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Strong Impact In Political Arena

What many blacks had hoped and predicted would be a close race turned out to be a disappointment Tuesday night, as N.C. Republican Sen. Jesse A. Helms pulled out a six-point defeat of challenger Harvey B. Gantt of Charlotte.

Polls as recently as last week had shown Gantt either leading Helms or trailing by only four points, but the final margin was 53 percent for Helms, 47 for Gantt.

Other Democrats fared better in state and local races, however. U.S. Rep. David Price won handily over a highly visible Republican John H.

Carrington, 50 to 40 percent.

Wake Sheriff John H. Baker, Jr., as expected, had little trouble defeating Morrisville Police Chief Bruce W. Newnam. Baker got 63.8 percent of the vote to Newnam's 36.2 percent.

The Raleigh Housing Bond issue, which would add a one-cent charge to the property tax to finance low- and moderate-income housing construction and renovation, was passed overwhelmingly, 63.8 percent of the vote. Many black community citizens and organizations had endorsed the bond referendum.

Helms' victory was seen by some

as a victory for appeals to hatred and fear, as, trailing in the polls during the last weeks of the campaign, he released TV spots saying Gantt had large amounts of support from gays (clearly visible in the graphic was a headline with the epithet "queers"), and appealing to whites' fears of affirmative action, designed, some said, to remind voters that a "good ole boy," no matter how unlikely, was running against one of "them."

Others said that the apparent "surge" of Helms support at the last minute was merely an artifact of problems with polling, and pointed

out that some polls had Helms leading by that margin all along.

Helms jumped out to a 10-point lead early in the evening, 55 percent to 45 percent, but the major news organizations refused to predict a winner in the race until after all the polls closed at 10 p.m.

The unusually late closing came in response to a judge's order in predominantly black Durham County, where voting machine problems and the absence of paper ballots kept many would-be voters standing in line for as much as three hours. The judge said that voters

should be allowed to vote if they had arrived in time and should not be prevented by circumstances which were not their fault.

The Helms campaign objected, saying that the law did not allow such leeway, and sought to overturn the order in higher state and federal courts, and even, at one point, calling the head of the SBI to demand that the polls be forcibly closed. All attempts failed, however, and the polls remained open.

The overwhelmingly pro-Gantt votes in Durham County did not make the difference, however, as the final

margin was still a healthy six percent for Helms.

Gantt won in urban areas and carried the Triangle and Triad, but lost heavily in urban areas and most of the rest of the state.

Gov. James G. Martin's attempts to get more Republicans elected to the judiciary and the state Supreme Court bore little results, with the only turnaround being N.C. Supreme Court Justice John Webb losing to Republican challenger I. Beverly Lake, Jr., by 52 to 48 percent, and

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Jesse Jackson Not Likely Nominee In 1992 For Democrats

BY PETER E. UWAGIE-ERO

The presidential race will not be on again until 1992. However, Dr. Larry Brisker, researcher and dean of student development at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio, conducted a poll of 600 black men and women leaders nationally.

Campaign Days Ahead was one of the 35 national issues surveyed by mail. Sixteen percent of the leaders polled on campaign issues said that Jesse Jackson was likely to be nominated by the Democratic Party for the 1992 race for the office of president of the United States.

However, Mario Cuomo was selected by 26 percent of the black leaders over Jackson. Their criterion is based on political reality, using ethnicity as a strong wedge.

Jackson is in the liberal camp of his party. Even if he were in the moderate camp, the predominant ethnic group in this camp is white. His charisma cannot cut through the ethnic barrier. Therefore, the black leaders think that Mario Cuomo will be the nominee of the Democrats.

If in reality this nation were ready for a president by a member of a minority group, the women's group, which is a minority in the power structure only, not in population, is more likely to produce a president than the black minority. The reasons are clear. Population is in their favor. Ethnicity and their gender will draw votes for them from all camps—conservatives, moderates and the liberals.

There is no doubt that Jackson is an excellent vote-getter for his party. The big question is whether his



REV. JESSE JACKSON

nomination will yield the desired result—defeating a white candidate from any wing in the competition for president. This is the rationale of the black leaders. They feel that the stigma of being an outsider to the moderates and his race do not put him in a position to garner the votes he needs in order to win.

On this issue, the black leaders have placed practicality or reality in juxtaposition with actuality or idle daydreaming. To say the least, their conclusion is that, even if Jackson's case was treated in isolation, his charisma notwithstanding, the reality of it is that the election of a black candidate to the office of president of the United States is an

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Attempted Rape

WOMAN ATTACKED ON CAMPUS

Police Seeking Suspect

An African-American female was transported by police early Nov. 7 to Wake Medical Center after an alleged rape attempt.

Raleigh Police Officer P.M. O'Neal filed the investigation report following the incident at St. Augustine's College.

According to police reports, the victim was taken to the hospital and released. The report listed injuries as "chest pains." No suspects have been apprehended.

In other news: Opal S. Gilbert, 22, of Martinsville, Va., was found choked and stabbed to death recently in her West Raleigh apartment. Her body was found about 7 a.m. at 5416 Portree Place, Apt. 4, by her boyfriend, Charles G. Thomas of Raleigh, according to police records.

George E. Coker, 23, of 313-D Idlewild Avenue, has been named as a suspect in the case. Coker is being held in Wake County Jail without bond pending a court hearing. No motive for the slaying has been determined.

Also, Raleigh police are looking for an escapee who fled the Triangle Correctional Center by climbing over a fence recently.

