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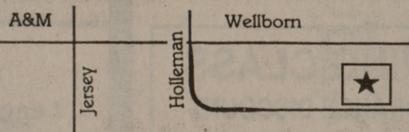
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Dukakis near nomination in final primaries round

From Associated Press
Michael Dukakis converted dozens of delegates to his cause on Monday and said he was looking forward to clinching the Democratic presidential nomination in Tuesday's final round of primaries. Jesse Jackson promised a firm but polite push on platform and rules issues at the party's convention.

Vice President George Bush, who wrapped up the Republican nomination weeks ago, spent the day campaigning in California. Dukakis' aides have confidently predicted for weeks their man would amass the 2,081 delegates needed for the nomination by the time the primaries ended. And with one day remaining until then, they were leaving nothing to chance. The Massachusetts governor picked up 60 delegates during the day, increasing his total to 1,874. That left him 207 short of the total needed, and aides said he would pick up that many and more from the 466 at stake in primaries in California, New Jersey, Montana and New Mexico.

"This has been a great 15 months. I'm excited about what happened and I'm looking forward, if all goes well, to a decisive victory... so we can lock up the nomination," Dukakis said as he campaigned in California.

More than 40 of Dukakis' fresh delegates came from Kentucky, where Gov. Wallace Wilkinson led the way. Wilkinson and many other delegates there had been supporting drop-out candidate Albert Gore Jr.

Jackson still spoke of chances for a California upset as he made the final rounds of his campaign and arranged a 30-minute paid televised appeal in several of the state's large cities. But his talk turned increasingly to the pre-convention bargaining that lies ahead.

He said he would push Dukakis to

Democratic leaders help Dukakis in nomination drive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Dukakis launched his final drive to the Democratic presidential nomination with a 150-delegate week-long surge that positioned him to go over the top in the final round of primaries Tuesday.

Much of that surge came courtesy of "super delegates," the party leaders and elected officials who have heavily favored Dukakis, to the chagrin of Jesse Jackson.

In addition, the Massachusetts governor has been racking up endorsements from party leaders and politicians as well as converting delegates who had been pledged to the suspended candidacies of Sens. Albert Gore Jr. and Paul Simon.

"He's been on a roll," said Susan Brophy, deputy director of delegate selection for the Dukakis campaign.

On Monday, Kentucky Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, a staunch supporter of Gore, switched to Dukakis, bringing the bulk of his state member delegation with him. This came two days after Wilkinson said he would continue to support Gore.

And in Arizona on Monday, Rose Mofford and four other delegates moved to Dukakis, uncommitted, where they had since former Gov. Bruce Babbitt dropped out of the presidential race.

The intensity of the operation and win delegates has paid up as the primary season draws close. Delegates are told that governor would appreciate it much if they would get in count earlier rather than later, a phy said.

stop moving "cautiously and conservatively" and to use the party platform to take a stronger stand against South Africa. "If he will not bend on that matter, we'll simply meet each other on the floor" at the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, he said.

Jackson, who finished first or second in dozens of primaries and caucuses, said he wanted changes in party rules as well, particularly those dealing with selection of delegates in future campaigns.

In all he said, however, Jackson also was careful to add, "We can resolve our differences within the context of our party and not in the streets, and that's growth."

"I intend to keep building our party, keep expanding participation,

keep registering voters, keep encouraging people to be involved," Dukakis sounded anything but upset at Jackson's talk.

"I know how strongly he feels about the importance of a Democratic White House next January," he said.

Dukakis, the Democratic runner, also jabbed at Bush on subject of off-shore oil drilling, vice president, staking out a stance with Reagan administration policy, said on Sunday he faces delay in a controversial drilling project off the coast of northern California.

Dukakis said, "I'm pleased coming around, but it's kind of I'm not for delaying that for canceling it."

Latin teacher leaves class after 30 years in profession

BEAUMONT (AP) — Ethel Emmons' students affectionately address her as "Magistra," Latin for teacher. But after more than 30 years, she is bidding a fond "vale" to teaching Latin in Beaumont public schools.

Emmons, 70, traces her love of Latin to her childhood in Minden, La. "It goes back to my grandfather who was a Latin professor in college," she said. "He would hold me in his lap and read Latin poetry. I just loved the sound of it."

In Beaumont, Emmons began teaching in the old South Park school district. After the merger of the Beaumont school districts, she split her time between Central and West Brook senior high schools.

As she helped her West Brook students prepare for finals last week, Emmons ambled gently around the room, enunciating Latin with a slight Southern lilt. Stopping to contemplate a fine point of language or mythology, she sometimes stroked her chin and squinted at the ceiling.

But if her students got out of hand, she quickly reigned them in with a stern look and a point of the finger, adding firmly, "Class, you know I can be as mean as Hades."

Most students take Latin for practical reasons, Emmons said. They see the language as a way of learning more about English and building their vocabulary. Her challenge is getting her students to love Latin as much as she does.

To enliven the study of the language, Emmons has special celebrations each year to mark the birthday of the poet Vergil. On Halloween, she and the students tour the Hades of Roman mythology with students taking the parts of Charon, the Styx ferryman, and Cerberus, the ferocious, three-headed dog.

Emmons' students translate everything from birthday songs to football cheers into Latin. At some football games and pep rallies, the Latin students clap and cheer, "Eamus! Pugnemus! Vincamus noctu! Io! Io! Sic est! Sic est!" or translated: "Let's go! Let's fight! Let's win tonight! Hey! Hey! All right! All right!"

"People think they (the cheers) are weird, but we laugh about it and enjoy it," she said with a smile.

Her students also have participated in the Junior Classical League over the years, which has taken them to competitions throughout the

country to test their knowledge of Latin, Roman history and classical mythology.

Emmons' students appreciate her efforts. "She is the best teacher I had," West Brook sophomore Roberts said. "She welcomes when you need help. You could hear any time of the night."

Classmate Lucas Campbell West Brook added, "She tries to make all the students understand. She can draw out the people who are having problems."

Emmons returns the compliment, pointing out the students' attitude to her class are high achievers. "There is a discipline required in learning Latin. If you practice it carries over to other classes," she said.

"The thing I will miss most is the association with the wonderful years," she said. After she retires she plans to travel with her husband, retired Lamar University-Beaumont English professor Winfred Emmons and visit children and grandchildren.

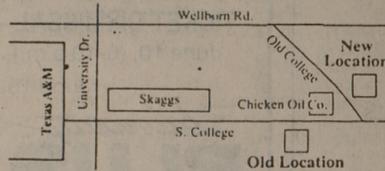


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