

Redistricting may hinge on McCrory

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would change the balance of power on the council by drawing three Democratic districts, three Republican districts and one toss-up district - District 4.

Under the Republican plan, the district map would be redrawn to swing District 4 south to include more of the area toward Albemarle Road.

Another black district, District 2, would extend across the city's northern border and take in the University City area. Some of the current District 2 would be added to the northern end of District 3, represented by Patrick Cannon.

Like congressional redistricting cases around the South, the matter could end up in court, since a divided city council may

not be able to agree on a new map, according to some analysts. Democrats hold a 6-5 majority on the council, but



Greene

Mayor Pat McCrory, a Republican, could cast a deciding vote by vetoing a n y Democratic proposal.

A city council committee voted 2-2 along party lines to present the two plans to the full council. The matter is expected to appear on the council's agenda Monday, with adoption as early as April 28. Ella Scarborough, the lone black council member on the redistricting committee, could not be contacted for comment on the committee's discussions. Scarborough is an at-large council member, but was first elected to the council as a District 3 representative.

"We are going to get it passed," Greene said of the Democrats' plan. "Whether the mayor chooses to exercise his veto is up to him."

With elections coming up this fall, council doesn't have much time to make the required changes. Majeed, who is planning to run for a third term, said District 4 has always been a swing district.

"It is pretty diverse, socioeconomically and demographically," he said. "In the African American community, it runs the gamut from less fortunate to

well off. It is the same in the European community. It is a broad combination."

District 4 would be approximately 48 percent white and 48 percent black and more than 59 percent Democratic registration under the Democratic plan. The Republican plan would make District 4 about 60 percent white, with a 62 percent Democratic registration.

Under the Republican plan, Greene and fellow Democrat Sara Spencer would both be in District 1, which Spencer now represents.

The Republican-backed plan could drive a potential wedge between African American and white Democrats, since the redrawn District 4 would not be majority black, but still majority Democratic.

Love's good for tennis partners

Couple met at 100 Black Men tournament

By Josephine George
THE CHARLOTTE POST

For Dr. Winslow Schock and Glenda Duke, Cupid didn't use a bow and arrow to bring them together.

A tennis racket was more appropriate.

The couple met at the tennis tournament a year ago sponsored by the 100 Black Men of Charlotte. Schock, a tennis lover, did not know when he attended this tournament he would meet his future wife.

Duke and Schock plan to marry on the tennis court where they met a year ago. The wedding will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Jeff Adams Tennis Center.

Patti Smith is the center's director along with her husband Robbie, who teaches the sport. Smith also runs the 100 Black Men tournament, which plays through the weekend.

This is the first time a top-ranked player from N.C. and S.C. have ever wed. "This is the only time because we both live in the same state," Schock said.

Duke and her daughter moved to Rock Hill in November. She now is apart of his team. She works at his practice.

"I think he is perfect, the love

of my life playing tennis. This is just like a big love letter that you read everyday" said Duke.

The tournament, which usually occurs in June, was switched to April 13, which was the same day Duke and Schock planned their marriage.

"I called Patti to announce the wedding, and she told me that the date of the tournament was changed to the same day as the wedding," said Schock.

Patti Smith suggested they hold the nuptials there. The couple agreed to it.

If you're looking for a traditional wedding this is not it. There will be cookout, a five-foot cake that will be seen on one side of the court and tennis balls thrown at the couple instead of tennis balls.

T-shirts will read "In tennis love means nothing. In marriage love means everything."

"People in wet and dry tennis clothes will be there," Schock said. "This is a wedding you don't want to miss."

The couples will wear team colors - red, black and white.

The groom and his attendants will wear white dinner jackets, red vests, red tie, and black pants. The bride will wear white. Her attendants will wear red, white and black. The best man is Richard Hempfield whom he met volunteering to teach tennis. The bridal attendants are her daughters Jenny and Kelly.

They just want people to come. Gifts are optional.

"The day will be filled with patients, neighbors and family," Schock said. "We just want everyone to enjoy," said Schock.

The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Cynthia Russell, president of Clinton Junior College in Rock Hill, S.C.

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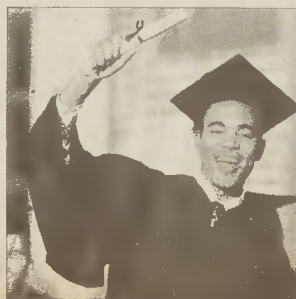
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