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NEWS DIGEST



Making the walk in the warm weather

Maria Carrasto, along with her daughters, Stephanie, Victoria and Alsa, get some exercise in the warm October weather as they walk the Blankenship Field track Thursday.



Seeing double

One-year-old twins Kaitlyn and Kailee Johnson sit in the sun and play with a rubber ball as the two were in the playyard of the Tune Town Day Care Center Thursday afternoon.

Sports legends

The Herald will print a special section focusing on outstanding high school sports teams and individual accomplishments of the past on Oct. 31. If you have copies of old stories or photos you would like to see included, bring them to the Herald.



Today in Beakman

Today in "U can with Beakman and Jax" find out how the quartz crystal in your watch works. There is also an experiment to try. Find Beakman on page 8



World

Haitians flee capital: With a U.S. warship floating close on the horizon, some Haitians said they felt indignant and bullied, but believe only foreign intervention can restore democracy. See page 5

Nation

Still selling NAFTA: It was almost 11 p.m., and congressman Sam Gejdenson had just pulled away from a House office building when the phone in his car began chirping. See page 3.

Texas

Train wreck injures two: Two trains collided head-on in fog and drizzle early Sunday leaving two men injured, and 19 cars derailed. The two trains, each with more than 100 cars, collided about 9:45 a.m. north of Amarillo near Dumas. See page 2.

Sports

Put in perspective: Troy Aikman puts Sunday's showdown with the San Francisco 49ers in this perspective: "It's as important as an NFL game can get in October." See page 7.

Weather

Partly cloudy, low in the 50s: Today, mostly cloudy, high low 80s, west winds 10 to 15 mph; tonight, mostly cloudy, 40 percent chance of rain. See forecast page 6.

TONIGHT	TOMORROW	TONIGHT
PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	SUNSET 7:11 PM
		SUNRISE 7:54 AM
		TOMORROW

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Checking out the goods



At right, surrounded by stuffed animals and hand-made dolls, Becky Lindsey takes a closer look at one of the ornate creations during the 17th annual Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday. Below left, Melissa Sheedy sits in a chair as artist Roland Rose sketches her at his booth. Below right, a nearly overflow crowd fills the center aisle of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum floor Saturday. Bottom left, as a customer looks at some of his handiwork, Lloyd Claxton carves another piece.



Herald photos by Tim Appel



Family and friends greeted La Primera band members with banners, balloons and cheers outside the city limits upon their return from the Second Annual Conjunto Competition in San Antonio. The band came in fifth out of 38 bands.

La Primera places 5th at Tejano contest

MARTHA E. FLORES
Regional Editor

San Antonio is to Tejano music like Nashville is to country music and for La Primera members having the opportunity to compete in one of San Antonio's hottest Tejano competitions was a dream come true and a chance too good to pass up.

The eight-member local band, consisting of second and third generation musicians, was becoming the toast of West Texas when invited to the Second Annual Con-

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Clinton plan does not inspire much confidence among small businesses

Editor's Note: This is the second in a seven-part series exploring the effect President Bill Clinton's proposed health care reform will have on local residents if passed in its original form.

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Small businesses, those with fewer than 50 employees, are offered government assistance under the Clinton Health Care Reform Package, but employees of small businesses must join the ranks of those covered by medical insurance.

As the Clinton plan has been presented, small businesses will have to pay 80 percent of the cost of medical insurance to their employees, with the employees paying the remainder. However, the plan may be changed drastically before any bill is passed through Congress.

As the plan now stands, employees of small businesses would pay 20 percent of their insurance costs while the business itself would pay the remainder.

Local small businessmen already are reeling under the assault of increasing state taxes and insurance costs.

Local businessman Bob Noyes, who owns Bob's Custom Woodwork, elected several years ago to go to a "self-pay" scheme of workman's compensation insurance, as the coverage itself was many times more than the average amount spent in medical charges from work-related accidents.

"We've got 10 employees, plus Jan and myself, and we were paying \$2,000 per employee per year," Noyes said. Under the self-pay plan, Noyes pays \$400 to \$500 a year in emergency room costs and forgoes the \$14,000 to \$16,000 in workman's compensation insurance.

