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Ferraro: Candidacy contributed to son's felony drug conviction

RUTLAND, Vt. (AP) — Former vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro says she blames herself in part for her son's cocaine conviction, and says the family will appeal the verdict to the Vermont Supreme Court.

"We still believe he was set up," Ferraro said of her 24-year-old son, John Zaccaro Jr.

A Vermont District Court jury deliberated for slightly more than two hours Saturday before finding Zaccaro guilty of selling one-quarter gram of cocaine to an undercover police officer while he was a senior at Middlebury College two years ago.

No sentencing date was set, and an appeal could take two years. The felony conviction carries a maximum sentence of five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

At a news conference after the verdict, Ferraro blamed her son for possessing cocaine, as well as herself "and my candidacy for making my son a target." Ferraro ran on the Democratic ticket with Walter Mondale in 1984.

She also criticized former Middlebury police Sgt. David Wemetre "for setting my son up" and Addison County State's Attorney John Quinn for rejecting a plea bargain.

"We, as his parents, would not allow him to plead guilty" to the felony charge of selling cocaine, Ferraro said. The family had asked prosecutors to let Zaccaro plead guilty to a lesser charge of possession.

But Quinn would not accept a plea for less than a felony. He said

accepting a lesser charge would have minimized the case against Zaccaro, when it was clear to him that Zaccaro's actions constituted more than possession.

Ferraro pointed to several drug cases recently heard in Vermont in which plea bargains were arranged easily and light sentences were given to defendants accused of selling larger quantities of drugs.

The defense also used the argument that Zaccaro was unfairly singled out because of the publicity surrounding his mother, but the Vermont Supreme Court refused to overturn the charges on that basis.

Jury selection lasted four days, prolonged by wide publicity the case had gained, but the verdict came

only one day after the trial itself began.

Opening arguments and testimony began Friday, with the defense claiming Zaccaro was entrapped by a young, inexperienced, attractive undercover police officer. "This is a case of improper and overzealous police conduct," Zaccaro's lawyer, Charles Tetzlaff, argued.

He called no witnesses, instead basing his defense on attacks on the prosecution witnesses and attempting to show the police investigation was based purely on rumor and that the undercover buy was poorly executed.

But Quinn said Zaccaro was a well-organized drug dealer. He described the deal with undercover officer Laura Manning as just another sale.

Jackson, Gore try to gain supporters for N.Y. primary

NEW YORK (AP) — Jesse Jackson and Sen. Albert Gore Jr. sounded conciliatory notes Sunday as they campaigned for support in New York's Democratic presidential primary, a contest in which the active candidates often had to compete for attention with non-candidate Mario Cuomo.

Meanwhile, the front-runner in the contest, Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, took the day off to celebrate Greek Easter with his family.

Also taking a day off was Vice President George Bush whose path to the Republican presidential nomination is clear of serious opposition. While GOP rival Pat Robertson remains in the race, the former television evangelist has conceded he has no chance to overcome Bush's long lead in the race.

Gore and Jackson were interviewed on the CBS show "Face the Nation," and played down their differences, which have appeared more heated as the New York campaign got under way.

Jackson also said that if elected president he would not meet again with Yasser Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

He said a meeting he had with Arafat several years ago was "for the sole purpose of challenging him to change his posture and move toward a mutual recognition policy with Israel."

That meeting with Arafat has been a focus of criticism by Jewish leaders in New York.

Mayor Edward Koch said earlier in the week that Jewish voters and other supporters of Israel would "have to be crazy" to vote for Jackson in the primary.

Gore had made one of the strongest direct attacks of the campaign on Jackson when he said recently that the nation was

looking for leadership not a teacher in the White House.

Jackson supporters bristled at the comment and called it "dis-

Asked if he agreed, Jackson said, "That's not my business. There are race-based conditions; his is not a race-based condition, but I accept it in that part, because I respect Arafat quite a bit as a person."

When asked if he thought Gore was being unfair, Jackson also demurred.

"No, I think Al Gore has much character to be called unfair," he replied.

