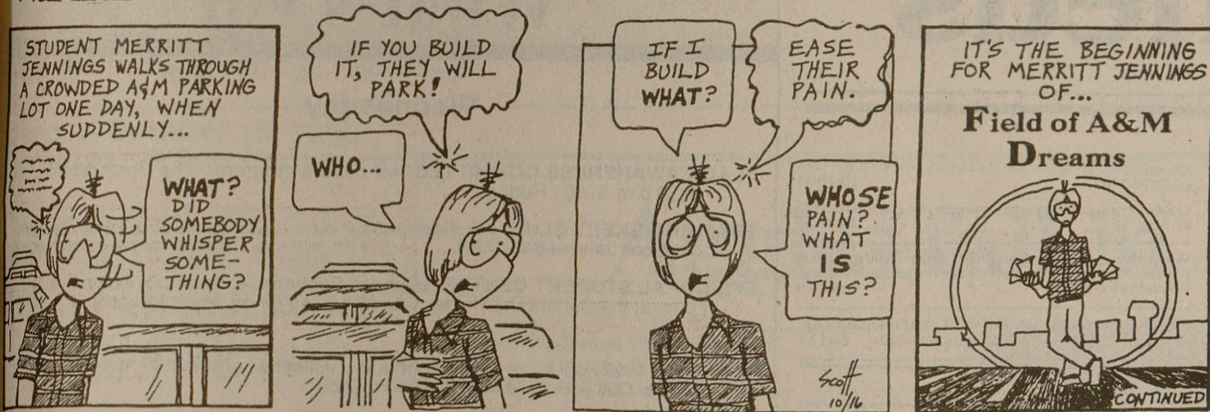
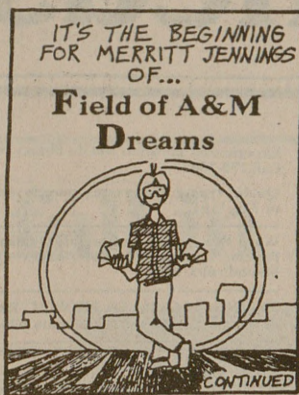


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by Scott McCullar © 1990 **Pumpkin patch propagates bumper crop**



DALLAS (AP) — A bumper crop of Texas pumpkins is waiting to be carved into Halloween jack-o'-lanterns, state agriculture officials say. "We had a little better season this year than we did last year," agricultural extension agent Max Kemp said Monday.

But retailers said the seasonal popularity of pumpkin pie seems to be waning. "Most people do not buy a pumpkin to make a pie with. It's a lot of work to make a pumpkin pie" from scratch, said Bud Godwin, produce merchandiser for Cullum Companies Inc.

Cullum's Tom Thumb supermarkets got their first pumpkin shipment last week, Godwin said. The sale of frozen and canned pumpkin also has decreased in the past few years, Godwin said.

Most Texas pumpkins come from areas where there was a prolonged drought last year, Kemp said. He also said the popularity of pumpkins for ornamental use has increased in the past few years.

"Everything was last minute. Now people start decorating with pumpkins, ornamental corn and the like in the first or second week in October," Godwin said.

Godwin said most Tom Thumb stores reported selling about half of their initial shipments of 700-800 jack-o'-lantern pumpkins per store. Those average 20 pounds and sell for \$2.99, he said.

"You can't size a pumpkin like you do a watermelon," Godwin said. "Some can be pretty big and not weigh a whole lot."

The stores also are offering "baby pumpkins" for 49 cents and Big Mack pumpkins weighing 35-40 pounds and selling for \$9.99, he said.

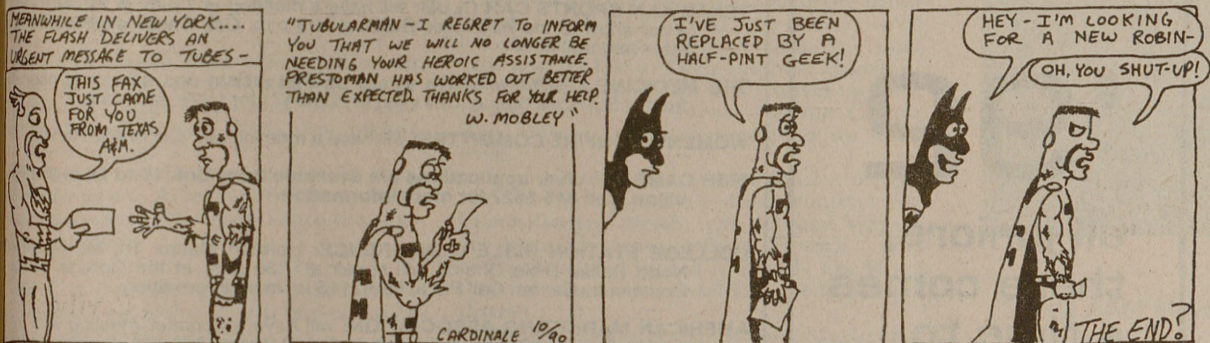
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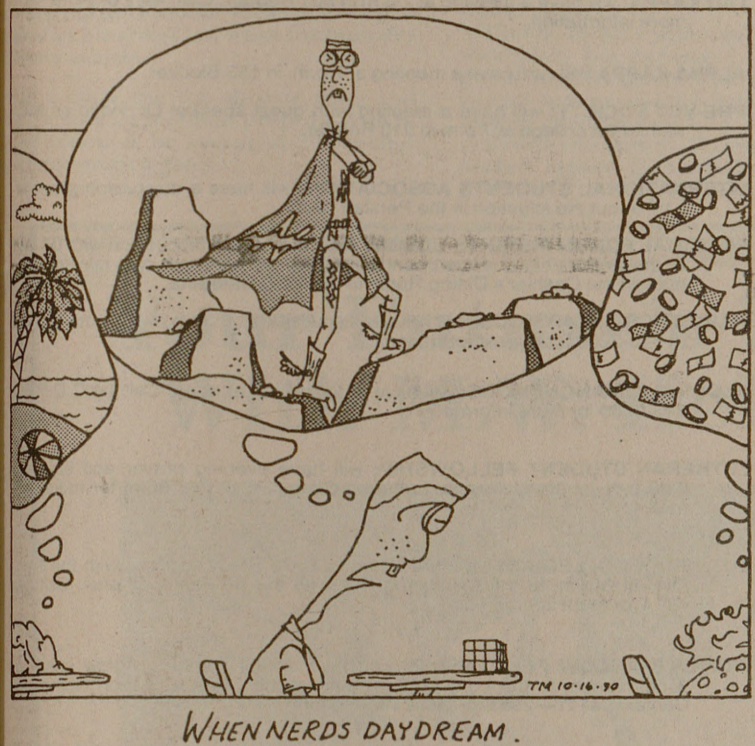


