Democratic convention wrapup

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ATLANTA — The scene was historic, as Jesse Jackson, Lloyd Bentsen and Michael Dukakis led the Democrats in one last pep rally to say that they — united — will retake the White House in November.

The Democrats knew that portraying a sense of unity in July would translate into big votes in November. Privately, however, some delegates ask are the Democrats really united and just what did Jesse Jackson really get?

Even with the signs, the cheers and the speeches before national TV, some Jackson supporters were visibly not moved.

But long-time civil rights advocate and Jackson supporter, Rep. John Conyers (D-MI), said that change has indeed taken place, but that "it cannot be implemented until the next presidential contest and Democratic National Convention.

"The question of super delegates was very painful to the Jackson campaign; we will either do away with them, or at the very least, reduce their effectiveness," he added.

Mike Dukakis received the lion's share of the super delegates, although Jackson received the majority of the vote.

That, apparently, was too much for many delegates as they fought back tears on the convention floor as Dukakis' name was officially placed into nomination for the presidency.

Jackson earlier had tried to soothe his followers of over four years as he told them, "we must keep hope alive."

In his 55 minute speech, which included 38 rhymes and was interrupted over 50 times, Jackson said the Democratic party is at a crossroads.

"We will either expand, be inclusive, find unity and power or not grow," Jackson told the throng.

Many Jackson delegates, though, have had trouble finding common ground with their Dukakis counterparts. While one Oklahoma delegate said, "they tell you they like Jesse, but privately, they hate him," Detroit Mayor, Coleman Young pointed out bluntly, "it is time for people to wake up and be realistic and not emotional."

Young had endorsed Dukakis to the displeasure of many Michigan delegates. His reception was cool when he rose to speak at the convention.

Regardless of the convention's outcome, the Maryland delegation said it planned to take the lead by implementing many programs introduced by Jackson.

The co-chair of the Maryland delegation, Benny Thayer, said "In the state of Maryland we have already begun negotiations to emulate at the state level what Jesse Jackson has done at the national level."

As the delegates return to their respective states, they will savor many memories of Atlanta:

*The Georgia state troopers with their sky blue shirts and their Smokey-the-Bear hats and stone faced looks;

*The network reporters who fell over each other for their perfect stand-ups;

*The celebrities like Dionne Warwick, Susan Sullivan of Falcon Crest and Coretta Scott King;

*The press passes which changed colors every day;

*The button trading, in which everyone tried to get a network lapel pin;

*The plight of the handicapped delegates who could not see the podium, because of insensitive reporters and delegates,

*The walk uphill from the Marriott marquis to the World Congress Center;

*The Ku Klux Klan as they confronted the black-helmeted Atlanta police officers who resembled The Imperial StormTroopers;

*Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis and Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Democratic nominees for the party;

*The colorful speech by Texas State Treasurer Ann Richards, who made Swiss cheese out of the Republicans and George Bush;

But the thing they will remember the most was Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson, who made history by paving the way for other Afro-American political activists to stand on his broad shoulders.

"Never surrender, move forward, you can make it."

ATLANTA: Rev. Jesse Jackson embraces Southern Christian Leadership Conference Director Joseph Lowrey during Jackson's appearance at the SCLC.

Hot weather and hair care

Some things can be expected in Baltimore during our hot and humid summers. Children splashing at neighborhood pools, crowds at Harborplace, and sweat glands that work overtime.

But for black women, hair care during the summer may be their most dreaded chore. The sun, chlorine from pools, salt from beaches and humity can combine to transform healthy, manageable hair into a brittle, frizzy mess.

There are a number of hair treatments that can make life easier for the black woman.

"It's hot, and you want your hair nice," says Sarah Taylor of Edmondson Village while receiving a permanent at Friends Hair Salon on Eutaw Street.

"I had braids for seven years. (To maintain it) I just washed it and put a little spray on it. You don't have any maintenance; it dries on it's own. More than likely, before the summer's over, I'll go back to braids," says Taylor.

Natural hair styles have the advantage of easy maintenance and do not revert because of perspiration as many chemically induced styles such as permanents do.

The 'Wrap' hairstyle is a chemical treatment, but the hair style stays in place for two-three weeks, requires no combing, and does not revert due to perspiration, says Dawn Womack, manager of Friends Salon.

