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 HOME EDITION

El Paso truck driver Ronald Wayne Pan-
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trailer catapulted off the rain-slickened westtrailer catapulted off the rain-slickened west-
bound lane of Interstate Highway 20 east of

Midland about 6: 15 p.m., smashing into a occurred on a rainy Sept. 10 in the eastbound concrete embankment near the service road lane of the overpass. (Staff Photo by Bruce of U.S. Highway 80. A similar truck accident Partain)

## Interstate 20 overpass claims another victim

A 34-year-old El Paso truck driver was killed late Thursday on the same
rain-slickened Interstate 20 overpass that two weeks ago claimed the life of rain-slickened Interstate 20 overpass that two weeks ago claimed the life of
a 38 -year-old Dallas trucker.
Donald Wayne Panchot was killed at 6:15 p.m. Thursday when the 18 . wheeler he was driving plunged off Interstate 205.2 miles east of Midland
where it crosses over U.S. 80 . His truck crumpled into a twisted mass of where it crosses over U.S. 80. His truck
metal on the U.S. 80 service road below.
According to Department of Public Safety reports, Panchot was travel-
ling west on the interstate "at an apparent high rate of speed" when he
lind ling west on the interstate "at an apparent high rate of speed" when he
struck the guard rail, went over, became airborne for about 150 feet and
then crashed to the service road below

The driver was punned unsude the wreckage of the truck.
Panchot was pronounced dead at the scene by Peace Justice John Panchot was pronounced dead at the scene by Peace Justice John
Biggs. His body was then taken to Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.
隹 Unlike the truck accident two weeks ago, Panchot's 18 -wheeler did
not burn after it crashed. It was travelling the opposite direction from the not burn after it crashed. It was travelling the opposite direction from the
truck driven by Dale Scroggins of Dallas Sept. 10 when it crashed off the same overpass and burst into flames. Bame inerpass and burstily alloer respects, the two accidents were alike. On both
occations the interstate was sickened by heavy rains. Both truckers
struck the guard rail, then plunged over to the service road below. And both drivers apparently were killed on impact.
Both drivers also were trapped inside the cabs of their trucks.

## War edges toward mediation

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraq
claimed today the fall of Iran's burnclaimed today the fall of Iran's burn-
ing oil refinery city of Abadan was imminent while both countries appeared moving toward mediation
their boorder conflict. The two Persian Gulf oil giants dueled with heavy artillery across their border wate-
way on the fith day of the war way on off ifres in oil installations on
setting
both sides. Both countries have indicated they will accept Islamic mediation, ac-
cording to Pakistani Foreign Ministe Aga Shahi, a key figure in the 40 . tions. He spoke with reporters in New York in advance of a meeting of U.N. the islamic conference. Baghdad radio broadcast a statement by Iraqi Foreign Mister Sa "welcome any discussion" to end the fighting but warning that "any assis
tance offered to the Iranian regime tance oifiered to the Iranian regimes
especially in the field of spare parts, especially in the field of spare parts,
will be considereel an act of aggres-

| sion against Iraq's security." <br> There have been reports, denied by Washington, that Iran might seek spare parts for its American-made planes in exchange for release of the 52 Americans it has held hostage since Nov 4. <br> Iran reported "very heavy" civil- |
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| More war news, photo, Page 2A |
| ian casualties in Abadan and Khorramshahr, two major ports on the Radio quoted Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr as denying Iraq's claim that it had captured Khorramshahr. It said he visited the front Thursday and went within four miles of Khorramshahr. |
| Tehran radio said "the brave people" of Khorramshahr had set up were fighting in the streets and on the |

rooftops. It broadcast a military com-
munique saying part of the Abadan munique saying part of the Abadan
refinery had been put out of operation and part of it was on fire.
The Iraqi military said earlier Iraqi
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forces had captured Khorram shahr and were closing in on Ahwazz, the
capital of Iran's oil-rich Khuzestan capital of Iran's oil-rich Khuzestan
Province Ir miles to the north. The
claim fueled speculation Iraq was claim fueled speculation Iraq. was
trying to seize all of Iran's $24,000-$ A spokesman in Parisis for a French A spokesman in Paris for a French
oompany said the raqi national oil
company had told its customers it had company had told its customers it had
halted "all oil exports." He declined
and to elaborate but the Iraqi decision
was understood to mean it had was understood to mean it had
stopped shipments through the pipestopped shipments through the pipe
lines to the Mediterranean as well as through the gulf.
Government sou Government sources in neighboring
United Arab Emirates said more than 30 cargo ships carrying goods bound for rraq and lran were enchored jusi uatside the Persian Gulf, apparently
afraid to enter the war zone. afraid to enter the war zone.
Baghdad radio broadcast a claim
that Iraqi anti-aircraft brought down
11 Iranian planes that raided the 11 Iranian planes that raided the
cities of Mosul and Kirkuk and economic and military installations else-
where. Informed sources said there where. Informed sources said chere
was heavy damage to the small oil refinery in Kirkuk and to the larger
refinery in the southern port of Basra, refinery in the southern port of Basra,
which Iranian jets pounded Thursday. Iraqi command said three of its
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planes were lost, but did not confirm planes were tost, but did not confirm
any damage ot its refineries. A group of reporters who traveled
to Basra from Kuwait drove to a to Basra from Kuwait drove to a
small village on the banks of the Shatt opposite Abadan. The reporters said they could hear outgoing Iraqi artilsides of the waterway toward Iranian
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dent Robert Fisk "Ther dent said London Times corresponsmoke from Abadan refinery is bil-
lowing for miles into the air. Even the lowing for miles into the air. Even the
sound of incoming shells passing
overhead was deafening."


