

### NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

### Jackson Will Seek Presidential Nomination

WASHINGTON - The Rev. Jesse Jackson announced last week that he will seek the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination. Jackson, who heads Chicagobased Operation PUSH, is seeking to become the first black presidential candidate to be nominated by a major party.

Although many black political leaders, including Coretta Scott King, have said they will not support Jackson, the civil rights leader said he is not discouraged.

"All candidates must get their votes from the open market, and none of the candidates have inherited any

votes, nor can anyone bequeath any vote. Jackson said.

Polls already show that a Jackson candidacy pulls more support from Democratic front-runner Walter Mondale than any other candidate. Jackson shows substantial backing from blacks in the primaries and caucuses, drawing from 5 to 10 percent of the voters. "Obviously, he's going to be a factor," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who took himself out of the 1984 race.

On the subject of a running mate, Jackson said he will try to choose a woman.

# Holiday Honoring Dr. King Signed Into Law

washington - President Reagan signed into law last week a bill that made Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a national holiday.

Two hundred guests in the Rose Garden of the White House witnessed the bill being signed into law and then joined Coretta Scott King, the wife of the slain civil rights leader, in singing "We Shall Overcome." Reagan and Vice President George Bush shook hands with the guests but did not sing.

Reagan had initially opposed legislation to make King's birthday the nation's 10th federal holiday but

committed himself to signing the bill if passed by the Senate, which the lawmakers did despite stiff competition from Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. The House passed the bill in August.

"In America in the 50s and 60s, one of the important crises we faced was racial discrimination," Reagan told the White House gathering last week. "The man whose words and deeds ... stirred the nation to the very depths of our soul was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

The King holiday will be celebrated the third Monday in January beginning in 1986.

## South Africans Vote In New Constitution

**SOUTH AFRICA** - South Africa's white minority voted nearly two to one last week for a new constitution giving limited government representation to Asians and people of mixed-race.

South African blacks, however, will continue to be excluded under the controversial new constitution, but the outcome means future "evolutionary reforms" for blacks, said South African Prime Minister Peter W. Botha. The nation's 22 million blacks are considered citizens of tribal homelands and have no vote in South Africa.

Opponents of apartheid, a systematic form of racial discrimination practiced by South Africa, said the new

constitution gives no real vote to the nation's 2.7 million persons of mixed-race and 800,000 Asians, and does nothing to advance the rights of the blacks. South Africa's white population numbers five million.

Despite harsh criticism from both white supremacists and liberals, for opposite reasons, Botha's National Party said the change was necessary for the country's white minority to counter international criticism and to continue to dominate.

The constitution takes effect next year and will create chambers in Parliament for mixed-race and Asian legislators. The current 166-member white chamber will remain the same.

#### Fire Prevention

# Keep Your Holiday Merriment Safe

By THOMAS FLYNN Syndicated Columnist

Unpleasant as it is, it's as inevitable as death and taxes that somewhere in America this Thanksgiving a holiday cook will be rushed to the hospital with serious burns -- just as it's inevitable that somewhere a houseful of revelers will be driven into the coldy by a kitchen-related fire.

So be sure to cook and enjoy a Thanksgiving repast safely, if you're among those Americans who celebrate Thanksgiving at home.

Why is Thanksgiving cooking more hazardous than at any other time? First, many cooks never prepare as many courses, in such quantity, as they do this time of year, causing extraordinary demands on cook and kitchen alike. Secondly, at no time of year is the kitchen more crowded -- with self-appointed assistant chiefs, children, dogs...you name it. So, all the usual kitchen safety tips become doubly important as the holiday meal draws near.

Start making your kitchen fire-safe by declaring it off limits to the younger folk. There's confusion enough without the risk of tripping over a toddler you don't even know while carrying a hot saucepan.

To doubly childproof the kitchen, cook with all pan handles facing inward and make sure appliance cords don't dangle over the edges of counters. This will make it, harder for little hands to pull down pans, bowls and Cuisinarts, showering little bodies with heavy hardware and scalding foodstuffs.

