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Reagan's Austin visit planned

United Press International
AUSTIN — President Reagan and Vice President George Bush, meeting in the Texas capital for their first joint campaign appearance outside Washington, will address supporters today at an outdoor rally that also will include country-western music and 25-cent hot dogs. Reagan is scheduled to fly into Austin at 12:10 p.m., preceded at 11:45 a.m. by Bush, who was in several Texas cities for campaign appearances on Tuesday.

The two then will speak at a brief half-hour rally at 12:30 p.m. on the banks of a downtown lake. The rally is set to begin at 10:30 a.m. with music by Pasadena singer and nightclub owner Mickey Gilley and an appearance by the Houston Oilers cheerleaders.

Reagan and Bush are scheduled to meet with Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, co-chairman of the Reagan-Bush campaign in Texas, before Reagan departs for another campaign appearance in Atlanta and Bush heads back to Washington.

The local Reagan-Bush campaign office printed 120,000 free tickets to the rally to distribute to the public, although organizers said they did not expect more than a few thousand people at the rally.

"The objective here is not to shelter the president from citizens who want to see their president," said Linden Kettlewell, executive director of the Reagan-Bush Texas campaign.

Kettlewell described Austin as "the home turf for a lot of Democrats and independents who share the concern that the (Democratic) Party has left them behind."

Although former President Jimmy Carter carried Travis County in the 1980 election, Reagan carried Texas with 58 percent of the vote.

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Photos were 'Miss America's idea'

United Press International
NEW YORK — Penthouse publisher Bob Guccione said Tuesday he felt sorry for Vanessa Williams but said it was her own idea to pose for the sexually explicit photographs with another woman that cost the former Miss America her crown.

"The photographs were taken at her request," Guccione said in an interview with United Press International. "She wanted to break into modeling. It was even Vanessa herself who said I want to do pictures with this other girl — she thought it was sexy and cute."

"I didn't take my clothes off. She did," he said.

Guccione estimated he would make up to \$10 million on sales of 4.5 million copies of the September issue.

Williams, 21, of Millwood, N.Y., denied giving permission for the publication of the pictures she posed

for when she was 19. She said she gave up her title because she did not "want any kind of battle or fight or division with the people who supported me."

"I know it was a mistake, of course," she said on NBC. "The tears came. It was rough. And now I'm ready to work and move on. This is rock bottom and there's no where else to go but up."

Williams, the first black Miss America and the first in the pageant's 63-year history to be dethroned, gave up her crown Monday under pressure from pageant officials after the sexually explicit photos of her and the other woman were printed in Penthouse.

Guccione said he paid photographer Tom Chiapel "the highest price we've ever paid for any editorial matter in the magazine" but would not specify the amount.

Guccione said a Chiapel representative offered both Playboy and Penthouse model registry from seeking employment.

Both magazines turned down those forms because they didn't have a low publication of pictures of Williams. But Guccione said Penthouse went directly to Chiapel to get the proper forms releasing the photos.

"We would not have acted responsibly because we would be vulnerable," Guccione said. "We had her signature on the release examined by handwriting experts."

Williams said she could only read signing an application to be placed on a model registry and said Chiapel assured her the photos would not be in silhouette, she would not be recognizable, and they would be kept secret.

Stocks plunge, trading slow

United Press International
NEW YORK — After trying unsuccessfully to rally several times, the stock market plunged to a 17-month low while suffering its fifth consecutive loss Tuesday in sluggish trading.

Brokers said a late afternoon sell-off in bellwether General Motors stock had a domino effect on other blue-chip issues in a session filled with uncertainty about the course of the economy and interest rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average, up 3 at the outset after losing 4.75 Monday, plunged 10.05 to 1,086.57.

The Dow has lost 36.33 the past

five sessions and is down 200.07 since hitting its 1984 high of 1,286.64 on Jan. 6.

General Motors, a component of the Dow Jones average, was the third most active issue, losing 2 1/2 to 64 3/4. Apparently some analysts have lowered their second-quarter earnings estimates for the auto giant because of a metal workers strike earlier this year in West Germany.

GM officials said they knew of no reason for the drop. David Healy of Drexel Burnham Lambert said he thought the drop "might be a little bit of nervousness about the second quarter earnings and all the publicity about the labor negotiations."

The New York Stock Exchange index, which also contains 600 stocks, dropped 0.60 to 85.13 — its lowest level since February 1983. The price of an average share decreased 1.2 cents. Declines led advances 961-33 among the 1,942 issues traded at 3 p.m. EDT.

Big Board volume totaled 74,370,000 shares.

Analysts said the slower trading indicated many big investors stayed on the sidelines to await President Reagan's 8 p.m. EDT news conference. "I don't expect Reagan to do anything but upbeat from now until November," said Joseph Broderick of Stuart, Coleman & Co.

Today's thought

A thought for the day: Egyptian statesman Anwar el-Sadat said "Most people seek after what they do not possess and are thus enslaved by the very things they want to acquire."

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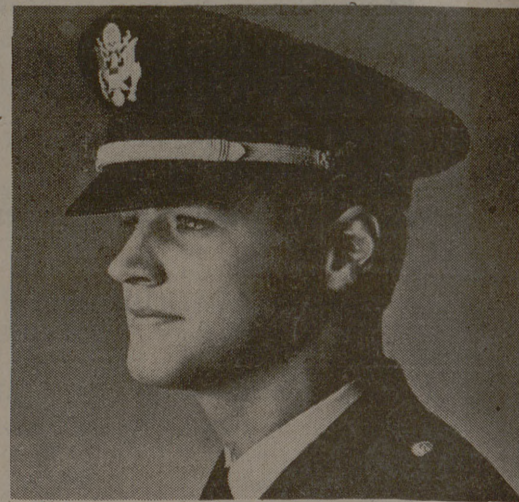
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