Although Gore said he had no intention of altering the aggressive tone of his campaign, Tennessee senator Pat Robertson thought all the candidates "can't wait but line up for the issues all the way down the line."

Nixon also said Jackson's pealing to those who are not despite prosperity. And what George Bush must come, and that's why I'm going to be a close election than a landslide."

The former president said while he would describe Gore and Jackson as "poets," he would better be compared to a word processor.

On the other hand, Nixon of Dukakis, "he's cool, he's gentle, he's tough, he's good, he's bates. He's going to be a very formidable candidate."

Cuomo took the spotlight in the active candidates on Sunday by announcing he would endorse anyone prior to the 19 vote.

Study: Men buy more clothes than women

WASHINGTON (AP) — When single people go to the clothing store, who spends more money? The answer, investigators have discovered, is men.

Women outspent men in most age groups, but one deviation — among men age 55 to 64 — was enough to pull average clothing spending for all single men above that of single women, \$735 to \$657, reported American Demographics magazine.

The study also found that single women spent a larger share of their income on food consumed at home, housing, health care, personal care services and reading material, while men spent their money on restaurant food, alcohol, transportation, entertainment, tobacco and retirement plans.

Police arrest 1000 suspects in blitz against drug dealers, street gangs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More than 1,000 people were arrested in a weekend police blitz against drug dealers and street gangs responsible for waves of violence that have been claiming hundreds of lives a year.

A 1,000-officer task force flooded Los Angeles streets in gang areas Friday and Saturday night.

Between Saturday evening and 1:30 a.m. Sunday, police reported 481 arrests, almost half of them on the gang-infested southside. About 190 of the arrestees were suspected gang members.

Task force officers made 592 arrests Friday night and Saturday morning during round one of the unprecedented crackdown on gangs that have terrorized neighborhoods in the nation's second largest city.

About half of those arrested during the first dragnet were believed to be gang members, police said.

available on how many of those arrested in the sweep had been released by Sunday afternoon.

It was the department's biggest attack ever on gangs, which specialize in the cocaine trade and were blamed for 205 killings in the city of Los Angeles last year. Gang killings in all of Los Angeles County reached 387 last year.

About half of the special force, formed by putting officers on overtime at a cost of \$150,000 a day, went to augment regular patrols in the south-central area, where gangs are the most active. The rest of the officers spread out citywide.

Two drive-by shootings were reported despite the police presence, but investigators were not sure if they were gang-related.

Late Saturday, a 16-year-old boy

was wounded by shots fired from a passing car. Hospital officials did not have a condition report available Sunday. A dance hall security guard was killed by shots fired from a car early Sunday, Detective Richard Hoffman said. A man was detained in that shooting, he said.

During his weekly radio address, Gov. George Deukmejian said that he will offer \$10,000 rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of wanted gang members.

The governor also said he will sponsor the reintroduction of legislation to increase penalties for drive-by shootings and teen-age killers.

"All too often, victims and witnesses of gang violence are reluctant to provide authorities with information which could lead to the arrest of these killers," Deukmejian said.



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TAMU OUTDOORS

KAYAK ROLL SESSION REGISTRATION: Mar 8-April 11. FEE: \$8 (\$10 non A&M). DATE: April 14 from 6:00-8:30 pm at the Outdoor Pool. LIMIT: 10 people.

DAY CANOE TRIP REGISTRATION: March 28 - April 11. FEE: \$15 (\$20 non A&M). DATE: Sat, April 16 or Sun, April 17 on the San Marcos or Guadalupe River. LIMIT: 14 people each day.

3 DAY KAYAK WORKSHOP REGISTRATION: March 28 - April 11. FEE: \$35 (\$40 non A&M). DATE: Sat, April 16 at Bryan Utilities Lake; Mon, April 18 at A&M Outdoor Pool; and Sat, April 23 on the San Marcos River. LIMIT: 5 people.

KAYAK ROLL SESSION REGISTRATION: April 4-15. FEE: \$8 (\$10 non A&M). DATE: April 19 from 6:00-8:30 pm at the Outdoor Pool. LIMIT: 10 people.