Showers are expected until Saturday morning from Texas to
Georgia and Florida．Cooler weather is forecast from the Great Lakes to the Ohio Valley．Se

Midland statistics
The weather elsewhere


## Extended forecasts


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## Freedom Flotilla renewed

## efugee vessels were en route to Key West today in the latest innux of cubans to America，the U．S．Coast Guard said amid reports the Cuban Thursday． ＂Werye trying to get in touch with someone to see．But I ve heard that befre． Britt said

 port of Mariel had been closed．Spokesman Bob Britt of the Miami tation said authorities were not sure
ow many refugees were aboard the

He said recent refugee arrivals told
he Coast Guard that the Cuban goy ernment had closed Mariel Harbor－
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of all those boats at one time，＂Britt
said．＂We just don＇t have enough

Chris Parsley wins name the little man contest


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Autumn floods follow drought

















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## Court orders census count change

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| vns in Washington today as munic－ |  | $f$ a special census committee set up |
| ipal and federal officie |  | nference of Mayors， |
| court ruling that the 1980 census fig． | de．H | s＂a victory not just |
| must be changed to count mil－ | ernment 30 days to come up with a | ple |
| lions of Americans missed the first |  |  |
| ＂We are elated，＂said Galen Bro | helped draft the decision，said the | this year in both urban and |
| of the New Orleans city attorney＇s | adjustment would have to add at least | au |
| ce．＂A terrific decision，＂said New | 5 million people to the preliminary |  |
| York City Mayor Edward I．Koch， who contends the preliminary census | count | e said h |
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| ＂A victory for all the people，＂agreed | Newark，N．J．Seven cites－ | （eld not be reapportioned before the |
| Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson． | lanta，Boston，Milwaukee，New | primaries and elections in any |
| The Commerce Department，wh | dea | 俍．＂There is no need to have accu－ |
| rsees the census，said any decisic | Del．，and San Juan，Puerto Ric | census figures for reapportion－ |
| an appeal of the Thursday ruling in | filed briefs supporting Detro |  |
| Detroit would have to wait until after |  |  |
| partment．Several pe | sachusetts plans to file suit，accor | Sus bureau said it would take well |
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| adjust the statis | Boston，where officials estimated | 倍 |
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| \＄soo billion in government aid will be | Patrick McDonnnell，the attorney | by the end of this |
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| sional representation also hinges on | more＇s decision．＂We have a | unted from the less undercounted |
| The Detroit ruling was han down by U．S．District Judge Hor | the nation in general and the state in general，and the decision should help | Bryant Robey of Ithaca，N．Y．，the editor of American Demographics |

Librarians＇meeting begins Saturday

| An estimated 150 West Texas librar－ians from a 29 county area will be in Midand Saturday，Oct．4，for the sociation＇s District IX in the down－ town Midland Center，according to host librarian John Deats． Deats is TLA District IX chairman and is chief librarian of the Midland County Public Library． | meetings will held at $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$ ．，and the | uch fie |
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|  | executive meeting will take place fol－ |  |
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|  | Plano will | proaching 4，000，Deats said． |
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| Principal speaker at the fete will be Margaret Nichols，an academician who will be talking on＂Librarian－ ship．The Profess．Me．Nichols is the noon luncheon．Ms．Nichols is formation science at North Texas | －The School Library：Libr | r |
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| State University in Denton． <br> The day＇s activities will get under |  |  |
| way with registration and coffee at | Collection，will recount the 25 years of |  |
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Burglars get $\$ 1,300$ in coins，jewels




| WASHINGTON (AP) - A move to give a bigger share of low income energy assistance to the Frost Belt a the expense of Texas and other Sun |  | ey to the North f |
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| Sen. Lloyd Bentsen. The Texas Democrat said Thursday | The House and Senate bills uld have to be reconciled. | to eli |
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## DRY HOLES



Operators report WT field activity



Today's opening stock report

New York Exchange


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## Gold Futures

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## On campaign trail

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By HUGH A. MULLIGAN

AP Special Correspondent <br> | Ronnie has been muzzled and can only speak the speech his writers inflict on him. Ronnie says Jimmy islurking in the Rose Garden and won't come out to play if John Anderson is anywhere around. And poor John would have an easier time getting a Monastery. |
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his muzzle on.
There have been attempts in recent presidential elections to bring back draped observation deck on the back, and both Gerald Ford and Jimmy
Carter have done a turn on river boats, but whistle-stopping just isn't
what it used to be. What illiam Safire in his Political Dic--
Truman refined tionary says Harry Truman refined
whistle-stopping as an oratorical art form when he discovered he was bet-
ter at ad-libbing speeches than mumbling his way through a prepared
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Police fear new 'Son of Sam' killer


