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## Despite Dukakis snub, Jackson captivates delegates

### Leaders react to VP selection

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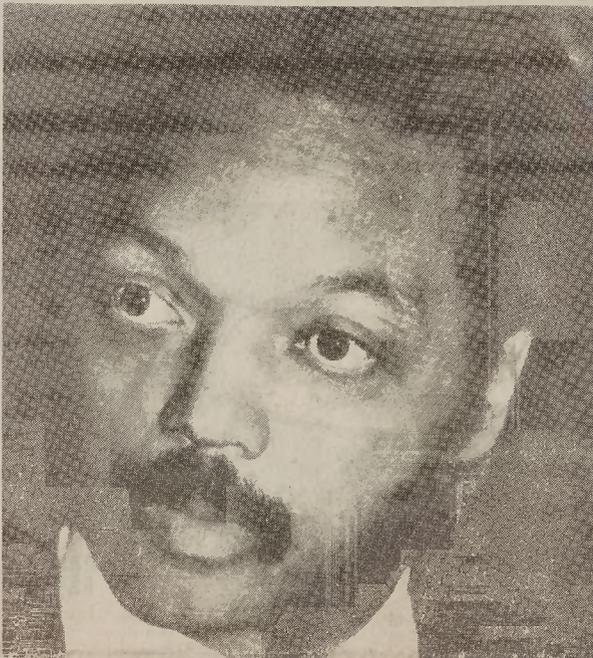
Local Afro-American and Democratic Party leaders voiced disappointment and optimism in the same breath this week after Democratic Party presidential runner Michael Dukakis overlooked Jesse Jackson when naming his vice presidential running mate, Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

The chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Party, Michael Wells, said Friday that those who maintain a wary of Afro-Americans in high government positions were proven wrong when Jesse Jackson pledged support of the Michael Dukakis/Lloyd Bentsen ticket.

The Rev. John Mendez, however, thinks Jackson was shortchanged. "He was absolutely not treated fairly," Mendez said. "From day one, throughout the process he accumulated delegates. He had an uphill struggle all the way, because he dealt with issues not normally... Had he been a white man he could have won the nomination; he would have won the presiden-

Wells and other community leaders think Jackson had a great effect on the Democratic Party platform even though he was not selected as Dukakis' running mate. Ann Simmons, minority affairs chairman of the N.C. Fifth District Democratic Party, says Jackson successfully brought his campaign issues to

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The Rev. Jesse Jackson: I just want to take common sense to a higher ground.

"...If any other candidate had campaigned as hard as I did ... and achieved as much, that person would be the nominee or certainly on the ticket."

-- The Rev. Jesse Jackson

### Calls for party unity, human dignity, peace

By Chronicle Staff and Wire Reports

There weren't many dry eyes in the house at the Omni Coliseum in Atlanta Tuesday night as the long-awaited speech of presidential candidate Jesse Jackson was being delivered. In vintage Jackson style, the charismatic leader of the "Rainbow Coalition" called for party unity, an end to human suffering and a commitment to peace.

His speech, which lasted 50 minutes, was interrupted about every 60 seconds with applause as he offered words of encouragement to AIDS victims, youth, women, gays and lesbians, blacks and hispanics, and students.

Tears streamed down the faces of delegates holding red placards in

support of Jackson as he spoke poignantly of his humble beginnings.

But, despite pre-convention tension between the Jackson and the Dukakis camps over the manner in which Dukakis selected Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas to be his running mate, it was clear Tuesday night that Jackson's intentions were to heal wounds and to have a unified front.

Jackson promised Wednesday to endorse Dukakis and to campaign enthusiastically in the fall election, although he still sought the convention's nomination Wednesday night. Dukakis has promised Jackson a substantial role in the fall

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photo by Mike Cunningham

Despite financial odds, Rasheeda Id-Deen pledges to fight to keep family home care service.

## Family care home in jeopardy

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG  
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Rasheeda Id-Deen has searched for more than a year for ways to pay off the \$32,000 debt her family care home has accumulated over the past nine years. Now in federal bankruptcy court, with Wachovia threatening to foreclose on the East Winston Rasheeda's Family Care Home located on First Street, Id-Deen went to the city Board of Aldermen as a last resort Monday night.

Aldermen Vivian H. Burke and Patrick Hairston took her aside, however, and told her to come better prepared to the next Board of Aldermen meeting in two weeks. "I felt good about it," Id-Deen said Tuesday. "Divine intervention has

already taken place for anyone to even consider my situation."

If she can't come up with the money by July 31, the house will be sold to pay part of the debt, and Id-Deen and the five elderly women she cares for will be forced to leave.

Id-Deen, however, refuses to give up and still hopes to expand her facility to 40 beds. She has the plans, the desire, the dedication and the managerial skill to pull it off, she says, if someone can help pay her debts.

"Wachovia said they own the house, and I have to make them an offer around \$30,000," Id-Deen said. "I would turn the deed over to someone who would buy the house and let us continue. That's what I'm looking for... Or a partner in the business."

Rasheeda's Family Care Home is clean, comfortable, and lived in. The sterile disinfectant smell permeating most nursing homes and hospitals is noticeably absent here, and so is the sometimes impersonal treatment of residents.

Id-Deen encourages and supports the care home residents in their struggle to live the tail end of life with dignity. "I keep their desire and motivation intact," she said.

So in addition to the challenge of keeping a small business afloat, Id-Deen is faced with the responsibility of caring for elderly and physically and mentally handicapped residents. She also cares for her clinically schizophrenic mother who lives in the family care home.

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## Child abuse easy to detect

Some victims develop severe personality disorders as adults

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG  
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The eight personalities protected her as a child from a sexually abusive father, but now make it difficult for the independent young woman to cope.

She has had three husbands, and difficulty maintaining rela-

tionships and is struggling to find her true identity.

"The personalities emerged to protect herself," local clinical psychologist Stephen Bradbard said. "Each personality deals with people in different ways."

Multiple personality disorder is this woman's scar left from childhood abuse, but others develop dif-

ferent psychological disorders as a result.

Some abuse victims develop "post-traumatic stress disorders", the same problem afflicting many Vietnam War veterans, Bradbard said. "When a person experiences something so far outside the normal

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## Newell moves against drug abuse

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG  
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The dirty old house at 1335 N. Jackson Ave. is being scrubbed and repainted, the ceilings reinforced, and the electrical wires replaced. The old poolroom walls will soon be covered with a fresh coat of paint, and city Alderman Virginia K. Newell hopes the new look will spread to the East Winston neighborhood where 14th Street crosses Jackson Avenue.

The area of East Winston where the once ramshackle game-room sits has long been plagued by a cycle of crime and degeneration, but may soon be restored thanks to city police and dedicated residents, Newell said as chairman of the Best Choice Task Force, a community group working to restore the area.

Last year, the East Winston Restoration Association and the Best Choice Task Force decided to focus on the 14th Street area and provide a more wholesome atmo-

sphere for residents. The Winston-Salem Urban League and the city Chapter of Links, Inc. have volunteered their support and technical assistance.

The Best Choice Task Force is concentrating specifically on renovating the old pool hall and converting it into a service center for the treatment and prevention of drug abuse. The goal is to send the area's practically open-air drug market underground, Newell said.

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photo by Mike Cunningham

### Pageant's Best

Kevin Richardson and Dominique Patterson, Mr. and Miss Black Teenage America 1988, share the winners' circle at the national finals held July 17 at the convention center. The annual pageant, sponsored by Dudley Products, awards scholarships to finals participants.