, we're talking about in North Carolina."

Gore has gotten endorsements from several high-profile Demo-

crats in the state, including Sen. Terry Sanford, whose 1986 election was fueled by black voters. But that doesn't faze the Jackson camp, who contend that politicians don't win elections.

"Each (Gore endorser) has one vote," Blue said. "It's the people who have to bear the burden of misdirected policy. That's why we're taking our campaign to the people."

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Turnout Will Decide Super Tuesday Primaries

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centrate on the urban centers and the east, with a few side trips to Fayetteville and Wilmington," Lyons said.

Super Tuesday could backfire on Gore, who has based his candidacy on his southern roots and is banking on a powerful showing to keep his campaign going.

"Gore has the most to lose," if he falters next week Lyons said. "If he doesn't do well, he'll be discounted right away."

Gephardt and Dukakis just have to make a respectable showing in the South to prove they are capable of running national campaigns, Lyons said.

The Republican scenario is a bit different with Vice President George Bush in front but Pat Robertson could be the wild card.

Once again, if voters show up in droves for Robertson while Bush's support stays home, there could be an upset.

"If you believe what the polls say, George Bush is doing very well in North Carolina," Lyons said. "If you have a large turnout across the state, Bush would win by a large margin. But if the turnout is low, Robertson could do well."

Robertson's candidacy has situated

phoned off New York Rep. Jack Kemp's right-wing and Christian support. Kemp's campaign is headed by several members of the Congressional Club, which is linked to N.C. Sen. Jesse Helms.

"The Republican contest has pretty much shaken down," Lyons said. Kemp usually finishes fourth behind Robertson and I don't see that changing."

Despite doing well in the pri-

maries and caucuses, Jackson and Robertson have little chance of reaching the White House, Lyons said.

Race and religion are their stumbling blocks.

"Both have charisma and can bring a lot of people into the political process who wouldn't even participate," he said. But Jackson's black support combined with some white support won't get him elected and Robertson's evangelical base isn't broad enough to get him elected."

FCC Requires TV Hiring Reports

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ing these guidelines is not a 'safe harbor.'"

"The number of minorities and women that a station employs is important and continues to be a factor which we consider," said FCC Chairman Dennis R. Patrick.

"We will not use numbers as a strict quota below which a broadcaster will necessarily fail in their EEO program if they are making aggressive and adequate efforts to correct the problem," he said. "But nor will numbers be used as a 'safe harbor' above which broadcasters will necessarily be found to be in compli-

ance.
"The simple lesson is that all broadcasters must have in place an affirmative action program which puts them in a position to identify and recruit and retain qualified minorities and women," he said.

Besides WTWC, the stations required to submit further reports to the FCC are: WNCT-TV, Greenville, N.C.; WUNC-TV, Chapel Hill, N.C.; WTKK-TV, Manassas, Va.; WTGL-TV, Cocoa, Fla.; WXEL-TV, West Palm Beach,

Jackson Boosts Total

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South with the "Big Momentum" of victory in predominantly white voting northern states, such as Iowa, New Hampshire, South Dakota and Minnesota, where Jackson surprised the pundits by almost finishing second.

The minister-politician may benefit-or suffer from the "crossover" vote of conservative white Democrats who are switching votes in open primary states (without declaring party preference) to support Republicans-or vice versa, Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore, leaving Gephardt and Illinois Sen. Paul Simon to split the remaining white vote with Jackson as he maintains a majority of black votes. "This is the new southern strategy in reverse" said one observer.

However, not all black voters are locked into the Jackson camp. Although 18 of the 23 Congressional Black Caucus members have pledged support, some black leaders, such as Rep. Alan Wheat (D-Kansas City) have a mixed constituency who favor Gephardt.

Jackson has drastically changed his strategy since 1984. Now, most of his top campaign positions are held by white, political professionals.



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