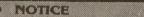
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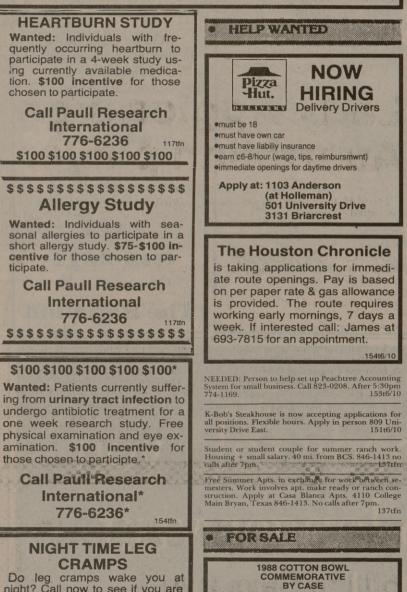




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Dukakis savors nomination win after primaries

(AP) — Michael Dukakis collected endorsements from several vanquished primary rivals on Wednesday as he savored victory in the Democratic presidential race. Jesse Jackson said his candidacy would 'remain alive" even as he solicited an invitation to join the ticket as vice presidential candidate.

George Bush, self-described un-derdog heading into the fall cam-paign, received words of encouragement from President Reagan. The president also threw a jab in Duka-kis' direction, saying, "You know, if I listen to him long enough, I would be convinced that we're in an economic downturn, and that people are homeless, and people are going without food and medical attention, and that we've got to do something about the unemployed."

With the primary season con-cluded, Dukakis was installed as a pre-election favorite by Ladbroke's, one of London's leading bookmakers.

But Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole predicted the public opin-ion polls would soon "start moving" in Bush's direction.

Dukakis, who tucked away a delegate nominating majority on Tuesday in the final four primaries of the year, announced in Los Angeles he was ready to begin looking for a vice presidential running mate. He praised Jackson, but said neither he nor anyone else "is due an offer" to join the ticket.

That didn't sound like what Jackson wanted to hear. He said his constituents had "earned the option" of having him considered. "Consideration means an offer. It does not mean just in passing," he said. He later added that for some peo-

ple "maybe the vice presidency may be a step down." He added, "You understand my background? The vice presidency is not the top but it is a long way from where I started."

The contrast between Jackson on the one hand and former Dukakis rivals Sen. Paul Simon, Rep. Richard Gephardt and Bruce Babbitt on the other couldn't have been plainer. Simon of Illinois called a news

Administration ponders expansion of drug war

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration is considering expanding its "zero tolerance" war on drug users with the threatened loss of student loans, drivers' licenses and public housing, adminis-

conference in Washington to declare that the "verdict is in" and he would do "everything I can" to help elect the man from Massachusetts. Former Arizona Gov. Babbitt of-

fered his backing in a televised interview in California. "It's time to come together," he said. "He's a good man and I'll endorse him."

Gephardt arranged to bestow his blessing publicly when Dukakis' chartered campaign jet touched down in St. Louis for a refueling stop en route to Boston.

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo of-fered an endorsement, as well, in one of the great anticlimaxes of the campaign. Cuomo once was the subject of almost daily rumors that he would make a belated entry into the campaign, and for months his endorsement was coveted by all the active candidates.

I endorse him, I endorse him, I endorse him," Cuomo told persistent reporters.

But Jackson sent alternately complimentary and confrontational signals to Dukakis. He said whatever differences exist between them "can be resolved," adding, "Both of us are rational. Both of us are intelligent. Both of us want to win."

At the same time, he said his campaign would "remain alive" until the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta next month. He said he would continue to seek delegates and dispatched top aides to Mackinac Island, Mich. for a Democratic Party platform committee drafting session.

Reagan was asked by reporters at the White House what sort of advice he would give to Bush in his race with Dukakis.

"I'd say, George, wait until you and I get out there on the trail, and start pinning him down on the things he claims, which we know are not true," he replied.

Senate Republican leader Dole combined a prediction of a turn-around in the polls with an attack on Dukakis.

Under it, law enforcement officials are seizing cars and boats in which drugs are found, no matter how small the amount. One approach being discussed,

according to other administration sources, would be to have student

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Democrats that the effort

Common Cause, a non

quiry, planned to meet again day. Wright was not expected testify this week, his office said

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Wright asks to go before ethics pane

WASHINGTON (AP) House Speaker Jim Wright said Wednesday he has asked the ethics committee to invite him to testify so he can refute charges that he violated conflict of interest rules.

group which monitors gor ment ethics, also called fu probe of Wright's actions. The panel, still dead whether to launch a forma "I believe I can put all the alle-gations to rest," said Wright, D-Texas. "If the committee will give priority into looking at each and every (charge) . . . it will discover I have violated no rule and certainly violated no commonly accepted ethical standard.

"I would like for it to be done at the earliest possible time." Wright, who has been named Gingrich's complaint Wright violated House when he lobbied on behalf chairman of the Democratic Nacompanies in cases in which had a financial stake, and in tional Convention next month in Atlanta, has called the charges a Republican attempt to embarrass accepting an unusually large him and the party. However, the speaker said Wednesday he has alty contract from a friend campaign contractor who lished his book.

U.S. House kills home health care bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Wednesday killed a \$28 billion plan for long-term home health care, giving its chief spon-sor a standing ovation but ultima-tely bowing to arguments that the was poorly drawn and too

The vote was 243-169 to block floor consideration of the new Medicare benefit proposed by Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla. The long-term home health

care act would have provided services to the disabled and chro-nically ill of all ages. An estimated 2.2 million people would have qualified for the benefit in 1990. Under a special arrangement, the bill reached the floor without going through any committees — which led powerful Democratic committee chairmen and many of their colleagues to align them-selves with most of the Republican members to bury the propo-

WASHINGTON (AP) -

Texas congressman is investigat-

assigned work that jeopardized

their undercover identities and told them to falsify time cards. U.S. Rep. Jack Brooks said he requested the General Account-

ing Office investigation because

although the INS is "treading a

little more carefully until the heat

dies down," its top-ranking offi-cials "in their minds think they have done nothing wrong." The alleged reprisals began af-

ter all eight agents in the Houston anti-smuggling unit told Con-gress they were being reassigned part of the time to contact em-

ployers about the new immigra-

tion law and sanctions for hiring

Lawmaker says INS agents harrassed

They were allegedly told ton cord those duties as anti-sm gling work on their time cards. "On rare occasions you fi overzealous administrators w ing allegations the Immigration and Naturalization Service pun-ished and harassed agents who complained that administrators

other purposes.

cover up their mistakes by p cuting the people who is about it, but never have I se with the terrible dangers this reflects for the participat Brooks said Monday.

Brooks, a Beaumont Demo and chairman of the House G and chairman of the House for ernment Operations Committe contends the agents' safety with threatened when they had it meet employers who may hav been hiring illegal aliens. "I'd hate to be an underow agent traveling around and us ing those big employers of alien They'd recognize you; you stand out like a sore thum Brooks said

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years. "When are we going to have another opportunity if we have this one?" he asked, tears fillay his eyes. "Think about the hum values involved in this matter and vote to help those people with need this help." Pepper charged that his oppo-nents were interested only in the HOL Hawks Chaney nents were interested only in a ing his bill and using the more that would have financed in in Rockets coaching Manage Patte ton Ch three ot

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