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## Reagan to visit Dallas

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SANTA BARBARA — President Reagan, facing a barrage of criticism for an upsurge in unemployment, intends to stress his "dramatic progress" in lowering interest rates and inflation in the waning weeks of the congressional campaign, aides indicate.

After spending a relaxed weekend at his mountaintop ranch, Reagan flies to Dallas today for two political appearances in support of Republican senatorial candidate Rep. James Collins, who has an uphill battle against incumbent Democrat Lloyd Bentsen.

Afterwards Reagan will head back to Washington, where he will spend the rest of the week, highlighted by a nationally broadcast "progress report" on the economy at 7:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes has labeled the address "non-partisan," but speaker Thomas O'Neill already has made a protest to all three major networks for giving Reagan time for what he calls "a patently political address for an election."

NBC said it will air the address, but a spokesman for CBS said "no final decision" had been made although it was "likely" the network will carry the address. ABC said it was undecided.

The harshest criticism for Reagan Sunday came from AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland.

"Never before in history have two crack-brained theories like supply-side economics and cultist monetarism had a more extensive trial and been proved so wrong, to the great harm of so many people so quickly,"

said Kirkland during an appearance on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Chief of Staff James Baker said in a broadcast on ABC-TV Sunday that Reagan deplores the 10.1 percent unemployment "and we're going to do what we can to remedy that situation."

But, he added, "We're making dramatic progress on two fronts — inflation has been reduced by over 50 percent, and interest rates are down by some 40 percent."

Baker also insisted that the 11.3 million people out of work would not be a dramatic election issue or "a watershed event" as far as the balloting on Nov. 2 is concerned.

He said the administration does not believe it will be hurt badly because it had been anticipated for some time that the jobless rate would top 10 percent.

Furthermore, he said that "the 99 to 100 million Americans who are employed are considerably better off than they were two years ago by reason of increased purchase power."

"Their taxes are down and inflation is down, and they've got more real take-home pay," he added.

Reagan's political advisers and the GOP campaign committees were working out the final stages of the president's participation in the campaign.

So far, only one other date has been set for the president to travel. He will fly to Peroria, Ill., Oct. 20 for an appearance in support of Rep. Bob Michel, the House Republican leader, and the following morning will fly to Omaha, Neb.

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## Welcomes you

more to your taste. You might choose to see Merlin the Magician or the belly dancers, or you might like to see them all. Fortunately, the king has arranged for the various entertainers to stagger their performances to allow visitors time to see many different shows.

When you find yourself in need of food or drink, you'll notice that there is plenty. However, be prepared to spend many pounds and pence since the cost of sustenance at New Market Village is dear.

Delicacies include turkey legs, stuffed spuds, scotch eggs (hardboiled eggs wrapped in sausage then deep fried), french "fried" iced cream (you figure it out), and shiskabob. Beverage are king's brew (beer), queen's spirits (wine and wine coolers), soda, tea and lemonade. Glassblowing and 15th Century printing demonstrations are held, and the coin hammer, patterned after a sketch of Leonardo Da Vinci's, produces the Renaissance Festival coin.

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The rat catcher, alias Kent Rice, and his friend.

## entertain and amuse you

of the Renaissance who work there. Professional actors, painters, anyone else who appears every day on a medieval perspective each year participate.

Austin, is an artist in wire sculpture. He uses wire, usually aluminum, flat bronze, flat steel to sculpt it into his sculptures in horseback, long wire representation.

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one to smile, I'm there," Konopaski says

This is the first year the Flying Sorcerer has performed at the Texas Renaissance Festival.

"So far it's nice," Konopaski said. "It's clean and the people seems very friendly."

Sword swallower Jonny Fox allows random members of the audience to inspect the three swords to verify that they are real. He points out that one sword's handle is narrower than the top of the blade, thus ruling out the possibility that the blade would retract into the handle.

He attaches the three swords together at their handles and ingests the sword sandwich. The crowd stares in silence. Someone whispers, "He's crazy!" Fox beckons for applause which the crowd gladly grants. A member of the audience grasps the handles while Fox backs away, exposing the blades.

Fox, from Boulder, Colo. is one of only about a dozen sword swallows in the United States. He said he de-

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ecided to learn the art because he needed a strong ending for his street show and hadn't seen sword swallowing done in a long time. Practicing three times a day, Fox took eight months to perfect his performance.

This is Fox's third year at the Texas Renaissance Festival.

"It's a good fair, has good people," Fox said. "It's the best fair in the country."

Chain mail is a form of fabric made of chain that was once used for making flexible armor. Although there's no future in chain mail armor, Randolph Markham has found a pleasant existence producing fantasy costumes made of the exotic fabric.

Markham, from Florida, his wife Jane, and other friends, travel throughout the country selling the costumes that range from complete dresses to headdresses.

"While I don't ever expect to be a rich man, I have a hell of a lifestyle," Markham said.

Most of Markham's customers are women of above average income between 35- and 55-years old. His best selling item is the headdress, which ranges in price from \$55 to several hundred dollars. The women wear these to cocktail parties, theater openings, or just "out rock and rolling," Markham says. His other customers include professional dancers, belly dancers and strippers.

In addition to the chain, Markham used a lot of Austrian lead crystal in his costumes. A single item may take him four or five days to complete. A \$150 headdress, for example, requires \$40 worth of supplies and lots of labor.

"You're paying to support an artist," Markham said.

Markham designs the costumes and will make them to fit your precise measurements. Cheri Spangler, from Houston, is working for Markham selling chain mail. Clad in a chain mail bikini and headdress, she insists that it's very comfortable and doesn't pinch.



Jane Markham, from Florida, helps a prospective customer try on a chain mail headdress.

before Friday's parliament session, but that Glempe refused to attend to protest the Communist Party's plan to ban Solidarity.

Jaruzelski expressed his sympathy to the rank and file members of Solidarity and the state-sponsored "branch" and "autonomous" unions also outlawed by Friday's Parliament session.

He stressed that new unions simultaneously created by the bill would be different from the old state-sponsored unions and Solidarity, which he called "an anti-socialist group."

Jaruzelski said the authorities had been guided by good intentions in their dealings with Solidarity.

## bus round

the Moon landing to the Space Shuttle program.

"The space program should be ended," he says. "The whole thing is a hoax. It is simply a case of everything that goes up eventually comes down. It doesn't orbit. What we see on television are pre-arranged movies made in studios."

But why would the United States perpetuate such a "myth?"

"The space program keeps the myth alive that the world is round," he said. "You must have a total lie, not a partial lie. In order to keep the hoax alive, they staged the moon landing, and of course we all know that was a lie and that it never happened."

"Now they keep telling us the shuttle is orbiting the world, but it is just falling down. Again, what goes up, must come down."

## Corps, grow

cadets. "It's the natural evolution of the way things are in our society," he said. "Our women do a damn good job."

## PR above university

"In the first place, we are now enforcing the quiet hours. Our freshmen and sophomores are being provided that time to study. Our senior class is dedicated to that."

Burton has high hopes for the new faculty adviser program, in which 44 faculty members have volunteered to serve as advisers to Corps outfits. The commandant cited an especially gifted incoming class as another reason why he expects the Corps to improve academically.

"I think it's clear to our seniors and our juniors that these freshmen are a cut above the average bear," he said.