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Robb

Continued from A1 he smiled, waved and cheered to supporters. "Who said Democrats didn't have any life left in them?" he hollered over the crowd. "I want anyone observing this process to remember that one of the great strengths of the Democratic Party is its diversity."

But later, several leading Democrats said the protesters got out of hand, and some Jackson supporters said Jackson would not have approved. "Conventions are contentious by nature," Gov. Gerald L. Baliles said, "but there is a fine line between demonstration and being disruptive. There may have been a few who crossed the line."

State Party Chairman Lawrence Frazee III was more pointed. "What happened on the floor with that man," he said, referring to El-Amin, "has nothing to do with Jesse Jackson."

Robb and his wife, Lynda Bird Robb, said that as they tried to make their way through the crowds to the podium, El-Amin jostled them and pulled at their clothes. "That's not the Virginia way, to start pulling a lady's clothes off," said the state's former first lady. Robb, gulping down a glass of water after he managed to finish his speech, said he also was surprised the protesters would use "physical or disruptive tactics."

But El-Amin, who could be seen jostling at Robb, later denied he had come in physical contact with him. "That's a lie," he said. "Let him file charges if that's what he wants. I was just trying to get to Chuck Robb."

El-Amin said he approached Robb to give him one last chance to apologize for "insulting" Jackson or to endorse integral parts of Jackson's national platform. "The issues involve endorsing stronger sanctions against South Africa and the rights of Palestinians to self-determination, and Robb abandoning his stance in favor of aid to the Nicaraguan Contras."

Robb called the demands "unnegotiable." El-Amin said all other efforts to redress their grievances, including nominating El-Amin as a symbolic candidate so he could address the convention, failed Friday. Robb had told El-Amin he supported his nomination efforts, but El-Amin failed to get the necessary signatures. El-Amin also said Robb was "denigrating and insulting" in a 90-minute meeting Friday. Jackson's national campaign aide to quell the conflict, "but we defied them," said his Virginia coordinator, Mary Coyle. Jackson had the largest bloc of delegates because of Super Tuesday victory, but his supporters lost their bids to past resolutions or bend rules to allow El-Amin to run.

"We represent the interests of the leadership," said Coyle. Jackson aides tried to dissociate themselves from the protest Saturday while other Jackson delegates expressed mixed feelings about it. Only about 25 of more than 1,500 Jackson delegates actively participated. "I'm sure he would not be happy with that type of display," said Yolanda Caraway, representing the national campaign.

Bishop L.E. Willis, a prominent Norfolk black leader, shook Robb's hand on the dais and apologized to him. Later, he said, "I feel they absolutely destroyed the name of Jesse Jackson here today."

Others, however, said that while they did not participate, they agreed with the protesters in spirit. Olie O. Smith of King George, who said he will support Robb in the Senate as well as any higher office he might seek, objected to the timing of the protest. "What was done here was unacceptably and needed to be retracted. Robb said the protest would hurt El-Amin's cause and Jackson's credibility in the long run while helping him by galvanizing voters who may take his election for granted."

"This is real. There is no script of her life the past eight weeks. When she heard last weekend that the U.S. Coast Guard and Abingdon Volunteer Rescue Squad were searching the river near Yorktown after a boater reported seeing a head in the water, 'You want to know and you don't want to know. There's just no way to deal with it. There will be a discovery confirming that her son is dead, while at the same time there is a flicker of possible relief the uncertainty will end. Though she of course wants the conclusion to be her son's return home, we just wonder when it will end. If you have something to go and grieve, you can get over with,' says Call. But that time has not come to her yet. So instead of resolution, the two forces inside her head tend to balance each other out, leaving her numb. 'You don't comprehend as well' when someone is talking to you, she says. Emotions remain on a perpetual seesaw, rarely coming to rest at an equilibrium. 'It's anger and it's hurt. But who are you angry at' when you don't know what happened, how or



Jackson backers shout during Robb's speech on Saturday.



Robb leads the cheers as his wife and Baliles look on.

Robb stated about what we did today," he said. "I really think we gave some life to it." Larry Sabato, a University of Virginia political science professor, agreed. "It won't hurt him. You've got a handful of firebrands and ideologues making him look like a centrist. It can only help." However, a Republican observer wanted no time in trying to turn the disruption to the GOP's advantage. Michael Saleter, speaking for GOP Executive Secretary Joseph Elliot, said: "What you saw here is just a taste of the problems that await Democrats in Atlanta. It is going to be an all-out war for the soul of the party."

