



PHOTOGRAPH: Brandon Bollom

**Pack Rat** K.J. Green, a freshman education major, packs her belongings for the end-of-the-summer move home.

## Clinton expected to use line-item veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, the first chief executive with the power to do so, will delete individual items from the carefully constructed budget and tax-cut plans enacted barely a week ago, aides said Sunday.

Clinton skipped church services Sunday to ponder his pending vetoes, which he expects to be immediately challenged in court. White House spokeswoman Anne Luzzatto would not say whether Clinton spent his time consulting with aides or reviewing his options in private.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said on television Clinton will strike items "on both the spending and the tax sides of the budget."

He would not say what would be vetoed, deferring to a presidential announcement.

Under provisions of the line-item veto legislation, Clinton has until midnight Monday to

strike provisions from the budget bill.

By using the line-item veto in this way, Clinton not only becomes the first U.S. president to exercise it but also sends notice to Congress that he will do it again if amendments that displease him are tacked onto spending bills.

Presidents have sought line-item veto authority since Ulysses S. Grant in the 1870s. Clinton is the first to get it, under a law passed by the Republican-controlled Congress that took effect Jan. 1.

"He will use (the veto) with the view that by doing so, he can create a useful and, I think, potentially very strong deterrent to people," Rubin said on ABC-TV's "This Week." "He has thought this through

with enormous care."

There are precious few places in the budget and tax plans where Clinton can flex his newfound power.

Only a handful of 79 special-interest tax breaks in the \$152 billion tax-cut bill are eligible. Some have been ruled out as necessary or previously agreed in budget negotiations.

Among spending items, a small policy aspect of the Medicaid program has been identified as veto-eligible.

White House aides say such a provision would be vetoed only if it is inconsistent with administration policy, is flawed and was not negotiated.

On Friday, an administration official added the stipulation that the president must consider the provision "problematic enough" to warrant a veto.



Clinton

## UNT professors display 'car of the future'

DENTON (AP) — It has some drawbacks, this "car of the future" that's on display at the University of North Texas.

It has a 9 horsepower motor; its maximum speed is 25 mph; and it can go only 15 miles before it needs more fuel.

On the other hand, the vehicle created by three UNT professors has an engine that will never overheat and will start in the coldest of weather.

Their car, named CoolN2Car, runs solely on liquified nitrogen at minus 321 degrees Fahrenheit. The vehicle consists of a large nitrogen tank and several new mechanical parts attached to the frame of a 1973 Volkswagen Beetle.

The surrounding air temperature heats the liquid nitrogen, converting it to nitrogen gas.

There is no need for any added heat, and no combustion occurs. Simply exposing the liquified nitrogen to the temperature of the air,

which is significantly warmer, is enough to force a physical change and create an energy transfer.

The difference between the temperature of the liquified nitrogen and the nitrogen gas creates energy in much the same way that combusted gasoline powers today's cars, the scientists said.

"Even if you're at the coldest place on earth, the temperature of the liquid will always be much colder," said Carlos Ordonez, an assistant professor of physics who helped design the roadster. "It will always combust. You will always have transportation."

The engine remains cool to the touch, although the idea is to warm up the gas as much as possible, Ordonez said. The vehicle can utilize its own exhaust as air conditioning for the interior, he noted.

Although the car is not legal for street use, the researchers hope to develop it further and eventually make practical models.

"We have proof that the concept

works, but not proof that it could be commercialized," Ordonez said. "That would be the next stage of the research."

The UNT team — whose leaders also include Mitty Plummer, associate professor of engineering technology, and Richard Reidy, assistant professor of materials science — received a two-year, \$98,000 grant from the Texas Advanced Technology Program in December 1995 to develop a working model of what had been theorized on paper.

They hope to receive another grant or enter into a partnership with a company that will fund more research and development.

Since nitrogen accounts for about 78 percent of Earth's atmosphere, a car powered entirely by liquified air is a feasible next step, the three said.

Ordenez said if he and his colleagues succeed in making the car practical for normal road use, people may soon drive cars that actually clean the air.

## EL NIÑO

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"Every year farmers worry about the weather," Kent said. "But this year is different, because what meteorologists have predicted so far has been wrong for the most part."

