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SACRAMENTO MAYOR'S RACE

## Johnson's personal pitch



Mayor candidate Kevin Johnson, center, is a novice politician who admits he lacks detailed knowledge of many issues. But he has powerful endorsements, a veteran staff and is trying to meet 300 voters each afternoon, asking them what they consider to be important.

### As he learns issues on the fly, ex-NBA star jogs door to door to make his case

By Mary Lynne Vellinga  
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To say Kevin Johnson walks precincts every afternoon doesn't begin to capture it.

He doesn't just walk precincts; he attacks them.

Nearly every day, around 3:30 p.m., Johnson and a troupe of campaign workers descend on some Sacramento neighborhood. They try to knock on at least 300 doors.

Last Thursday, they hit Tahoe Park, a leafy neighborhood of well-kept, older homes just east of the gritty Oak Park neighborhood where Johnson grew up. The candidate wore black pants, a white dress shirt, tie – and Nike running shoes.

Four young staffers scurried up the sidewalks to check if occupants were

On June 3, Sacramentans will cast their ballots for mayor. The Bee hit the campaign trail with the two leading contenders, incumbent Mayor Heather Fargo and challenger Kevin Johnson.

**Tuesday:** Fargo's efforts to win a third term.

**Today:** Johnson's quest to unseat her.

**Tonight:** A live televised forum with all seven candidates.  
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home. When nobody answered, they left pamphlets. If someone came to the door, they yelled to Johnson, who jogged over – literally – with a trail of news photographers in tow.

Johnson said this daily precinct walk/run is "the core strategy" of his quest to wrest the Sacramento mayor's job from Heather Fargo, who is seeking a third term.

He says he's trying to connect with as many Sacramentans as possible, hoping to convince them he possesses the leadership and listening skills that make him the best choice for mayor. He knows he lacks detailed knowledge of many policy issues, but says he is working hard to learn, and has a willingness to embrace a bold future for his hometown that he says has been lacking.

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## Clinton eyes new path after split result

By Peter Wallsten  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON – Tuesday's voting in Indiana and North Carolina put Hillary Rodham Clinton no closer to overtaking Barack Obama on the path to the Democratic presidential nomination. That now leaves Clinton with one overriding task: to make the path longer.

For most of the year, June 3 beckoned as the end of an exhausting nominating calendar, the day that the final states hold primaries to choose between Clinton and Obama. But now Clinton is preparing to push the contest beyond the voting phase of the process and into the realm of committee meetings and credentialing rules, where her campaign believes she may have a chance to overtake Obama before the party's nominating convention in late August.

Obama swept to victory in the North Carolina primary Tuesday night and declared he was closing in on the nomination. Clinton eked out a win in Indiana as she struggled to halt her rival's march into history.

"Tonight we stand less than 200 delegates away from securing the Democratic nomination for president of the United States," Obama told a raucous rally in Raleigh, N.C. – and left no doubt he intended to claim the prize.

Clinton stepped before her own supporters not long after.

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### DEMOCRATS

**Indiana**  
5,215 of 5,230 precincts (99%)  
70 of 72 delegates allocated

	Percentage of vote	Delegates allocated
Clinton	51%	37
Obama	49%	33

**North Carolina**  
2,807 of 2,817 precincts (99%)  
99 of 115 delegates allocated

	Percentage of vote	Delegates allocated
Clinton	42%	38
Obama	56%	61

Delegate totals, including superdelegates, as of 11 p.m. Tuesday		
	Total	Tuesday
Clinton	1,684	76
Obama	1,840	95

Needed to nominate: 2,025

### REPUBLICANS

**Indiana**  
5,214 of 5,230 precincts (99%)  
27 of 27 delegates allocated

	Percentage of vote	Delegates allocated
McCain	78%	27

**North Carolina**  
2,807 of 2,817 precincts (99%)  
0 of 66 delegates allocated

	Percentage of vote	Delegates allocated
McCain	74%	0



To see a Bee video and audio slide show of Kevin Johnson on the campaign trail, go to: ► [www.sacbee.com/links](http://www.sacbee.com/links)

## Major gift recalls his modest roots

By Kevin Yamamura  
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The quiet philanthropist stood beside the movie-star governor Tuesday to celebrate the Bernard Osher Foundation's unprecedented \$70 million donation to California community college students.

Bernard Osher, 80, was too modest to address the crowd gathered in Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's Capitol office for a donation ceremony. He remained calm and respectful, always standing to the side of the podium.

But as students snapped pictures of Schwarzenegger afterward, Osher

beamed about how his latest education gift could help generations of students.

"These people don't have any money, the poor people that are going to these colleges, and it makes a tremendous amount of difference," Osher said. "When you get these letters, you realize what you're doing. So \$150 might not mean much to you, but to them, going to school and being able to buy books makes the total difference."

The San Francisco-based Osher Foundation has committed \$50 million toward an endowment to pay for

scholarships for the state's poorest community college students starting in 2009. That money will pay for \$1,000 awards to defray the costs of textbooks, lab fees and other items beyond registration fees. An additional \$20 million gift is dedicated toward scholarships for students who transfer to four-year California schools.

Osher grew up in Biddeford, Maine, as the son of working-class immigrants from Russia and Lithuania. His parents owned a hardware and plumbing store, where he worked with his siblings before attending Maine's pres-

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**BERNARD OSHER**

The quiet philanthropist has pledged \$70 million to help the state's poorest community college students.

## Foreign aid starts to reach Myanmar

Associated Press

YANGON, Myanmar – International aid began to trickle into Myanmar on Tuesday, but the stricken Irrawaddy delta, the nation's rice bowl where 22,000 people perished and twice as many are missing, remained cut off from the world.

In the former capital of Yangon, soldiers from the repressive military regime were out on the streets in large numbers for the first time since Cyclone Nargis hit over the weekend, helping to clear away rubble. Buddhist monks and Catholic nuns wielded axes and long knives to remove ancient, fallen trees that

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Deadly cyclone poses a threat to Myanmar's ruling generals.  
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Video on the latest conditions in the cyclone's aftermath.  
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were once the city's pride. However, coastal areas of the delta worst hit by the high winds and tidal surges were out of reach for aid workers, isolated  
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