## Simon Wins in Illinois With Jackson a Strong Second

In the Illinois Democratic Presidential Primary Tuesday, Senator Paul Simon emerged the victor in his home state over Rev. Jesse Jackson, who also is considered to be a "favorite son" of Illinois. Jackson, who was born in South Carolina and won a resounding victory in that state last week, has lived in Chicago for twenty years and has based much of his political endeavors and his Operation PUSH organization in Illinois.

Jackson came in a strong second to Simon; however, winning of the popular vote and of the delegates votes.

With his second place finish, Jackson narrowed the gap between himself and Gov. Michael Dukakis in the national delegate count. Dukakis, who finished a distant third in Illinois, now has 464.5 national delegates while Jackson is now hot on his heels with 460.55.

Polling place interviews revealed that Simon's support stemmed mostly from home state loyalties, but that his supporters believe that Dukakis will win the nomina-

Network polls said Jackson piled up about 90 percent of the black vote as he



Rev. Jesse Jackson

has in other states, but garnered less than 10 percent of the white vote.

Going into the Illinois primary, Dukakis had 462 of the 2,082 delegates needed to win the Democratic nomination, while Jackson had

The delegates are now converging on Michigan and Wisconsin for the primaries in those two states.

In Michigan, Jackson is looking for delegates in a state that short-changed him in 1984. In that year the Michigan system left Jackson's delegate winnings far short of his 16 percent popular vote. Detroit Mayor Coleman Young actively opposed Jackson and mobilized the city's black vote for Mon-

## **Next Phase of Presidential Campaign** Will Be More Difficult for Jackson

by Chester Higgins, Sr. NNPA News Service

Fresh from a triumphant victory in the "Super Tues-Southern primaries, Democratic presidential candidate Jesse L. Jackson was set to blitz the South Carolina (March 12) and Delaware (April 18) state caucuses and the big Illinois (March 15) primary. Balloting results in the March 8, Idaho Democratic caucus were not complete last

But it was uncertain at press time how the winnowing process of the "Super Tuesday" balloting and the ultimate scramble thereafter by the three front runners - Mass. Gov. Michael Dukakis, Sen. Albert Gore, Jr., and Rev. Jackson — will impact Jackson's steady and increasingly effective campaigning in this more intense second phase of the race.

Jackson's "Super Tuesday" win was remarkable. He not only won 96 percent of teh Black vote, which he was expected to do, he garnered 10 percent of the white vote, doubling his 1984 vote per centage in this group. He won five states outright - winning such states as Georgia, Virginia, home of the racist Byrd family; George Wallace's Alabama, Ross Barnett's Mississippi and Huey Long's

In the "Super Tuesday" popular vote, Jackson led all Democratic rivals, winning 29 per cent of the total, according to Associated Press figures. Dukakis and Gore tied for second place. Dukakis won a total of 426 delegates; Jackson was second with 369;

Gore had 324 and Rep. Richard Gephardt, of Missouri, 93. Sen. Paul Simon, of Illinois had none. To gain nomination, a candidate must win a simple majority of a 4,160 delegate

Uncommitted delegates, according to AP, were 259. Cumulatively, for the entire Democratic presidential campaign, the candidates stood thus, in delegate totals: Dukakis, 454.5; Jackson, 396.55; Gore, 345.8; Gephardt, 143, and Simon, 35.3.

George Bush swept GOP "Super Tuesday" and headed into the March 15, Illinois primary, proclaiming "I am going to be the next president of the United States.

For Jackson, Dukakis and Gore, the Illinois primary offers a large number of delegates -

Seasoned political observers, however, noting that Jackson has consistently targeted issues fundamental to a successful American future - overcoming ravaging drug traffic, stopping "economic violence" against the poor, rescuing impoverished farm and industrial workers, supporting peace initiatives in the middle East and isolating the truculent Nazi-like South African regime - is now being mimicked by his two closest rivals. Before "Super Tuesday," the other two were busy savaging one another instead of stressing the issues as Jackson was

Both Dukakis and Gore are now echoing issues Jackson framed from the outset and has been stubbornly resonating in his campaign. The question now arises, observers say: with the three candidates hammering at the same message to the white electorate, will Jackson be able to increase his rainbow coalition outreach?

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO PRESENT AWARDS

by H. P. "Fitz" Fitzgerald

The Westside School Alumni Association will present awards to former administrators, and students who attended the school between 1922 and 1969, at its first reunion to be held during a banquet at the Union Plaza Hotel at 7 p.m., May 29. A picnic is scheduled for Saturday, May 28.

Awards will be presented to alumni who have made significant contributions to society as professionals, community service workers, politicians, educators, and government employees, etc., according to Elder George Ward and James Johnson, Awards Chairmen.

Telephone calls are being received locally and from all parts of the county and more than 250 are expected to attend both the picnic and the banquet, according to Betty Scott-Henderson, association president.

Former Clark County School Superintendents Walter D. Johnson, Dr. R. Guild Gray, Dr. Kenny Guinn, Dr. Claude Perkins, and present school district Associate Superintendent, Dr. James Pughsley, are being invited to participate in the picnic and the banquet. Dr. Pughsley is a member of the Alumni Advisory Board, along with Judges John F. Mendoza and Gary Davis. Miss Doris French and Dr. Pughsley are former principals of the

Banquet tickets are \$35. More than 400 alumni will receive tickets from addresses on the mailing list. For more information call 649-7070 or 648-0039.

## **NLV City Council Approves EDA Employment Plan**

The North Las Vegas City economically disadvantaged Council, at its March 2 meeting, approved an Employment Plan in support of the City's application for federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding for a flood control project.

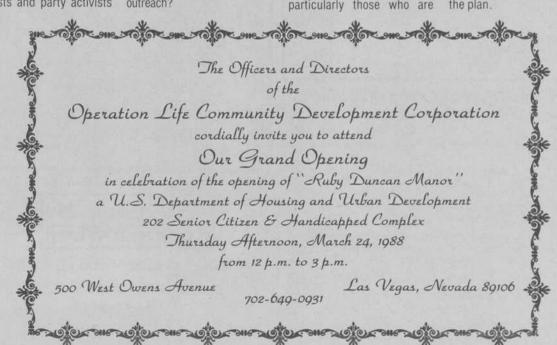
The \$1.1 million project involves improvements to a portion of Flood CHannel 'A,'' north of Craig Road, in the area of North Fifth Street. When completed, the improvements will provide greater flood protection for rapidly-developing industrial areas south of Craig Road.

Councilman Theron Goynes said, "An important objective for both the City of North Las Vegas and the EDA is to assure that local residents particularly those who are

- have every possible opportunity to acquire employment in the area benefitted by the flood control project. The employment plan provides a framework for achieving that objective and offers area employers valuable employee recruitment and training services.'

Anita Laruy, of teh city's department of community planning and development was appointed by the council to serve as the employment plan coordinator. The North Las Vegas office of the Nevada Employment Security Department will coordinate the job application process and make aplicant referrals to employers participating in

dale. This time the Jackson campaign has quietly ambushed Mayor Young by winning over the ministers. unionists and party activists



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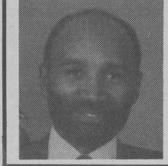
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