Although hurricane season does not end until November, Kim said the Gulf Coast may not see a tropical system this year because of the strong El Niño.

Professor William Gray, a national hurricane expert from Colorado State University, predicted in June that El Niño would not have a strong effect on the hurricane season.

Now Gray has announced that he may have incorrectly guessed the effect of El Niño. His prediction now calls for 11 named storms, five hur-

ricanes and one intense hurricane. This is one less hurricane and less intense hurricane than the predictions in June. An intense hurricane has winds exceeding 110 mph.

The Gulf of Mexico has experienced Hurricane Danny, a Category 1 hurricane which lasted about 48 hours and brought rain and little damage.

Kim said Texans are getting comfortable with the weather. Wood is selling cheaper than hurricane seasons, and storage goods is at a minimum, he said.

Wards said farmers need periodically to keep plants from If Texas experiences a drought this year, farmers will again turn to the government for relief as they did two years ago. El Niño's strong presence will Texas weather.

## HALLS

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If the apartment-style residence is successful, Mizer said, more rooms will be converted into the apartment-style rooms. The four residents will be surveyed periodically during the year, and a group discussion will be held at the end of the Fall semester.

## ENVOY

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The emphasis on security initially prompted protest from the Palestinians, who feared their issues would be ignored.

But Ross appeared to mollify Arafat by telling him that restored security cooperation would be followed by a far-reaching political initiative by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

"The political issues that divide the parties are going to have to be addressed and resolved," Ross reassured Arafat.

Arafat rejected Israeli charges that his police force wasn't helping search for those responsible for a double suicide bombing July 30 that killed 15 people in an open-air market in Jerusalem.

He also complained to Ross about the tough Israeli travel ban on Palestinians imposed after the

Ron Sasse, director of defence Life, said residence renovations for the next ten years in the planning stage. The renovation project involves modernization of residence halls, repairs, upgrades of fire alarms and conditioning systems.

Mizer said the balconies will receive the most attention because the buildings are in a complete restoration.

attack, which prevents them from going to jobs in Israel, training abroad or, in some cases, leaving their towns.

"We explained the suffering of the Palestinian people, and made it clear that we are committed to the peace process in all respects," Arafat told reporters.

Arafat suggested the United States sit in on security coordination meetings to assess the level of cooperation.

Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said before the meeting that if Ross came to discuss security issues only, "then we are not going to discuss it at all."

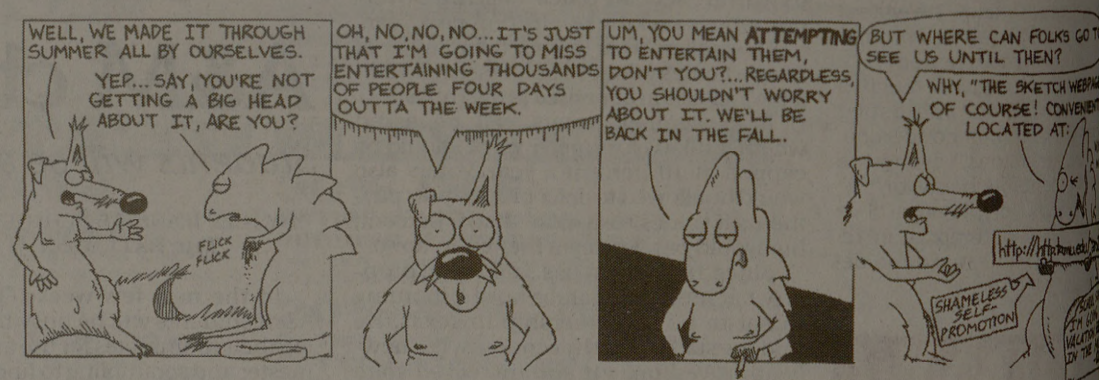
But after the meeting there was much more upbeat spin.

"We want an effective security coordination with the Israelis. It is the door to the visit of Arafat which would translate into practical measures," said Palestinian negotiator Nabil Amr.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Thunderstorms High: 95° Low: 75°	Thunderstorms High: 96° Low: 75°	Thunderstorms High: 101° Low: 75°

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