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by Scott McCullar



Use old corn, says White

United Press International
AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White suggested Monday that the U.S. Department of Agriculture use some of the corn it has stockpiled since the 1980 grain embargo to help drought-plagued West Texas farmers and ranchers.

White said in a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block that he was "very disappointed" that Block had re-

refused to extend assistance to agricultural producers in the 27-county area through the federal Emergency Feed Program.

Along with Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, the governor had sought a subsidy to help ranchers provide feed for their livestock.

"As the days get hotter and the ground gets dryer, the situation continues to worsen with lit-

tle prospect of improvement since August, September and October are usually very hot and dry months," White said.

Most of the 47,927-square-mile area has had less than 2 inches of rain in 1983, and some counties have received less than one-half inch.

Because the dry conditions have left ranges with little or no grass to feed livestock, many ranchers have been forced to sell their cattle and sheep herds or moved them into New Mexico and Colorado.

The 18-month drought has been so severe that some ranchers have reported using blowtorches to burn thorns off prickly pear cactuses so cattle could eat them.

White suggested Block consider using the "large stockpiles" of corn stored by the USDA in the Texas Panhandle since the grain embargo of 1980. White said he understood much of the corn was beginning to deteriorate and would be unfit for human consumption.

Texas Farmers Union president Mike Moeller of Waco also joined White in criticizing Block's decision. He said the West Texas area is "slowly but surely turning into a new Dust Bowl."

"It's already too late to save most of the crops this year, but we can still save some of the family farmers and ranchers from going out of business entirely by granting the emergency aid," said Moeller.

Woman named to head Jewish congregation

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ST. LOUIS — Even while keeping up her battle to enter a male bastion of the Conservative branch of Judaism, Rabbi Beverly W. Magidson will become the first woman to head a congregation of the Jewish group.

Magidson has been appointed to lead the 105-family Congregation Beth Shalom in Clifton Park, N.Y., a suburb of Albany.

But her ultimate desire is to become the first woman admitted to the Rabbinical Assembly, which is the Conservative branch's association of rabbis. In April, she came within four votes of being granted membership in the group.

Magidson Monday said she had been appointed to head a Conservative congregation without being a member of the rabbinical group because there

is a shortage of Conservative rabbis in the United States.

Magidson said she would continue to seek admission to the rabbinical organization, adding she believes her application eventually will be successful.

Magidson was ordained as a Reform rabbi in 1979, although she considers herself to be a Conservative Jew.

"The major difference between Reform and Conservative Jews is how they approach Jewish law," she said. "The Reform branch considers itself outside Jewish law. The Conservative branch believes one should observe Jewish law."

Before becoming a chaplain at Jewish Hospital, she served as associate director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Washington University.

Her application to the Rabbinical Assembly was made in April at a meeting of the Conservative movement. She received 210 of the 240 votes required by the 24 rabbi members.

She is a devout observant Jew and keeps a kosher home. The Conservative movement occupies a ground between the Reform and the Orthodox groups.

"My parents were very religious," she said, "and I was a child. I'm considered a maverick in my family." Many Conservative rabbis throughout the United States have written to Magidson, encouraging her to keep up her courage to join the rabbinical ranks, she said she will reapply.

Nativity scene to remain on county-owned land

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HOUSTON — The American Civil Liberties Union said it plans to appeal a federal ruling that says Harris County may continue placing Nativity scenes on county property during the Christmas season.

A written order by U.S. District Judge George Cire Monday denied an ACLU motion filed last December which sought to stop the county from putting the Christmas scenes on the lawns of two county buildings.

The lawsuit claimed the scenes were religious symbols and the county should not be involved in promoting religion. "We will appeal the decision," said Stefan Presser, ACLU attorney.

The ACLU cited a similar case from Pawtucket, R.I., in which the city was enjoined from sponsoring Nativity scenes in public buildings. The case is pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

T. Gerald Treece, hired to represent Harris County in the lawsuit, praised the ruling. "The ACLU seems to think that every time the government has any involvement with religion that would violate the First Amendment command on separation of church and state. In fact, we have a rich American cultural heritage and part of that is based on our religion," Treece said.

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Colorado bus manufacturer filing lawsuit against MTA

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BOULDER, Colo. — A Colorado bus manufacturer said Tuesday it has prepared a \$3.9 million lawsuit against Houston's public transit agency, which is accused of terminating an agreement to buy 50 "articulated" buses after the Texas Legislature called on it to deal only

with an in-state company. The suit was prepared for filing Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Houston by Neoplan USA of Lamar, Colo.

The company accuses the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County of breaching a legal contract, "bowing to political pressure" and "fishing for a

lower bid." Neoplan has requested damages of \$1.9 million in punitive damages of \$2 million.

The case began Aug. 1, when Metro invited Neoplan to "bidding" transit bus suppliers who would be required to provide full maintenance services.

Early in 1983, the Neoplan was told a "representative" March "representative" ro, as well as Neoplan representatives, proceeded under the assumption that Neoplan had been awarded the bus contract and the two had only to work out rate maintenance provisions.

"Neoplan expended ordinary and substantial time and money to develop a maintenance program to fit the needs of Metro," said. "This consisted of building a contract to purchase a building to house the maintenance facility and legal fees for the formation of a corporation to control the business."

The suit said that Metro's contracting officer confirmed May 5, 1983, that Neoplan had been awarded the bus contract, but 19 days later the Texas Legislature adopted a resolution urging Metro to agree to purchase buses from a Texas company.

The following day the suit said, Neoplan was told bid solicitation was canceled because of changes in equipment requirements.

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