Jason Beddingfield, 22, climbed through a hallway window and over a fence at the prison at 1001 Mountford Avenue in West Raleigh, according to

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SAFE KIDS—Participants in the recent "Kid Safe Saturday" were Raleigh residents Andrew Stewart, 4, and his sister Ashley, 2, practicing emergency telephone training skills with their mom, Dedra, at a workshop put on by Raleigh Police Department volunteers. The event

was sponsored by the National Child Safety Council in conjunction with the Alert Centre and Pleasant Valley Promenade merchants to teach children safety practices. More than 500 kids attended the event.

Volunteers Organize, Set Goals For Strong 1990 UNCF Campaign

Dozens of volunteers in Raleigh have been organized. Businesses, organizations and individuals have been targeted. Pre-telethon fundraisers have been planned. Some have already been held.

What is going on? The Wake County United Negro College Fund campaign has kicked off its annual drive. This year the organization is seeking to raise \$138,500 between now and Dec. 29,

when the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars," a telethon to benefit UNCF is aired.

Kenneth C. Wilkins, chairman of the Wake County campaign, said this year's drive is receiving strong support. "We have more volunteers, more community involvement and more financial support than we have had at this point in the past. I am encouraged," he said.

But while he may be encouraged Wilkins is not taking that goal lightly. Hundreds of letters will be sent and visits will be made to prospective contributors. The campaign has already organized separate teams to call on businesses, clubs/organizations and individuals.

Darius Davis, a local banker, will head the team that will call on area businesses. "Wake County's approach to the private sector this year will be more aggressive and will include a personal touch," Davis said. "We intend to have members of our committee personally contact companies in the area, sit down with the decisionmakers and discuss the

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Editor Focuses On Employment, Working Women

Kate Rand Lloyd, editor-at-large of Working Woman, was the featured speaker during the annual Academy of Women awards program sponsored by the YMCA of Wake County.

Lloyd joined Working Woman as editor in 1977 and under her direction, the magazine's circulation has grown from 97,000 to one million. She currently is a commissioner for the National Commission on Working Women and serves on the board of several organizations including Child Care Action Campaign, Women's Equity Action League, National Women's Political Caucus and Institute for Women and Work.

Lloyd addressed the academy last week at the Marriott at Crabtree Valley where eight women were inducted and honored for their achievements.

The program agenda included an

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NEWS BRIEFS

\$100,000 PLEDGED

Thomas B. Dameron, Jr., chairman of the Our Health... Our Future Campaign to establish the Poe Center for Health Education, announced recently that the A.J. Fletcher Foundation has pledged \$100,000 to the capital campaign, sending the total over \$2.5 million.

AROUND THE WORLD

A special event for the Fred Olds Elementary Extended Day Care is being planned and programmed for Wednesday, Nov. 14, by the N.C. State University Recreation 358 students. The event, titled "Around the World in Two Hours," will consist of various activities with an international theme. For more information, call David Holder at (919) 546-9233.

CITY WINS AWARD

City Manager Dempsey E. Benton, Jr. announced recently during a City Council meeting that the city has captured first place in the 1990 City Division of the National Roadside Excellence Program. The award, presented annually by the National Roadside Vegetation Management Association and Monsanto Agricultural Co., recognizes excellence in roadside vegetation management and is designed to enhance public interest in more attractive, safe, and serviceable roadsides.

VETERANS' DAY

Most City of Raleigh municipal government offices will be closed

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Ensure Minority Participation Contractors Urge Support From DOT

United Minority Contractors of North Carolina, Inc., a statewide association of minority contractors, and a nonprofit advocacy, technical support and training organization, recently met with Secretary Thomas J. Harrelson and Department of Transportation officials to discuss the lack of minority contractor involvement on state highway construction projects.

"UMC representatives have continuously encouraged the department to review their minority participation efforts because of low minority contract awards," said one UMC official.

While the state has expended \$179 million between July 1989 and September of this year in state highway construction projects, approximately one percent of the

construction dollars were awarded to minorities.

"The picture looks very bad," said one UMC board member. "However, the picture looks even worse when including division highway construction awards." Division highway contracts are construction awards handled by the 14 regional division engineers. "One percent is an embarrassment to the state."

continued the board member.

Although North Carolina is approximately 25 percent minority and minorities certainly buy cars and pay fuel taxes and other taxes, they are not represented adequately when it comes time for the state to disburse these tax monies.

The North Carolina General Assembly enacted legislation establishing a 10 percent goal on state highway construction projects during the 1989 legislative session. Under House Bill 399, General Statute 136-28.4, Section 1.5, the state seeks to encourage greater minority business participation in state highway construction. However, the statute does not mandate a set-aside program, and the department does not seem to feel obligated to ensure or encourage minority business participation in the construction of its streets, roads, and bridges.

"The department certainly is not doing any more than they are required to do, and they aren't even making any meaningful efforts to implement the law as it presently exists," says one minority contractor. "When you consider the fact that the Legislature passed the legislation in 1989 and the department waited until July 1990 to place minority goals on projects—after spending \$120 million with no minority goals assigned—the evidence of commitment is obvious."

"The bottom line is this, we are only trying to get Secretary Harrelson and this administration to understand that we pay taxes, and we would like to participate in the development of a strong economy in our communities just like anyone else."



INSTALLING BRICK—Ms. Rosa Parks, civil rights activist, visited Raleigh and Durham this past weekend to take part in a series of events in her honor and received warm greetings from both cities. In Raleigh she attended an awards ceremony at Shaw University and installed a

brick in the Martin Luther King Memorial Gardens, formally dedicating them. She is seen above with Raleigh Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Campbell and Bruce Lightner, a member of the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee. (Photo by Dr. Ant-Anubis/Apple 1-Hour Photo)