FRESH WATER FISHING REGISTRATION: April 4-18. FEE: \$25 (\$27 for non A&M). DATE: April 22-24 at Martin Dies, Jr. State Recreation Area. LIMIT: 10 people.

REGISTRATION IS IN THE IM-REC SPORTS OFFICE, 159 READ. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT PATSY GREINER AT 845-7826.

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ENTRIES CLOSE: TUE, APR 12

PENBERTHY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: ENTRY FEE: \$40 Per Team (double elimination tournament). DIVISIONS: Men's A, B, & C; Corec B & C (Due to limited number of teams, no Corec A division will be offered. Corec B teams will be allowed a maximum of 2 Class A players per team. AWARDS: Penberthy T-Shirts and team trophy to champions in all classes. Men's Class A champions will receive a gift certificate to C.C. Creations good for 15 team t-shirts with a 2 color screen and 2 color 10" numbers with one hour of artwork; a \$200 value. RULES: A.S.A. rules with IM and Penberthy exceptions will apply. Divisions must have 8 teams or more in order for the division to make. T-shirt awards will be limited to 15 per team. EXTRAS: All homerun hitters will receive a free food coupon compliments of McDonald's. Most valuable player of each game receives a Penberthy player of the game koozie compliments of C.C. Creations. TOURNAMENT DATE: April 15-17.

ENTRIES OPEN: MON, APR 4
ENTRIES CLOSE: TUE, APR 12

ARCHERY DOUBLES: CONTEST DATE: Tues, April 19 beginning at 6:00 PM in 304 Read Bldg. ELIGIBILITY: All TAMU students, faculty, staff and spouses are eligible if they meet the requirements in the IM calendar/handbook. SCHEDULES: Participants will schedule a time to shoot at registration. DIVISIONS: Men's, women's, and corec. EQUIPMENT: A limited number of bows are available for use. Participants should reserve equipment at time of registration. COMPETITION: Class A - Highly skilled; Class B - Moderately skilled. All archery club members must play one class level above their ranking. RULES: FITA rules will apply. Each participant will shoot one round (30 arrows) at a distance of 10 yards. The target is 40 CM with 10 scoring rings. Four practice arrows will be allowed. RESTRICTIONS: A recurve bow with optional standard sights and stabilizers is to be used. Bow must not exceed 45 lbs actual draw. No string peep or bow level. No releases, no field or broad head point. Target points only. No mechanical releases. NOTE: Participants should have prior archery experience.

BASEBALL HITTING CONTEST: CONTEST DATE: Contest will be held April 13, 1988 at 6 PM at Olsen Field. ENTRY FEE: FREE!!! ELIGIBILITY: All TAMU students, staff, faculty, and spouses are eligible if they meet the requirements in the IM calendar. RULES: Copies may be picked up in the IM-Rec Sports Office, 159 Read Bldg. FORMAT: Each individual will be allowed 10 swings from the pitching machine. Points are awarded for different distances. EQUIPMENT: Will be provided. Personal bats will be inspected. AWARDS: T-Shirts are offered to champions of the men's and women's competition.

FOOTNOTES

- There will be a Captain's Meeting for Penberthy Softball Tournament at 5 PM on Thurs, April 14, at 167 Read.
- Water Polo playoffs will be posted on April 14, and will begin on April 17.
- Volleyball Triples will be posted on April 15 and will begin on April 18.

CLUB NEWS

- Congratulations go out to the A&M Handball teams. The women's team finished 1st at the National Championships held in Chicago. The men's team finished 5th.
- Congrats to David Clubb, a member of the A&M Gymnastics Club. He finished 6th at the NCAA Division II National Championship held in Springfield, Mass.
- At the National Intercollegiate Powerlifting Championship held in Philadelphia, David Hartman won his weight class and Kirk Harrison finished 3rd. Congrats!!!

ARCHERY DOUBLES ENTRIES OPEN TO ENTER YOUR TEAM NOW.