

Campaign pace quickens as Nov. 8 approaches

George Bush said Wednesday that voters should pick a president who reflects their hopes and dreams for America and proudly proclaimed, "I am that man." Michael Dukakis urged supporters to "keep pouring it on" in a drive for an Election Day upset.

Republican Bush and Democrat Dukakis made their rounds six days before the voting while all around them the pace of campaigning quickened.

Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole was going to three states during the day in a bid to help endangered GOP candidates for Congress. Sen. Edward Kennedy countered for the Democrats by campaigning in Minnesota, where Hubert H. Humphrey III is a Senate race underdog.

Officials in both parties agree Democrats are likely to retain control

of both houses of Congress after next week's balloting, although Republicans harbor hopes of winning enough close Senate seats to reduce the current 54-46 Democratic advantage.

President Reagan campaigned in Ohio, where he tried to turn Dukakis' "On Your Side" rallying cry against the Democrats. They're "on your side when they want to get their hands on your wallets," he said.

John Howard in Owensboro, Ky., set up a sort of drive-through poll at his Crickets Classy Car Wash, and said the results were about even. Customers could drive into a bay named for the presidential candidate of their choosing. "It's very scientific," he said. "The margin of error is 100 percent."

As usual, Dukakis' aides said their private polls were encouraging. As

usual, the public polls seemed to be pointing to a Republican victory next Tuesday. ABC said its latest Illinois survey was a dead heat, but Bush led in other surveys from Ohio, Arkansas and Connecticut.

Bush campaigned through Illinois and Michigan, two key Midwestern battlegrounds.

At his first stop, at Adlai Stevenson High School outside Chicago, he instructed an audience made up largely of students how to make an Election Day choice.

"You're not going to make your decision on some television (advertisement) or some sound bite, and what I want you to do is look beyond the charges, get past the shouting and choose as president the person who represents your values, your dreams, your hopes for the United States, and

I am that man."

He returned to the theme later in Grand Rapids, Mich. "I represent the mainstream, the mainstream views and the mainstream values. If I win, it will be a mainstream mandate. That's what this election is all about," he said.

Bush also said Dukakis was conducting a "media blitz," appearing "on every television show except 'Wheel of Fortune.'" He was afraid that Vanna might turn over the L-word.

Dukakis began his day in Minnesota by visiting his wife Kitty, who is hospitalized for an upper respiratory infection.

At a downtown rally, the Massachusetts governor urged supporters to "keep pouring it on and pouring it on" as he summoned up memories of

Harry Truman's upset victory of 1948, John Kennedy's closely won contest of 1960 and Hubert Humphrey's narrow defeat in 1968. "There are millions and millions of voters out there who haven't made up their mind," he said.

Dukakis also aired new television commercials nationally that originally were tailored for California. One says the Democrat wants an "America that exports its products, not its jobs." In another, he says he wants "clean air and clean water and clean coasts and a clean government in Washington, D.C."

Democratic vice presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen was in Carbondale, Ill., criticizing Bush for picking Indiana Sen. Dan Quayle to be his running mate. "Bush showed a real disdain, disregard for our country" with his selection, Bentsen said.

'War of words' heats up in Karnes-Kerrey race

The war of words continued Wednesday between the campaign camps of Bob Kerrey and David Karnes, with each bringing in heavy artillery to counter the other's claims.

Kerrey began his day by firing off an angry volley aimed at a group calling itself "Conscientious Objectors and Deserters for Dukakis-Kerrey," which held a mock rally to "support" the Democrats on Tuesday.

Kerrey said the "right-wing band of hoodlums" were trying to discredit his campaign on behalf of Karnes and that the Republican senator owed all veterans an apology.

Karnes' spokesman Brent Bahler on Tuesday denied any link between the demonstrators and the Karnes campaign. He said the Republican senator repudiated the group's actions.

Karnes was on the road in west central Nebraska on Wednesday, and did not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment on campaign developments.

Both camps used national political

figures in a media blitz to counter charges made by the opposition.

U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., called Nebraska reporters in a conference call arranged by the Kerrey campaign to say Karnes was wrong to say the Democratic Party punished the late Ed Zorinsky for being an independent by not giving him the chairmanship of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Leahy was given the committee chairmanship in 1986 after the Democrats regained control of the Senate.

"It's not right for Dave Karnes to even perpetuate such a claim," he said from his farm near Middlesex, Vt. "Chairmanships are based on seniority."

Leahy also disputed Karnes campaign ads that say the Nebraskan was instrumental in pushing through farm credit legislation.

"Dave's involvement was minimal at best," Leahy said.

The Karnes camp returned fire by having U.S. Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, R-

Minn., make a conference call to reporters to respond to Leahy's comments.

Boschwitz said he had a different recollection of Karnes' role in the farm credit legislation, calling Karnes a major player.

"He took a very active role, more active than the chairman of the committee," Boschwitz said. "His activity was often rewarded and underlined by the fact that he was on the conference committee."

Meanwhile, the Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Nebraska asked Karnes to apologize and withdraw a television commercial that criticizes Kerrey for vetoing a legislative bill dealing with criminal insanity pleas.

"It was awful," said group president Jack Woodall. "The way we see it, he's (Karnes) equating mental illness with criminality."

The commercial begins with pictures of President Reagan and John Hinckley, who used an insanity plea after the assassination attempt.

