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Christian Booksellers convention draws crowd interested in religious lore

DALLAS (AP) — An estimated 13,000 people are flocking to Dallas this week for the annual Christian Booksellers Association convention, considered the largest of its kind. The event, which began Friday and runs through Thursday at the Dallas Convention Center, gives Christian exhibitors a chance to display their religious wares. Christian bookstores and other retailers buy many of the products they carry at the exhibit, and marketers consider the event an invaluable networking opportunity. Christian publishing and retailing are booming in Texas and across the country.

The North Dallas suburb of Plano is the only city in the country that has stores from all four major leading Christian bookstore chains — Baptist Bookstores, Berean Christian Stores, Family Christian Stores and Mardel — plus an independent store, Mustard Seed. Laverne Gregory, who has been with the El Paso-based Baptist Spanish Publishing House for 40 years, said the convention has developed into a major public relations event in the last 20 years. The exhibit floor opens Monday to retailers, but it's closed to the public.

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Victoria Lynn, a tattoo artist, inks a Marvin the Martian impression on Jonathan McDonald, a junior environmental design major, at a local tattoo shop Saturday.

Committee looks into policies concerning government documents

AUSTIN (AP) — After hearing testimony from more than 120 witnesses in eight cities, a Senate committee is preparing recommendations for changes to the state law that makes most documents held by government agencies open to the public.

Advocates for public information said the issue is one all Texans should watch closely. "This particular issue is one that has such a broad effect," Dolph Tillotson, president and publisher of *The Galveston County Daily News* and chair of a legislative committee for the Texas Daily Newspapers Association and the Texas Press Association, said.

Suzy Woodford, head of the government watchdog group Common Cause, said Texans should not mistake open government laws as special-interest laws for the news media.

"Common Cause passed the Open Records Act, now the Public Information Act, in 1973," Ms. Woodford said. "We believed that the public needs to be able to get this information if they are going to do an adequate job of holding elected and appointed officials accountable."

"We did not pass the law for the press," she said. "We count the media as our friends, but the Public

Information Act is for the public." The act was last amended in 1995. That change, in part, made it clear that electronically held records also are public. Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio and chair of the interim Senate Public Information Committee, said more changes are needed. "It needs more improvement, it seems to me," he said.

Under the law, copies of most documents must be provided to the public for a reasonable fee based on the cost of providing the copy. Some documents, like those involving ongoing criminal investigations, are not open to the public. If a question arises about a particular document, the government body can turn to the Attorney General's office for a legal opinion on whether it must be made public.

Wentworth said some agencies appear to be abusing that provision of the law, requesting attorney general opinions on documents that are clearly open. He said the committee will consider alternatives for resolving that problem.

"All too often, there is a reluctance to give information to people that is clearly public information," Wentworth said. "They will say they have a legal question about it and so

"We're going to refer it to the Attorney General's office." "That process can take longer than a year. By the time the information is made available to the individual, it is of much value."

Wentworth said the committee will likely consider ways to make more clear to government agencies and to the public — and opinions should be sought — said the open records law should become its own agency in the process of issuing opinions. Another major concern, Wentworth said he thinks considered is not what is proposed law would do on the release of public information.

Tillotson said that is extremely valuable. "I think that is really important issues because most difficult issues in tracking information that has an impact on the Legislature," he said.

Wentworth said the committee will likely meet a final time in a month to draft recommendations for changing the law. Those recommendations will be forwarded to the Legislature, which could act on them next year.

Kennedy assassination film footage presented to general public for sale

NEW YORK (AP) — Perhaps the most profoundly disturbing 26 seconds of footage in American history — the Zapruder film of President Kennedy's assassination — goes on sale to the general public at video stores today.

The 45-minute video, which carries a \$19.98 suggested list price, consists of a 40-minute preamble and six separate showings of the digitally enhanced clip of President John F. Kennedy's head exploding when hit by a bullet.

The family of the late Dallas dress manufacturer who filmed Kennedy's murder and the video producer dismissed suggestions that they were profiting from the crime.

Abraham Zapruder's family wants to make a copy available to historians and others who frequently request access. They also hope to recoup the estimated \$350,000 cost of enhancing and preserving the film, said James Silverberg, the family attorney.

"Despite being 'gruesome, shocking and vulgar,'" it's probably the most important film clip in the nation's history, Waleed Ali, executive producer for MPI Home Video of Orland Park, Ill., which made the video, said.

"Parents should be cautious about showing it to children under the age of 11 because it is disturbing, but this needs to be out in the hands of the people," he said.

The video documentary, titled *Image of an Assassination: A New Look at the Zapruder Film*, tells how Zapruder wanted pictures of Kennedy's motorcade through Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, to save for his grandchildren. Despite vertigo, he climbed a wall for a clear vantage point and kept filming even after shots were fired.

Zapruder took the film to a Dallas television station to develop, and the documentary shows interviews with two of the photo technicians who first saw the images.

Life magazine bought rights to the footage for \$50,000. By the time of Zapruder's death from cancer in 1970, the family had essentially lost control of the image and hundreds of bootleg copies circulated through the country.

A shaggy-haired Geraldo Rivera was host when the ABC show "Goodnight America" first showed the film

on television in 1975.

"If you're at all sensitive, if you're at all sensitive, don't watch this film," Rivera said. "Turn on the TV. This movie. This film is very heavy."

In numbing technical detail, the video describes the film's painstaking computer enhancement. It is a 40-minute film of a scientific snuff film, says Zapruder's work in slower and slower motion as the camera zooming in on Kennedy.

The original copy of Zapruder's film is kept in the National Archives. The federal Assassination Records Review Board last year declared the film to be permanent possession of the American people by the government and Zapruder family are negotiating over compensation.

The government has offered \$3 million to Zapruders have asked for \$18 million. Zapruder's son, Henry, said he feels "terrible" about haggling over the price. Newsweek magazine reports in its July 20 issue that although the documentary traces the film's official history, that scrutiny has since stopped.

Silverberg nor Ali would reveal what MPI paid for the rights to make the video, or how the price would be divided.

Revenue from video sales may "at some point" be enough to reimburse the family for the cost of producing the film, Silverberg said. "But I see no immediate financial return to the family," he said.

"We don't want to be involved in some sort of commercializing or publicizing of this," he said. "We've been criticized for not making the film available. We wanted to make it available but we don't want to push it."

MPI needs to sell 240,000 copies of the video to break even, Ali said. Originally, he figured that would take two or three years but now Ali expects that goal to be reached much sooner.

Ali said it was unfair to criticize MPI for attempting to make money off the images when television and movie producers have done the same thing for years in showing the film. And he defended the company for making such potentially sensitive images widely available.

"The fact that this particular image is so important is because it happens to be the president of the United States whose head is coming off," he said.