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Government compensates victims of nuclear testing

DALLAS (AP) — President Bush signed a bill Monday authorizing payments of up to \$100,000 for people who may have developed cancer from nuclear testing or uranium mining in Western states during the Cold War.

"These payments fairly resolve the claims of persons present at the test site and of downwind residents, as well as claims of uranium miners," Bush said in a statement. He signed the measure during a campaign trip here.

The United States conducted more than 200 atomic tests in the open air in both the South Pacific and in Nevada.

"Atmospheric testing of atomic devices — important to national security during the darkest days of the Cold War — ended in 1963" when the United States signed and ratified the Limited Test Ban Treaty, Bush said.

The bill authorizes \$100 million for a Radiation Exposure Trust Fund. Money for the fund would have to be appropriated in a separate bill.

The bill provides compensation for people who developed cancer in certain time periods and:

- Spent one or two years, depending on their type of cancer, in downwind areas of Nevada, Arizona or Utah from nuclear tests between 1951 and 1958, or between June and July, 1962.
- Or mined uranium in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming or Utah from 1947 to 1971.

Uranium miners are entitled to payments of \$100,000. Persons exposed to radiation and who contracted specific diseases would be entitled to \$50,000.

Bush outraged at Congress, Iraq

Ghastly atrocities' spur U.S. reaction; no reprieve for Congress

DALLAS (AP) — President Bush on Monday condemned "ghastly atrocities" by Iraqi forces in occupied Kuwait and warned Saddam Hussein that, like Nazi officials after World War II, he may face a war-crimes trial.

"Hitler revisited," Bush said of Saddam. "But remember, when Hitler's war ended, there were the Nuremberg trials. "America will not stand aside, the world will not allow the strong to swallow up the weak," the president said.

Bush leveled his warning as he opened a two-day trip to boost Republican election hopes in Texas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Michigan.

The president combined his attack against Saddam with a blast at Congress for failing to enact a \$500 billion package of tax hikes and spending cuts.

"The American people have every right to expect more from their elected representatives," said Bush, picking up on a widespread mood of public anger against elected officials.

The two conflicts — one in the Middle East and the other on Capitol Hill — have become the staples of Bush's campaign appearances.

"Every day now, new word filters out about the ghastly atrocities perpetrated by Saddam's forces," Bush said at a fund-raising luncheon for Clayton Williams.

Bush recounted stories of Kuwaiti babies being

**"America will not stand aside, the world will not allow the strong to swallow up the weak."**

— President George Bush

removed from incubators so the machines could be sent to Baghdad. Similarly, he said dialysis patients were taken from their machines so the machines could be used in Iraq.

In another instance, he said, two youngsters who distributed leaflets were executed by Iraqi forces as their parents were forced to watch.

Bush said the incidents point up "the cruel and senseless suffering endured by the people of Kuwait; a systematic assault on the soul of a nation."

The horrific descriptions paint a background against which the United States may seek new action in the United Nations against Iraq.

Sources say the administration is considering resolution that would condemn Iraq's dismantling of Kuwait, declare Iraq accountable for the damage there and specifically mention the possibility of military action.

On the political front, Bush appeared to align himself with the anti-establishment feeling among voters. "I can't tell you what a pleasure it

is to be out of Washington," he said to applause in Dallas.

Attacking the Congress for its failure to enact a budget, Bush said, "If this is the best that the system can do, then it's time to build a better budget system."

He said Congress has missed its own budget deadlines 37 times in the last 10 years.

"Twice now this year, I've signed emergency legislation to add more time to the clock," the president said. "Well, this Friday, time's up. The American people deserve more than this stopgap government."

His statement reinforced administration warnings that Bush will not sign another spending extension, preferring instead to let the government shut down in the absence of a budget agreement.

Bush was unwilling to say what he might accept in the way of tax increases.

"I'm not going to say what I will or won't do," Bush told reporters on Air Force One as it left Washington. "That managed to get a little confused last week."

Over the course of the week, Bush signaled he was willing to accept higher taxes on the wealthiest Americans in exchange for a sharply lower capital gains tax rate. Then the White House said Bush had not espoused that strategy. Finally, the White House said Bush liked the idea but didn't think Congress would approve it.

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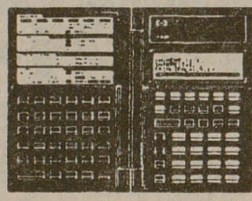
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