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# World and Nation

## Bush, Dukakis trade jobs on rival economic plans

Democrat Michael Dukakis said Monday that eight years of Republican economic policies had left many Americans fearful of being wiped out financially. GOP nominee George Bush accused Dukakis of using a strategy of dividing America by emphasizing differences between rich and poor.

The presidential rivals focused on pocketbook issues as they began a light week of campaigning in advance of their first nationally televised debate Sunday in Winston-Salem, N.C. Both candidates are cutting back on appearances to allow time to study issues and rehearse for the first of two scheduled debates.

While attacking each other on the economy, Dukakis and Bush did not spell out any new economic proposals, although the vice president voiced support for federal limits on certain types of liability lawsuits to help businesses curb insurance costs.

Bush traveled to Bensalem, Pa., where he told the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce that Dukakis, as governor of Massachusetts, had an anti-business bias and wanted to raise taxes.

The vice president said the number of business bankruptcies in Massachusetts was up 23.7 percent during the first six months of the year, but on the national level had fallen by 23.5 percent.

Dukakis campaign manager Susan Estrich said Bush was wrong — that business failures in Massachusetts actually had declined by 28 percent since Dukakis became governor in 1983, and were less than half the national rate during the eight years of the Reagan presidency.

Bush's vice presidential running mate, Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana, echoed Bush during a campaign stop in Knoxville, Tenn. Quayle said Dukakis had inflicted "an economic manacle" on Massachusetts rather than an economic miracle.

Brushing aside Dukakis' criticism of GOP economic policies, Bush said, "He's begun a calculated strategy of emphasizing differences between rich and poor, be-

tween one region of the country and another. "He won't win unless he convinces the electorate everything is bad in America," Bush said. "I am moved by the divide-and-conquer strategy."

The vice president said Dukakis raised taxes as error. He mentioned the state income tax, which raised about \$70 million when it was linked with the new general tax code, a sales tax hike on cigarettes which reduced \$40 million and a tax break affecting businesses with fewer than 35 shareholders. Dukakis and the legislature amended the law to restrict it to corporations grossing \$6 million or less a year — disqualifying 750 companies, including some of the state's largest corporations.

Dukakis, on a two-day swing through the South, Bush may be content with the state of the economy, he isn't.

In a speech in Little Rock, Ark., Dukakis said, "After eight years in power, the Republican Party seems to have exhausted its reservoir of ideas."

"In their hearts they know that four more years of Reaganomics would be bad for the country and that four more years of Reaganomics without Reagan would be a disaster," Dukakis said. "We can do better than that."

The Democratic nominee said prosperity is fragile for those "treading water" in the rust belt, the farm belt, the oil patch and the inner cities small towns and counties.

"Too many Americans, even those with good jobs and with paychecks that once would have seemed enough, are fearful that they could be wiped out," Dukakis said.

## Burmese soldiers open fire on violent demonstrators

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — Soldiers loyal to the new military government opened fire on thousands of demonstrators who surged into the streets Monday to protest a military coup. About 100 people were reported killed in Rangoon.

Demonstrations also broke out in other cities, including Mandalay. Witnesses and other reports said a total of about 150 people, including 17 soldiers, had died in the violence that swept Burma after Sunday's coup.

The military placed the death toll at 23 Monday, but gave no details.

Military commander Saw Maung engineered the newest change in power in Burma by overthrowing civilian President Maung Maung.

Undaunted opposition leaders vowed that students, Buddhist monks and striking civil servants would continue to demonstrate for democracy.

Maung Maung's whereabouts remain unknown.

A Western diplomat familiar with Burma said from Bangkok, Thailand, that "We're into possibly one of the final acts now... a naked confrontation with the army... Either the students win or the army wins."

The soldiers were trying to enforce a ban on public gatherings imposed immediately after the coup by Saw Maung, the defense minister before the coup and a right-hand man of former President Sein Lwin. Sein Lwin resigned Aug. 12 after riots in which hundreds of protesters reportedly died.

Protesters blame the country's sole legal party, the ruling Burma Socialist Program Party, for 26 years of repression and economic ruin. Other analysts believe the military

## World briefs

### Monterrey battered by floods of Gilbert

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — A small stream coursing through a mangled landscape of twisted metal and crumbled concrete homes was all that remained Monday of the furious flood spawned by Hurricane Gilbert.

Although the waters receded, the human cost of the calamity continued to rise. Hundreds sifted through the muck to salvage possessions. Thousands spent another day in shelters for the homeless. Workers still dug for bodies.

### New depression forms in Atlantic

MIAMI (AP) — A tropical depression formed Monday in the far eastern Atlantic and has the potential for strengthening as it moves across the ocean, hurricane forecasters said.

At 6 p.m. EDT, satellite pictures showed the 14th depression of the season was centered about 450 miles west-southwest of the Cape Verde Islands off the west coast of Africa, the National Hurricane Center in suburban Coral Gables said.

The system was moving west at 10 mph with sustained winds esti-

### Nicaraguan officials meet rebels

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Representatives of the Nicaraguan government met with rebel leaders Monday for the first time in three months, but both sides remained sharply divided on ways to end seven years of civil war.

The leftist Sandinista government and the U.S.-backed rebels, known as Contras, began a two-day conference as a preliminary step to resuming the high-level peace talks that collapsed on June 9.

## Coastal cleanup of Texas set for Saturday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Texas Coastal Cleanup will go on as planned on most beaches Saturday, and volunteers will have their work cut out for them cleaning up after Hurricane Gilbert, officials said Monday.

"There has never been a greater need for all Texans to join together to clean up our coastline," Land Commissioner Garry Mauro told a news conference.

Volunteers in Cameron County will not be participating in the cleanup. Mauro said that officials are not sure of road conditions, and that already hard-working county crews might not be available to pick up marine debris gathered by volunteers.

Portions of Nueces County beaches are off limits because of park closures, Nueces County Commissioner J.P. Luby, said.

He said county jail inmates will be removing timber and other debris from Padre Balli Park on North Padre Island and another facility near Port Aransas after the hurricane caused about \$100,000 in damage to those beaches.

"The foredunes were extensively damaged," Luby said. "The tide went in and melted them away like butter."

Foredunes along the beach protect larger dunes in the island's interior from erosion.

Other coastal states also are cleaning beaches Saturday, Mauro and Linda Maraniss, regional director of the Center for Environmental Education said. The Texas effort is sponsored by the center and the General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program.

"I'm sure we're fixing to have the best turnout we've ever had for our beach cleanup," Mauro said. "This time it's going to make a big difference for the people on the coastal areas."

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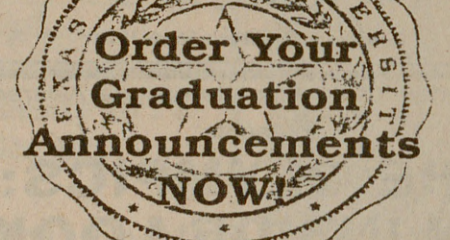
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