"And they never paid anything — I've still got a claim for about \$300," Noyes said of the now dropped workman's compensation insurance. Because of his experience with workman's compensation insurance, Noyes has little faith in any government-imposed plan of insurance.

Noyes would be eligible for government subsidies to keep his cost for the new medical insurance at 3.5 percent of his payroll, according to the Clinton plan as presented.

Of his \$2,000 a week payroll, this would amount to about \$70, excluding any employees who make more than \$24,000. Any employee making more than this amount would not be subsidized for medical insurance, according to the plan.

While this \$70 would be affordable, Noyes has reservations as to where the government money would come from to subsidize the insurance of his employees. "I can't afford any more taxes," Noyes said.

In recent national polls, however, the Clinton plan is necessary and will be good for the country, according to 55 percent of respondents to a Newsweek poll in late September.

As insurance for small businesses now stand, that is, buying insurance

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Transient severed by train identified

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

A man who died after being severed by a train Saturday is Hiram Duran Garcia, 19, of Texas City, according to a report released this morning following notification of relatives.

"His body was severed at the pelvic area," said Justice of the Peace Bill Shankles, who pronounced Garcia dead at 4 p.m., two hours after the accident.

Garcia, who fell underneath a moving train at 1:55 p.m. about three quarters of a mile west of Moss Creek Road, was reportedly alive when transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

"That's my understanding ... I think he was still alive at the hospital," said Shankles, who received a call at 3:50 p.m. to attend a death at the hospital.

Garcia had boarded the train and was departing the other side when he fell under the wheels, according to a Howard County Sheriff's Office report. He may have lost his footing as he was boarding, speculates Sheriff A.N. Standard. Information indicates he was a transient from Tom Green County who was here for medical treatment by court order.

"We presume that he may have been seeking a way to get back to the county he had come from," Standard said. He was "apparently trying to board the train illegally and lost his footing and fell into the tracks, it's a presumption ... He was either trying to board the train or he was trying to disembark."

VOTE

Constitutional amendments

1. \$50 million in bonds for underutilized businesses
2. Property tax exemption for pollution controls
3. Relinquishing state interest in disputed land
4. Requiring voter approval for income tax
5. Allowing legislative setting of sheriff requirements
6. Abolishing surveyor office in Jackson County
7. Repealing requirements on stock and bond issues
8. Abolishing surveyor office in McLennan County
9. Cut foreclosure redemption rights to six months
10. \$750 million bond for veteran home loans
11. Setting pension fund trustee requirements
12. Bail denial to some for violent or sexual offenses
13. Share funds with Texas State Technical College
14. \$1 billion in bonds for more correction facilities
15. Allow county elections to abolish surveyor office
16. \$75 million for value-added agriculture loans

ELECTION DAY IS NOV. 2. EARLY VOTING IS WEDNESDAY THROUGH OCT. 29 AT COURTHOUSE

Proposition 7 would remove obsolete law

Editor's Note: This is part of a series looking at the proposed constitutional amendments on the Nov. 2 ballot.

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Proposition 7 on the Nov. 2 ballot would remove corporate requirements that stocks and bonds be issued only for money paid, labor done or property actually received.

Supporters say the section of the constitution it would repeal is obsolete, according to the House Research Organization. Art 12, sec. 6 of the constitution was adopted by the 1875 constitutional convention in response to a "stock watering" scandal at the time - issuing stock with a face value greater than purchase price. Federal laws were lacking then but now thoroughly cover such transactions.

The provision restricts ability to raise capital that federal law allows, the research report says. For example, someone cannot sign a contract to own part of a company for work to be done. Labor would already have to be performed. Knowledgeable lawyers know how to work

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Haitians flee capital, fearing violence

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — With a U.S. warship floating uncomfortably close on the horizon, some Haitians said they felt indignant and bullied, but believe only foreign intervention can restore democracy and end army terror.