The hair is shampooed, conditioned and chemically treated. All of the hair is then wrapped around the skull and dried. Once the hair is unwrapped and combed, it remains in a fixed style.

"It allows you to perspire and not have to run to the blowdryer. It's very convenient because it stays in place," says Womack.

Hair must have a permanent for the wrap style, says Womack.

"Texturizing" is another treatment that is healthy for the hair and easily managed. It loosens the natural curls that blacks already have, says Womack.

"It loosens up the natural wave pattern. We're so conditioned to think our hair is nappy."

Hair treated with a permanent cannot be texturized because the permanent has already altered the hydrogen bonds in the hair shaft to straighten the hair, says Womack.

"It works well with hair that has a thick wave pattern. If not, (the hair) may go straight. You also need to know your hair. We all have different hair textures," says Womack.

Finger waves create a shaped style that can remain intact for about two and a half weeks with heat and humidity, says Womack.

Maintaining a permanent in hot and humid weather requires more visits to the salon, says Womack, but treatments should also be applied to protect the hair.

Treatments should consist of reconstruction solutions that penetrate the hair shaft and close split ends, strengthen the hair and help it retain it's elasticity, says Womack.

Baby oil should be applied to hair before swimming in chlorine pools, says Sherrie Woingust of Doll's Magic Comb on Eutaw.

HAIR STYLIST Dawn Womack treats the hair of Henri A. Daniels.

City Council facing fire veto vote

By Alisa Samuels
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The Baltimore City Council, which convened December 10 with five new members, including a new president, proved to be very controversial during its first seven months.

From the beginning, the 19-member body clashed with Council President Mary Pat Clarke, snatching her powers to assign committee chairmanships and a vice president.

Clarke intended to assign newcomers, women and minorities to chair committees, but a faction of the Council voted veteran members to chair committees.

And even now, the Council is divided as to whether it will override Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke's veto of Council Bill 255.

The legislation was introduced to keep three fire stations scheduled to close open, until a comprehensive study was completed on fire suppression in the city.

"I am reluctant to override the mayor's veto," said Vera P. Hall, Fifth District.

Hall added, "I haven't promised to vote for or against the mayor's veto.

None of the Council members want to lose the fire stations, but its inevitble because, "I know you can't write a comprehensive study in a month," Hall said.

The Council has until July 27 to try to override the veto, for a study to be written before the stations, two in the Sixth District and one in the Fourth, close on Labor Day.

Because of this bill, which has brought much emotion, the Council has stretched its summer recess date, June 29, to settle this issue.

Walter E. "Bill" Cunningham, who introduced Council Bill 255, said he would like to see the Council override Schmoke's veto, but doubts the ability of the certain members to do so.

"I don't know if there are enough Council people able to make that kind of decision," Cunningham said, refusing to name names.

The entire Council cosponsored the bill that if approved, would have delayed the closings until a study was conducted on the city's fire protection services and allowed the citizens to participate in the fate of the firehouses.

The Council is expected to take action on July 25, 26 or 27, said Councilman Anthony J. Ambridge, Second District.

The absence of several Council members, who are out-of-town on vacation, poses a problem to the Council's ability to override the veto, Ambridge said.

The Council needs 15 votes to override the veto and the mayor needs five to sustain his veto.

Mayor Schmoke has hired a Washington, D.C.-based consultant firm, Public Technologies Institute, to conduct the study, said David L. Glenn, president of the Board of Fire Commissioners, at Tuesday's fire board meeting.

"The fire department has entered into this in good faith," Glenns said. "We have no axes to grind."

Manley plans to cooperate

The National Football League is investigating Washington Redskins defensive end Dexter Manley for suspected substance abuse and may take disciplinary action this season against the former all-pro lineman.

Manley's attorney, Bob Woolf of Boston, confirmed the investigation and said he and Manley would cooperate.

Woolf said he and Manley expected to meet with NFL officials within the next week to discuss the situation.

Manley declined comment on the investigation, saying he was preparing for training camp, which begins for veterans Saturday afternoon in Carlisle, Pa.

An unnamed source was also cited as saying he understood the league "had not taken final action at this time against Dexter Manley."

