

# Reagan's Living On Borrowed Bucks

For more than seven years since Ronald Reagan entered the White House, the country has been living in a movie. One that now threatens to turn the American Dream into a nightmare. In fact, we might call this movie "Nightmare on Main Street."

What went wrong? Who is to blame? President Reagan is to blame. Not that Americans aren't equally guilty. We consumers bought all the snake oil, magic tricks and talking dogs this flick paraded before us. We should have watched Bush's movie instead.

George Bush, way back when, called it "voodoo economics." We should have listened—but we were yearning to be in The Movies. Ronald Reagan first became a part of our culture on the silver screen, after all. That Hollywood cachet mesmerized us into buying into his bad dream. Reagan promised more than Bush for the price of a movie ticket.

We're awake now—and realize Reagan isn't really the President. He's playing The President; like in the movies. Remember him as



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"FDR—Wartime Chief" when invading Grenada? How about him playing LBJ down in Nicaragua? It's "Vietnam—The Early Days."

How about "Invasion of the Foreign Investors?" Or "High Noon on Wall Street?" The U.S. is going broke because of trade imbalance and the deficit. It's right out of the movies. What a cast of characters.

The real Seven Dwarfs are running the government. Only they're the baleful flying monkeys of Oz. There's Wheezy, the Old Man himself. And Queasy—that's George Bush. Sleazy is Ed Meese.

Cap Weinberger is Grassy—chief snake oil salesman. Howard Baker is Freezy—laid back Mr. Cool. Marlin Fitzwater is Breezy—the mouthpiece. Treasury Secretary Jim Baker is Cheesy—he wants to de-value the currency and close the stock exchanges. Reagan and crew have been living on borrowed time and borrowed buck since this movie began. They've refused to bite the bullet on serious economic and social problems. They've all played their parts against a volatile background international instability. Now it's getting close to The End for a flick that ran for years in Main Street theaters. Richard Nixon started it all—by

playing Dracula in the White House. He paved the way for Reagan to play the role of his life—the Frankenstein Monster. He is bumbling and inept; but not responsible. He has all the hulking charm. A true creature manufactured by Hollywood; crashing and thrashing about mindlessly. We wouldn't have bought a used car from Nixon. We've bought a Cinderella coach from Reagan. And it's about to turn into a pumpkin. But, wait. Hear that faint howl along Main Street? It's the Werewolf at the door. But that's another movie, right. Anyway, Jesse Jackson probably has a silver bullet. Let's hope so.

## IRS Offers Tax Workshop

A free small business tax workshop will be offered on November 6 by the Internal Revenue Service, in cooperation with the Small Business Center at Central Piedmont Community College. The all-day workshop, in room 220 of the Citizens Center on the CPCC campus, runs from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Participants will learn about

types of business organizations, record keeping, business income returns, and required forms. For more information on this workshop and other services offered by the CPCC Small Business Center, contact Emma R. Quinn at 342-6900.

## Neighborhood Groups Receive Grants For Development And Improvement

Twelve Charlotte area neighborhood groups have been awarded a total of \$42,890 through the Neighborhood Grants Program of the Foundation For The Carolinas in Charlotte and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation of Flint, Michigan. The Neighborhood Grants Program assists low income neighborhoods with a variety of community improvement projects and develops neighborhood leadership. In its fourth year of operation, the program has awarded approximately \$200,000 to 22 different neighborhood organizations. Neighborhood grants for 1987 are as follows: - \$2,500 to the Belmont neighborhood in northeast Charlotte for a beautification project. Belmont has been identified as having the most deteriorated housing in the city. A new community organization, the Belmont Strategy Force, will use grant funds to begin an improvement effort. - \$7,500 to Brookhill, Southside and Wilmore neighborhoods near South Tryon Street for continuation of a highly successful beautification program plus a youth enrichment program, a crime watch and a neighborhood self-help fund. - \$5,000 to Crestdale Community Organization in Matthews to conduct a variety of youth and adult programs at the new Crestdale Community Center, which was renovated with Neighborhood Grant funds in previous years. - \$2,500 to Eleanor Heights Community Association in northwest Charlotte for a youth employment program to aid in neighborhood

maintenance and beautification. - \$3,000 to the First Ward neighborhood near uptown Charlotte for continuation of a youth community service and sports program. - \$3,000 to the Hampton Park Community Organization near UNCC for completion of a community park and other improvements. - \$2,090 to Horizon Youth Services in the Highland Park neighborhood of Gastonia for a youth leadership and community development program. - \$500 to the newly formed North Charlotte Neighborhood Association to start a newsletter and conduct other activities to develop a sense of community in the neighborhood. - \$400 to Pine Valley Homebuyers Association in southwest Charlotte for tutoring, youth programs and adult recreational activities. - \$6,000 to Reid Park Association off West Boulevard for leadership training, motivational youth workshops and a beautification program. - \$2,800 to Seversville Community Organization in northwest Charlotte for a neighborhood beautification program to be conducted by youth. - \$3,500 to the Washington Heights Improvement Committee in northwest Charlotte for a neighborhood beautification program. In addition, the Neighborhood Grants Program has allocated \$4,100 for a leadership training program and a drug education workshop for representatives from all 12 neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Grants Program is funded by a \$35,000 grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation which is matched by \$21,000 by the Foundation For The Carolinas and the Blumenthal Foundation in Charlotte. The Urban Institute at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte administers the program for the two foundations. For further information call LaRita Green at the Urban Institute at 547-2307.

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## CPCC Business Center Offers Workshop On Starting A Business

If you're thinking about starting your own business and need a well-organized game plan, you could benefit from a free workshop planned by the Small Business Center at Central Piedmont Community College. "The Fundamentals of Starting a Small Business," to be led by business consultant Donald White-man, will address the challenges of self-employment and is designed for the aspiring entrepreneur.

The workshop is scheduled for November 12 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in room 220 of the Citizens Center on the CPCC campus. Participants should pre-register by November 10. For more information on this workshop and other services by the CPCC Small Business Center, contact Emma R. Quinn at 342-6900.

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