Republicans will hold their convention next weekend in Kansas. Three relative newcomers are vying for the nomination to oppose Robb, whom both Republicans and Democrats consider unshakable because of his commanding leads in polls and fund raising. When Robb finally managed to deliver his full speech Saturday, he gave few specifics as to what he wants to do in the Senate. Instead, he spoke in broad terms of standing in favor of civil rights, helping the needy

Alcohol

Continued from A1 industry will then have 12 months to work out how it will provide the warning. Such warnings could take the form of notices posted in bars and restaurants. There also have been proposals that warnings be placed on individual beverage containers. The alcohol industry has resisted such warnings labels, arguing that it has never been demonstrated in animal tests that alcohol can cause cancer.

The researchers said they found that DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid, is chemically changed when combined in test-tube experiments with alcohol and acetaldehyde, the principal product formed from alcohol in mammalian cells. The altered DNA is similar to that produced by other chemicals known to cause cancer, said molecular biologist Heinz Fraenkel-Conrat and Ben Singer of Berkeley.

Those alterations occur at concentrations of alcohol and acetaldehyde that would be produced by only one or two drinks, said the researchers. "They added that they don't know exactly how much drinking might cause cancer, but Singer said, "I am convinced alcohol is a carcinogen."

Michelle Corcus, a lawyer representing the alcohol industry, disputed the industry's position. "Every other chemical that causes cancer in humans also causes it in animals, so we don't think alcohol is a carcinogen," she said. In the past, the only evidence linking alcohol to cancer has come from epidemiological studies that suggest a higher incidence of tumors of the breast, liver, rectum and mouth in humans who consume moderate to large amounts of alcohol.

Fraenkel-Conrat and Singer are working with biologist Mark R. Stampfer of the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory to determine if alcohol and acetaldehyde can cause tumors in human breast cells grown in the lab. If tumors are formed there, they say they will then expand their studies to animals.

Families

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Authorities with the FBI and the sheriff's departments of York and Gloucester counties say they are still working on leads to find the pair. "It's under constant, continual investigation" with someone working daily, full time, on the case, says Special Agent James Waters of the Norfolk FBI office. He declines to provide details or to discuss leads or progress, saying publication would not benefit the search.

He says agents are aware of what the families are going through. "It's like an MIA family" with a loved one missing in action in a war. "They never know if they're alive or dead or anything." The FBI doesn't know either. Waters' characterization fits Barbara Call's de-

scription of her life the past eight weeks. When she heard last weekend that the U.S. Coast Guard and Abingdon Volunteer Rescue Squad were searching the river near Yorktown after a boater reported seeing a head in the water, "You want to know and you don't want to know. There's just no way to deal with it. There will be a discovery confirming that her son is dead, while at the same time there is a flicker of possible relief the uncertainty will end. Though she of course wants the conclusion to be her son's return home, we just wonder when it will end. If you have something to go and grieve, you can get over with," says Call. But that time has not come to her yet. So instead of resolution, the two forces inside her head tend to balance each other out, leaving her numb. "You don't comprehend as well" when someone is talking to you, she says. Emotions remain on a perpetual seesaw, rarely coming to rest at an equilibrium. "It's anger and it's hurt. But who are you angry at" when you don't know what happened, how or

together Newport College, and where the car was found. Virtually every convenience store and community bulletin board on the Peninsula carries a flier noting the \$10,000 reward for information on the pair's whereabouts. Fliers of the leaflets are ready in both homes for people willing to distribute them. Nonetheless, no one has told authorities they saw the two actually leave the party in Call's car. "I think that's important," says York County Sheriff's Department Capt. Ron Montgomery. Other than indications from tracking data, there is no evidence the pair ever made it to the party, he notes. "I really think someone out there knows something, but they just don't know it could be important," Call says. "That car could not have traveled 20 miles and someone not see it, not notice that license plate, even at a stop in the morning," she says. "I keep praying that the people who are doing this will have a change of heart and will let Sandra and Keith go," Call says. "You just have to keep on with it, keep hoping."

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