Canada and Belgium, fearing turmoil, urged their citizens to leave the country as soon as possible. Foreigners and Haitians crowded the airport Sunday, and thousands of city residents jammed buses headed to the countryside, scared of more army violence.

U.S. Marines and a helicopter squadron were headed to the U.S. naval station in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The base could be the staging area for an evacuation of Americans here, if necessary.

A general strike was called by rightist supporters of army commander Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras for today. Such efforts succeeded in the past with help from the military and pro-army gangs shooting in the air and

at vendors.

Exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide recommended that his government's ministries stay closed to mark last week's assassination of Justice Minister Guy Malary and two aides. Aristide's prime minister, Robert Malval, implicated "the highest law enforcement authorities" in the attack.

A U.N. oil embargo enforced by six U.S. and three Canadian navy ships was to take effect at midnight tonight. It aims to force Cedras, who helped overthrow Aristide in 1991, to adhere to a plan calling for the popular president's return Oct. 30.

The punishing embargo had been suspended in July after Cedras signed the peace plan in New York. It was reimposed last week when he failed to step down — violating a key step in the plan. The sanctions also followed a rash of violence, including Malary's killing and an army-supported rally that blocked the deployment of U.S. and Canadian soldiers at the port.

They were to be part of a 1,600-

man U.N. military mission to aid the pro-Aristide transition Cabinet, whose prime minister has been working out his home because pro-army thugs have occupied government offices.

The Clinton administration so far has ruled out a U.S. invasion of Haiti, but some Haitians think it's possible. "Sooner or later the United States will have to invade. It's a tragedy," said Olivier Nadal, the executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

A dozen other Haitians interviewed along a beachfront said they didn't want foreign intervention. But they also said life was so bad for them under military rule that they would support intervention if that resolved the crisis.

Wariness over a possible U.S. invasion is due to bitter memories of the humiliating 1915-34 U.S. Marine occupation of Haiti. And the army clearly hopes to exploit that sentiment to justify its attempt to hang on to power.

During the occupation, the Marines killed thousands of insur-

gents, including resistance leader Charlemagne Peralte, now considered a national martyr. The Marines didn't hide their racism and contempt for black Haitians and their French-speaking elite, something people here haven't forgotten.

Even today, because of the occupation and the subsequent U.S. backing of Haitian dictators, many Haitians are suspicious of U.S. motives and blame Washington for the 1991 ouster of their leftist president.

Aristide, once a fiery critic of U.S. imperialism, said Saturday that his calling for an invasion would be grounds for his impeachment. He said he expected the naval blockade to force the army to its knees.

The new embargo likely will hit Haiti's poor the hardest. More than 850,000 of Haiti's 6.5 million people already depend on foreign aid. Haitian medical officials estimate 10,000 Haitians have died as a direct or indirect effect of sanctions since Aristide's overthrow.



Haitians load onto a truck at a bus station in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday. Many Haitians feel they are being bullied by the presence of U.S. ships in the harbor but think that is the only way to restore peace and democracy to the country.

Serbs, Muslims agree to prisoner exchange

The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Sarajevo residents were urged to stay indoors Sunday as occasional detonations shook the city. But even as they fought each other, Serbs and Muslims agreed to start exchanging all prisoners.

The shelling was lighter than Saturday, when U.N. monitors counted 590 projectiles hitting the city and 69 rounds fired by Sarajevo defenders at besieging Serbs in surrounding hills.

At least 10 people were killed and 57 wounded in Sarajevo over the weekend, most of them Saturday, officials said. On both days, Bosnian army officials claimed the Serbs were using chemical weapons, but that report could not be substantiated.

The fiercest attacks in months on Sarajevo brought Gen. Jean Cot, commander of U.N. forces in former Yugoslavia, to the Bosnian capital. He met with commanders of the Muslim-led Bosnian army to protest the temporary detention of eight U.N. soldiers by Bosnian troops on Saturday.

At the height of the fighting Saturday, rival Bosnian government and Serb leaders met at Sarajevo airport and agreed to exchange all prisoners, starting Wednesday, Bosnian radio reported Sunday.