Now that the children are safe, see to yourself. Avoid frilly holiday grab while you cook -- lacy bows and fluffy sleeves could easily touch a burner and ignite. Roll up your sleeves and don a stout apron while you work.

Be extra careful to use pot holders when carrying pots and pans. Maybe you can rush across the kitchen and put down a pot of soup before your fingers burn when you've got the kitchen to yourself. But the extra time it could take to navigate around your nephew's sisters-in-law could be all it takes to make you burn your fingers -- or drop a scalding hot pan of liquid all over somebody.

Do you know how to deal with a pan fire in stove or oven? Smother the pan with its lid or use a fire extinguisher. Don't carry the pan outside or use water. You'll simply spread the fire.

Speaking of a fire extinguisher, where is your kitchen extinguisher? The wise cook permanently mounts it in easy reach -- not behind or above the stove where one must reach through flames to get at it.

A little common sense can make sure this Thanksgiving remains an occasion for giving thanks and not a tragedy never to be forgotten.

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#### **Crime Prevention**

# Firms Robbed At Gunpoint, Knifepoint

The following "Crime Box Score" is designed to keep you abreast of criminal activity in your community during the past week and to help you protect your family and property from crime:

Armed Robbery

•2500 block, Old Walkertown Road

The suspect pointed a chrome-plated gun at a clerk and told her to give him all of her money. The clerk then was forced to lie on the floor while the suspect fled on foot. The suspect is described as a 5-8, 160-pound black male who appeared to be 26-30 years old and has a medium-brown complexion.

•2000 block, Broad Street

The suspect asked for a pack of cigarettes. As the clerk turned around to hand him a pack, the suspect pulled out a butcher knife, demanded money and ran. He was later captured, identified and charged with storebreaking and larceny.

Robbery From Person

•1400 block, Gray Avenue

While walking along the sidewalk, the complainant was confronted by two black males who assaulted him and stole his watch, keys and wallet. The suspects also stole the complainant's vehicle, which was located a short distance away. The vehicle was damaged on the inside. One suspect was described as 5-7, 185 pounds, the other 5-10, 160 pounds.

Common-Law Robbery

•1400 block, East 21st Street

Two known subjects entered the complainant's house and assaulted her and another victim, forcibly taking

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money from their victims. Warrants charging commonlaw robbery have been issued.

•200 block. West Fifth Street

The complainant and another victim were severely beaten and robbed of wallets and money by four or five black males. A witness provided details of the incident. One subject was apprehended, identified and charged with common-law robbery.

Rape

•800 block, 14th Street

The complainant let an unknown suspect, who she thought was her son, into her apartment. Once the door was open, the suspect struck the complainant in the face several times, knocked her to the floor and sexually assaulted her.

Housebreaking

•2700 block, Piedmont Circle

The suspect entered an apartment while the complainant was home. A fight ensued between the two and the complainant ran into the bedroom when the suspect pulled a knife. The suspect then ran out the front door. He is described as a 5-5, 30-year-old black male with a husky build.

•3000 block, Patterson Avenue

The complainant left her house late in the afternoon, returned a short time later and discovered her door open. She then called the police, who found the suspect inside the house.

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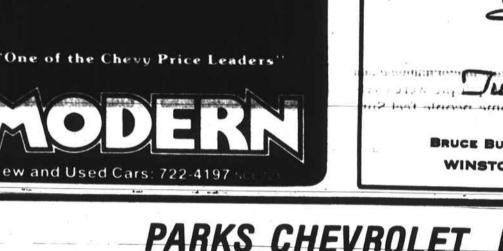
•200 block, South Liberty Street

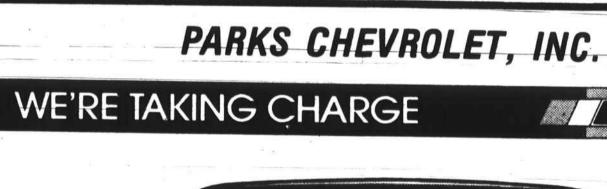
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