Karnes says in the commercial that

he was angry at the Hinckley insanity plea, noting the change in the Nebraska law. The state Legislature overrode Kerrey's veto of the bill, which shifted the burden of proof in insanity plea cases from the prosecution to the defense.

Woodall said it was unfair for Karnes to pass judgement on the Hinckley incident.

"It's like he's saying that we should have hanged the guy without a trial," Woodall said.

In a prepared statement, Karnes said conclusions drawn by the group are "unwarranted and unfair."

"Absolutely no statement of insinuation is made in the commercial about the mentally ill citizens of this country being criminals," Karnes said in the statement.

Another high-powered Republican, U.S. Transportation Secretary Jim Burnley said in Omaha Tuesday that a Karnes victory is essential to restoring GOP control of the Senate. "Dave Karnes could well be the

make or break of restoring control to the Republican Party," Burnley said during remarks at a reception attended by Gov. Kay Orr.

Both candidates spent Tuesday and Wednesday out and about the state, Karnes on a bus tour with U.S. Rep. Virginia Smith and U.S. Rep. Doug Bereuter and Kerrey making stops in Alliance, Ogallala and Valentine.

In North Platte, Karnes said again that the major difference between himself and Kerrey was that Democrat thinks Michael Dukakis is the best man to lead the country.

"I don't think that's what Nebraskans want," Karnes said.

Kerrey visited a retirement center in Alliance, talked with downtown shoppers and spoke at an Ogallala rally Tuesday.

"I believe America needs more hope," he said. "We can't just measure our worth in gross national product. We will not solve this deficit if we continue to take the easy road. We must choose the difficult road."

U.S. sex addicts may number in millions

LOS ANGELES — As many as 6 percent of Americans may be so obsessed with sex it interferes with their lives, but experts can't agree how to treat these "sex addicts" - or even if they're addicts.

Eli Coleman, a pioneer in the field, says there's no question that sexual addiction exists, and that his patients include men who are "masturbating 10 to 15 times a day resulting in physical injury, hiring prostitutes on a daily basis, (or having) multiple anonymous sexual encounters without any regard to risk of health or commitments to family or relationships."

The concept has become increasingly popular in recent years, spurring the creation self-help groups modeled after Alcoholics

Anonymous. Mary Ann Miller, a psychologist who founded the Chicago chapter of Sex Addicts Anonymous, has estimated that up to 6 percent of Americans are addicts.

However, sociologists Martin P. Levine and Richard Troiden wrote in the August issue of the Journal of Sex Research that the sex addict theory amounts to "transforming sin into sickness."

"There's no such disease as sexual addiction or sexual compulsion. It doesn't exist," said Levine, at Bloomfield College in New Jersey.

He and Troiden, of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, wrote that "the invention of sexual addiction and sexual compulsion as 'dis-

eases' threatens the civil liberties of sexually variant peoples" like homosexuals.

"Mental health professionals must remain cautious about endorsing concepts which may serve as 'billy clubs' for driving the erotically unconventional into the traditional sexual fold," they cautioned.

While not addictive in the chemical sense, "these behavior patterns are pathological, self-defeating," said Coleman, a psychologist in the University of Minnesota Medical School's human sexuality program. "These individuals display hypersexuality in response to feelings of anxiety, depression or loneliness."



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Hoch withdraws libel suit against Prokop

OMAHA — University of Nebraska Regent Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City said an attorney made a mistake when he filed a \$1 million libel lawsuit on her behalf against her opponent in the regents race.

Martin Cannon, an Omaha lawyer, filed the lawsuit Tuesday in Douglas County District Court against Dr. Robert Prokop of Wilber.

But Hoch said Cannon later withdrew the lawsuit on Tuesday at her request. She said she did not intend to take the issue to court until after the Nov. 8 election.

The lawsuit contends Prokop distributed a four-page campaign mailing that contains libelous and defamatory statements about her.

The literature, which she alleges was mailed to 34,000 households, questions the propriety of a contribution to her 1984 U.S. Senate campaign from Wall Street investment banker Ivan Boesky. In 1986 Boesky acknowledged his involvement in insider trading.

Hoch, who ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate in 1984 and for the Republican nomination for governor in 1986, said the lawsuit should not have been filed at this time.

"My husband with my knowledge requested Mr. Cannon to research a libel action against Robert Prokop and draft a petition for our review. Mr. Cannon misunderstood our request and filed the petition without my

knowledge or authorization," Hoch said Tuesday.

"I'm asking Mr. Cannon to withdraw it for the time being. I had decided not to file it until after the election."

Prokop, unseated as a regent by Hoch in 1982, said he hadn't seen a request from Hoch for a retraction. She said she sent the request Oct. 24.

Asked whether he would now retract his statements, Prokop said: "With a suit threat, I cannot comment on any campaign matters."

He said Hoch should have taken the dispute to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission before considering a lawsuit.

Among the points in the campaign

literature, according to information filed with the lawsuit, was an allegation that Hoch took a "payoff" from Boesky during her 1982 regent campaign and 1984 Senate race. Prokop writes that Hoch was accepting money from a "convicted felon."

Boesky's involvement in insider trading was revealed in November 1986 by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Hoch said in an interview that Boesky and his wife contributed \$1,000 each to her Senate campaign when "he was well-known and respected as an investment banker." She said that her campaign raised \$600,000 and that she was unaware at the time of the Boesky contributions.