Warring Bosnian Serbs, Croats and Muslims agreed last month to exchange prisoners but the trades have yet to materialize.

In a related development, Croatian radio reported that Croatian and Bosnian Croat leaders remained committed to Tuesday as the start of their prisoner exchange with the Muslim-led Bosnian government. That day was agreed on last week by the two sides.

The Serbs also pledged safe passage of convoys to the northern towns of Maglaj and Tesanj during the meeting Saturday at Sarajevo airport. Two convoys are scheduled for midweek.

Earlier attempts have foundered

on Serb denial of safe passage, despite pledges to the contrary. The towns were cut off by besieging Serbs in June, with the 150,000 mostly Muslim residents relying on airdropped food and medicine since then. Maglaj was under Serb artillery attack again Sunday, the radio said.

The delivery of aid has assumed new urgency with the approach of winter.

Nicholas Morris, special envoy of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, met Sunday with Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic. Afterward, he predicted this winter would be "much worse" than last, when mild temperatures and stocks of fuel and food lessened suffering.

This winter's casualty count "will be enormous," Morris said.

Another convoy, privately organized for Gradacac in northeastern Bosnia, ran into trouble on Sunday. Bosnian Croats in the central Bosnian town of Prozor stole at least two loaded trucks from the predominantly Muslim-staffed convoy of 72 trucks and beat up some drivers, said British U.N. soldiers monitoring its progress. Convoy drivers said they had to leave a full fuel tanker behind in return for safe passage through the town.

A similar convoy, en route to Tuzla, was picked apart while trying to cross Croat-held central Bosnia last June, and six of its drivers were killed. In both cases, Croatian and Bosnian Croat leaders had given guarantees of safe passage.

"We have families and they are starving," said convoy leader Franjo Djuric, of Gradacac. "We want to help them."

Warriors, heavily armored British combat vehicles, were monitoring the progress of the convoy. But Lt. Col. Alastair Duncan, their commander, said his troops would interfere only if lives were threatened.

Earlier, his troops evacuated 50 Croats wounded from Novi Bila in central Bosnia, which was besieged by government troops.

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A Bangladeshi woman displays a rat she killed in her kitchen during a march of about 200 farmers shouting "Rats! Kill them wherever you find them!" Sunday in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The march came as a response to a government call to eliminate rodents in order to save some 450,000 tons of rice the rodents eat away in fields and stores each year.

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Winners will be announced in the next Tuesday Herald. Winners may pick up prize money at the Herald office, 710 Scurry, Big Spring, Tx. Prizes will be awarded in "Herald Football Buckets" which can only be spent with the merchants on this page. Herald employees cannot participate. Must be 16 or older to play. Only 2 entries per person, per week. Must be entered on original contest entry form.

In the event of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winner. When using the tie-breaker, the closest guess to the winner's score will be judged the winning entry.

All entries must be received by 3 p.m. each Friday evening at the Herald office, no exceptions. Decision of the Judges is final.

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Tie Breaker (Winning Team & Score) - 22.

Table with 24 columns representing different TV channels (KMI, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and rows listing various programs and their corresponding channel numbers.

Jacqueline Bigar - Horoscope. FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1993. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Use your carefree side to help you make some important adjustments today. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Just when you thought you had a handle on all of your work, more shows up.

Dear Abby - Letters...

Minister needs taste of his medicine

DEAR ABBY: I am married to a fine Christian man who is a minister. We have three school-age children of whom we are very proud. If you can find the column you wrote about five years ago signed "Submissive Wife," please run it again. I know a minister (my husband) who needs to read it. Please do not disclose my location. — HIS WIFE

Doctors sometimes need a doctor, and ministers sometimes need to be reminded to practice what they preach. You would both benefit from counseling. If he balks, go alone. What doth it profit a man if he saves souls, but loses his wife? DEAR ABBY: I almost fell over laughing when I read the letter complaining about the friend who would never choose the restaurant — always allowing the writer to pick the spot to eat. I'm sure the writer was referring to me, but please let me say a word in my defense.

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