Manley, 30, who has been one of the most highly acclaimed defensive players since joining the Redskins in 1981, spent a month during the spring of 1987 in the Hazelden Foundation, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility in Center City, Minn. Manley has said he was treated for alcohol abuse.

Reports revealed NFL Commissioner Pete Rozell met this year with Manley and Woolf to discuss Manley's suspected involvement with drugs and alcohol after Rozelle had put his concerns in writing.

After the meeting with Rozelle, the NFL gave Manley guidelines regarding his conduct, to which Manley agreed, according to the Post's sources.

One of the conditions reportedly accepted by Manley was periodic drug testing. The paper quoted a source as saying the current Manley investigation was prompted by a positive result for a "minor" substance in a recent test.

"I understand there is concern by the league, as well as questions regarding substance abuse by Dexter Manley," Woolf told the Post. "We look forward to meeting with the league to discuss Dexter's situation. Our goal is to correct Dexter's problem and to keep him in football."

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Manley has two years remaining on his contract, for which he is paid about $405,000 annually in addition to incentives.

The Redskins have known for nearly three years that Manley has suffered from an alcohol problem. In October 1985 he missed a team meeting and subsequently was involved in an automobile accident in front of Redskin Park in Herndon, Va. The team took no action against Manley.

Two months later, before a playoff game against the Los Angeles Rams, Manley missed a team meeting and practice; he was fined $1,000 and played.

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CARLISLE, PA (UPI) — Washington Redskins defensive end Dexter Manley is the target of an investigation by the NFL for suspected drug and alcohol abuse and could face disciplinary action from Commissioner Pete Rozelle.

Bob Woolf, Manley's agent, said the former all-pro player will be in New York Friday for a hearing before league officials about suspected substance abuse. Manley, a flamboyant player known for outrageous comments and erratic behavior, spent a month in a drug rehabilitation center in Minnesota last year for an admitted alcohol problem and reported cocaine use.

Redskins General Manager Bobby Beathard, in Carlisle for the team's summer training camp, said Wednesday the team will wait until after the hearing before deciding what action, if any, would be taken with Manley.

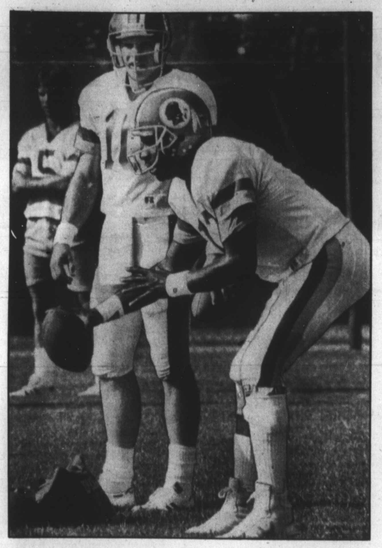
Manley triggered the investigation by testing positive in a random drug test, the Washington Post, quoting unnamed sources, reported in Wednesday's editions.

Rozelle can fine, suspend or ban players for drug use as part of his powers to defend the "integrity" of the league.

Woolf said he does not know what kind of drug was involved in the matter.

"The inquiry is being made on something minor — that's what they've said," Woolf said.

Manley, 30, is scheduled to report to the Redskins summer training camp on Saturday with most of the team's veterans.



DOUG WILLIAMS, quarterback of the Washington Redskins, bends over to take a practice snap as backup quarterback Jay Schroeder looks on during opening day of the team's preseason training camp at Carlisle, Pa. The world champion Redskins opened camp with hopes of winning their second straight Super Bowl title. — UPI

Jay to 'Skins: play or trade me

By Will Dunham

CARLISLE, PA (UPI) — Jay Schroeder, the deposed starting quarterback of the Washington Redskins, said Tuesday he has asked the Super Bowl champions to trade him unless he is given more playing time this season.

Schroeder, a 1986 Pro Bowl selection who lost his job to Doug Williams last season, met privately with Coach Joe Gibbs Monday night.

"I told them that if it looks like I'm not going to get the opportunity to play here and there's an opportunity somewhere else, I wouldn't mind because I want to play football. And I think everybody in the same situation would want the same thing," Schroeder said after practice at Dickinson College Tuesday.

Washington General Manager Bobby Beathard has refused to rule out a trade involving Schroeder and the team fielded inquiries from several teams, including Indianapolis, San Diego, Seattle and the Los Angeles Raiders, prior to the April draft.

