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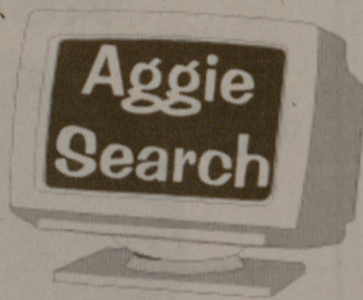
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★Oct. 21	Resume/ Liberal Arts	7:00pm 504 Rudder
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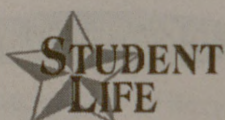
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Texas files suit against sweepstakes

State becomes ninth to join lawsuit against Publishers Clearing House

AUSTIN (AP) — Alleging deceptive advertising aimed primarily at senior citizens, Texas yesterday became the ninth state to file a lawsuit against Publishers Clearing House for its sweepstakes.

The lawsuit, filed in Travis County, asks for damages and an injunction against the Port Washington, N.Y.-based company for creating "a web of trickery that snares consumers and sucks money out of them month after month."

"Sadly, the preponderance of the consumers who are victimized by this type of practice are our senior citizens," Texas Attorney General John Cornyn said.

Publishers Clearing House spokesperson Chris Irving called Cornyn's claims "completely inaccurate and 100 percent untrue" and said the company was "very surprised and disappointed" by the lawsuit.

The state accuses the company of creating a false sense of urgency with "deadlines" and inflating the likelihood of winning by sending people simulated checks, draft deposit slips and false 1099 tax forms and asking people to return a map telling the Prize Patrol how to get to their homes.

Cornyn called the company's mailings "letter bombs, filled with deceptions."

The lawsuit asks for Publishers Clearing House to

stop misleading advertising, pay civil penalties of \$10,000 per violation and give victims their money back. The attorney general would not estimate the number of victims in the state.

Irving said the company has done what he said is a "very good job" of responding to negative perceptions of the sweepstakes.

"While we are lucky to have millions of satisfied customers, there have been some who have been confused," Irving said. "We are the only company that has a program to call our most troubled customers to ask them if they have been misled."

The company also has settled with Texas and other states over similar lawsuits in the past, he said.

In the most recent agreement, all major people they are not yet a winner, they can sweepstakes without buying, they can enter if they like and buying will not help them win.

Irving said he was disappointed because Cornyn and the attorney general's office had a handshake agreement that would have resolved the matter on Oct. 15.

Cornyn said he could no longer settle with the stakes company.

"[Those] who are victimized ... are our senior citizens."

— John Cornyn
Texas Attorney General

Early voting begins

AUSTIN (AP) — Early voting started statewide yesterday as Texans began taking part in what has become an every-other-November tradition — making law.

The 1999 Legislature left it to voters to determine the fate of 17 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

Secretary of State Elton Bomer, the state's chief elections officer, hasn't yet projected a turnout for this year's vote, spokesperson Jane Dees said.

Typically, she said, about 30 percent of the total ballots are cast early.

Counties had the option of starting early voting over the weekend, but Monday was the day it was required to begin across the state, Dees said. Ballots may be cast early through Oct. 29, she said.

Turnout in recent constitutional amendment elections has been low.

It was 7.86 percent in November 1995; 6.94 percent in a property tax amendment vote in August 1997 and 10.6 percent in November 1997, according to the secretary of state's office.

Police chief: man's arrest justified

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Pleasanton police are defending their actions in the arrest of a black businessman based on a tip that he might be related to Jeremiah Engleton, a black man who fatally shot three law officers.

Keith Gordon, the man arrested Saturday, was an out-of-towner who was unrelated to the gunman.

Engleton shot and killed two sheriff's deputies and a Department of Public Safety trooper and wounded two other officers Oct. 12.

Gordon, a general contractor from San Antonio, was arrested when police found an unloaded 9 mm gun in his truck.

His 15-year-old son, who was with him, was handcuffed and read his rights before being released.

A report that Gordon had made unflattering words about law enforcement officials and a tip that Gordon and his son might be Engleton's brothers — which later proved false — were reasons enough for police to swarm, Pleasanton Police Chief Keith Blair said.

"The report was that he was down there, and they were discussing the funeral and the attending the funeral arrangements in a derogatory way of some kind," Blair was quoted as saying in a day's *San Antonio Express-News*.

The police chief called the arrest "regrettable" that Gordon "was not up in this" but noted Gordon was carrying a handgun.

Blair denied the arrest was caused by Gordon's race, saying that she would keep her mark.

"This tragedy has brought us all of our races closer together," Blair said.

Shortly after the arrest, a Pleasanton Police Department spokesman said that the sheriff's office got the call at 11 a.m. Saturday, officers from Pleasanton Police Department, DPS, the Texas Rangers and sheriff's office descended on a restaurant where Gordon and son had just finished breakfast.

Police blocked Gordon from backing out of the restaurant parking lot, ordered him and his son from their 1997 Ford pickup immediately handcuffed by them without asking questions.

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