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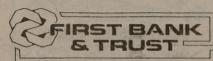
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World and Nation

Former Tech president gets nominated to replace Bennet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lauro Cavazos' father always stressed the importance of education to his three boys growing up in the untamed brushland of the renowned King

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The strength of that message took Cavazos all the way to the White House, where President Reagan on Tuesday nominated him to succeed William Bennett as U.S. Secretary of

Cavazos, 61, has devoted most of his life to educating himself and others, becoming the first Hispanic president of Texas Tech University

run by a Hispanic.

"I have pushed hard on that, especially with minority groups," Cav-

"I am convinced education is the key to many things. If you have sufficient education, you can solve most any problem in the world. Famine. Ecological problems. Nuclear problems. Racism. They're all solved with education.

At Tech, Cavazos paid special attention to minority education. He oversaw the creation of a special office to handle minority student problems and increased efforts to president of Texas Tech University and its medical school. That post makes him head of the nation's larg-

est higher educational institution ing dropout rate of minority stu-

During his tenure, Hispanic enrollment increased from 3.6 percent in 1980 to 6.3 percent in 1987. Black enrollment edged up from 1.85 percent to 2.4 percent during the same

Despite his soft-spoken, friendly demeanor and good organizational skills, Cavazos was sometimes criticized for being stretched too thin in running both the university and its medical school.

Dr. Bernard Mittemeyer, executive vice president of Tech's Health Sciences Center, said Cavazos was always easy to work with, but occasion-

solve problems through commi

Cavazos, known informally Larry, is one of a trio of remar brothers who all left the King Rang where their father was the fore of the Santa Gertrudis cattle sion, to get an education at what then Texas Technological Colleg

After becoming in 1980 the Tech alumnus named presi Cavazos is keeping the family tion alive. Seven of his 10 child hold Tech degrees.

Cavazos announced in May he would resign as president Texas Tech in July 1989 and, after ally difficult to get track down.

"He basically is a delegator," Mitanatomy in the medical strength to the medical strength t

Democratic ticket excites politicians around Dixieland

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Lloyd Bentsen's presence at the top of the ticket has helped energize conservative Democratic leaders around the South who in past elections kept their distance from the presidential nominee.

Some congressional Democrats say nominee Michael Dukakis buttressed his standing with the conservative wing of the party by picking Bentsen, a three-term senator from Texas with a record of being probusiness and pro-defense, as his running mate.

Other factors play into the support Dukakis is apparently gathering across the South — part is the absence of President Reagan from the ticket and part is the candidate him-self, say some Democrats who perceive Dukakis as a tough and astute

"For the first time in modern history, the nominee moved to the right in selecting his running mate," said Rep. Charles Stenholm, a conservative Texan who can be considered the "head boll weevil" in the House. 'It's what we always ask for and fi-

fore the presidential election, the

board members, all appointed by

President Reagan, sent a dramatic signal that they were willing to push

up interest rates to dampen inflationary pressures even at the risk of

endangering Vice President George

from 6 percent to 6.5 percent, was adopted by a 6-0 vote and took effect

immediately. It was the first change

since Sept. 4 and put the rate at its

The increase in the discount rate,

Bush's presidential aspirations.

highest in more than two years.

I know of no candidate . . . for Congress who is running away from the ticket," said Stenholm, who remembers other election years when Democrats would not even appear on the same platform as the presidential nominee.

Although Stenholm supported previous Democratic tickets for president, he "couldn't influence one vote," he said Monday.

Evidence of similar support is dotted around Dixie — Sen. David Boren wants to campaign with Dukakis and Bentsen if they come to Okla-homa and Georgia Gov. Joe Frank Harris says he's willing to serve in any capacity on the campaign.

Rep. Marvin Leath of Texas says he's excited about a Democratic ticket for the first time in years. Sens. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana and Sam Nunn of Georgia say they're confident Dukakis-Bentsen can deliver the White House to the Democrats, and Rep. Charlie Wilson of Texas is ready to start cam-

But Texas Republican Party Chairman Fred Meyer says "that's all political rhetoric . . . They're doing it for political expediency."

An increase in the discount rate,

gage rates and credit cards, are likely

"This will hit consumer pocket-books fairly soon," said David Jones,

an economist with Aubrey G. Lan-

ston, a government securities dealer

prime rate, the interest they charge

their most creditworthy commercial

prime rate by a full point to 9.5 percent, the highest since March 1986.

customers, this week or next.

He said banks likely will raise their

Since May, banks have raised their

World briefs House approves drought relief plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House approved a \$3.9 billion aid package for drought-stricken farmers Tuesday and sent the measure to President Reagan, who made known he intends to

sign it.

"We have kept the faith,"

House Agriculture Committee

Chairman E. "Kika" de la Garza, D-Texas, said as the House approved the bill, 383-18. "To all who will be helped by this legislation, our promise has been kept."
The House devoted only brief

debate to the measure, which emerged from a House-Senate co ference committee last week

and won Senate approval Monday. Congress raced to put the legislation on Reagan's des before it begins a three-week break Friday.

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater told reporters hou earlier there was no doubt Reagan will sign the measure.
Provisions call for government

payments to farmers who h lost more than 35 percent of the crops because of drought, excessive moisture or rela damage, such as that caused by insects. The payments would be equal to 65 percent of their loss over the 35 percent threshold level.

House approves tariff-free trade pact

WASHINGTON (AP) - The tariffs between the two country House voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to sweep away most tariffs and a wide array of other barriers to the annual \$166 billion trade in goods and services be-tween the United States and Can-

ada.
"We have a bill here, in short, in which everyone gains and no one loses," Rep. William Frenzel, R-Minn., said as the House approved 366-40 and sent to the Senate the free-trade agreement signed by President Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney last January

The measure would authorize the president to phase out most

over the next 10 years, and approves elimination of a wide range of other trade barriers under the pact.

Many lawmakers said such free-trade zone is needed as counterbalance to Europe Common Market protectionism Counterpart legislation stalled in Canada's appoint Senate, where it is encounter

Liberal Party opposition.

The agreement does not set u common market between t United States and Canada. That would mean adopting comm

tariffs on imports from third

Beryl weakens, raises hopes for rain

NEW ORLEANS (AP) -Tropical Storm Beryl weakened Tuesday after moving inland, leaving one person missing in the Gulf of Mexico but raising hopes that the storm's remnants could bring rain to drought-stricken Midwest

The Coast Guard rescued six people who endured two days of wind and rain on an island after high seas prevented them from returning to the mainland.

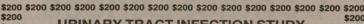
There was virtually no damage in southern Louisiana except for some spot flooding and tree limbs blown down. Scattered damage was reported in southern Mississippi, including downed tree limbs and scattered power out-

In New Orleans, where preparations continued for next week's Republican National Convention few problems developed from the

Critics lukewarm to 'Last temptation'

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — Film critics gave a lukewarm reception Tuesday to "The Last Temptation of Christ," a new interpretation of the life of Jesus that has been denounced unseen, by some Christians.

The film, which opens to the public Friday, depicts Jesus as a troubled, guilt-ridden man



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Federal reserve gives

boost to lending rate

fight inflation, said Tuesday it was boosting its key bank lending rate for the first time in nearly a year. Analysts said other interest rates the would head higher as a result.

Which is short-term loans to member banks, is the central bank's most direct way of pushing interest rates higher as a curb on economic growth.

Economists said jumps in other interest rates including those on mort-

to follow.

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