Although Beathard said the Redskins received no serious offers, Schroeder said the Raiders recently had been in contact with his agent.

Schroeder said he would like to remain with Washington, but not as a bench warmer.

Gibbs, who said he initiated Monday night's meeting, would not comment on the specifics of the discussion. Schroeder said he told Gibbs he wanted to be traded during the meeting.

"Jay and I sat down and had a good talk, kind of gave our feelings on everything to start out a new year," Gibbs said.

Schroeder's relationship with Gibbs steadily deteriorated last season, as Williams and Schroeder swapped the starting job five times before Gibbs settled on Williams for the playoffs. Schroeder was criticized by some in the organization for having a bad attitude.

Williams has been named as the team's starter for training camp and likely will remain as the Redskins starter for the regular season opener Sept. 5 against the New York Giants.

Schroeder, known for a strong arm and fierce competitiveness, will earn a reported $900,000 this season — about $350,000 more than Williams, who was the MVP of Super Bowl XXII.

Schroeder, 27, replaced Joe Theismann in 1985 and threw for a club record 4,109 yards in 1986 in leading the team to the NFC title game. He sustained a separated right shoulder in the first quarter of the first game last year and was frustrated with accuracy problems all season.

The Redskins have four quarterbacks in camp — Williams, Schroeder, well regarded veteran backup Mark Rypien and sixth-round draft pick Stan Humphries.

Tyson fighting to control money

NEW YORK (UPI) — The hearing on Mike Tyson's lawsuit against his manager was rescheduled Tuesday to Thursday, with lawyers attempting to settle the money being held from the heavyweight champion's fight last month with Michael Spinks.

Tyson is trying to break his managerial contract with Bill Cayton.

The delay stemmed from two hours of negotiations in which lawyers are trying to resolve several issues: Cayton's one-third share of the purse from the Spinks bout; the status of Tyson's fight with Frank Bruno Sept. 3 in England, and Cayton's future role with the champion.

"We're talking about what to do with the money now in escrow and the Bruno fight," Thomas Puccio, the lawyer for Cayton, said outside state Supreme Court in Manhattan.

Peter Parcher, one of Tyson's lawyers, said both sides will meet Wednesday to "see if there is a way for the Bruno fight to go forward without prejudice to Tyson's position that he (Cayton) is not the manager and his position that he is."

Justice David Edwards, Jr. extended until Thursday the temporary restraining order, preventing distribution of money from Tyson's June 27 fight in Atlantic City, NJ. The judge has barred the two sides from engaging in any business deals involving Tyson.

Lewis stays on course

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Carl Lewis, a quadruple Olympic gold medalist four years ago, won the men's long jump Monday night at the U.S. Track and Field Trials to stay on course to duplicate his 1984 performance.

Lewis, already ensured at least one berth on the Olympic team, secured another when he long jumped 28 feet, 9 inches (8.76 meters) to equal the fifth best leap in history.

He defeated Larry Myricks, the last person to beat him in the long jump, by three-quarters of an inch to extend his record winning streak to 55 in the event.

With victories in the long jump and 100 meters, Lewis needed only to win the 200 meters Thursday to match his performance at the 1984 Olympic Trials.

Essex camps next month

There is still space available for the basketball and volleyball camps which Essex Community College will run this August.

Under Carol Eustis, basketball coach, basketball camp will run Aug. 8-12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is open to players in middle school, high school, college, or above and costs $50 a person.

Under Kizzie Mailander, head volleyball coach at The American University, the volleyball camp will be held from Aug. 15-19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The camp is open to players in middle school, high school (excluding graduating seniors), college, or above.

For further information contact Barbara Miller at Essex, 522-1262.

Prep officials

The Maryland Board of Football Officials is now accepting new applicants. The board trains and provides football officials for Baltimore City Public Schools, Private and Parochial Schools (M.S.A.), Baltimore County High Schools and Anne Arundel County Schools.

Games are played on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, with a few on Saturdays.

Training classes will begin Monday, Aug. 1 and continue until the first week of November.

Anyone interested in becoming a high school football official, and available on weekday afternoons, may contact Steve Smith, membership chairman, at 665-7157, or Enzo Marconi, president, at 879-1436 for an application and further details.

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