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 "She proved something to us. I never stopped hoping she'd be in a place like that," he said.
 Thursday, Jack Ralls' sister-in-law was found in a tree in the Corum area after she had been miss-

...said. Ledford grabbed a log and floated to a tree, where she waited five hours for help.
 She was finally spotted by searchers with a helicopter, and rescued by boat, he said.

AMERICAN RED CROSS damage assessment spokesman Dale Dunn said preliminary surveys show at least 335 homes have been damaged here by record floodwaters.
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Flooding Expected For Washita River

By Kathi Thacker
 While residents of some flooded Oklahoma towns went home Friday, people in south-central sections braced for heavy flooding from the Washita and Red rivers.

A flood of "near catastrophic" proportions was in progress in the Washita River Valley in Murray, Carter and Johnston counties, the National Weather Service said Friday night.

Severe flooding was expected to occur in Garvin and Murray counties, in Maysville and Pauls Valley, the weather service said. Officials were carefully monitoring the rise of the Washita in Pauls Valley late Friday after the weather service said the water level could reach depths of 4 to 6 feet in some city areas. Many streets and highways were expected to be impassable except by boat.

The water level was expected to be about a foot lower than the flood of May 11, 1950, when the river crested at 29.88 feet.

Flooding at Dickson was expected to be severe, weather officials said. The river was expected to crest near 45 feet late Friday or early today. Flood stage is 27 feet. By 7 p.m. Friday, the rising level had exceeded the previous flood record of 44.37 feet, set on Oct. 31, 1941. The 7 p.m. level was 44.6 feet.

The Red River was not expected to crest at Terral until Monday, but severe flooding would begin much earlier, the weather service said. The crest is expected to be near the 33.6-foot crest of October 1983. Flood stage is 21 feet.

Two Altus residents were rescued after a weather-related incident Friday night on the North Fork of the Red

River in Kiowa County. According to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Robert Harris, 51, and his son, Stephen, 16, were trying to salvage two paddle boats a half-mile from the W.C. Austin Dam when their 14-foot canoe was swamped about 8:40 p.m. They were rescued from a tree in the middle of the river channel about an hour later by Altus lake patrolman Don Millard and trooper Gary Cummins. Neither of the Harrises were injured.

Rainfall diminished across the state Friday after two days of heavy downpours, and many rivers and creeks were either cresting or falling by evening. But by late night, a new line of thunderstorms was moving into western Oklahoma from Texas.

Earlier Friday, the sun broke through the clouds in some places, and weather officials said the only rain in the state Friday afternoon was from scattered thunderstorms in the Panhandle and showers in the southeast.

Weekend weather predictions were brighter, too. The National Weather Service said chances of rain are less than 30 percent through Sunday night throughout the state, although chances may increase early next week.

Floodwaters receded enough in Guthrie, Norman and Lawton Friday to allow residents to check the damage to their homes, although many people were expected to have to stay overnight in shelters.

But Lindsay residents had to wait a little longer because the Washita River was not expected to start falling until early today.

Pauls Valley Area
 About two-thirds of Pauls Valley was under water 2 to 3 feet deep
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— Staff Photo by Jim Argo
 Velma Morgan watches the floodwaters from her front porch in Lindsay.

Officials said the water was

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Innocent

Landis' wife Deborah wept softly. Some of the lawyers and defendants patted each other on the back.
 "I'm very grateful to the jury and very appreciative to their patience in my trial," Landis said later. "A truly terrible, tragic accident happened on set of the
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...he said. ... said his wife owns a travel agency which sought the state's business two

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There is a 20 percent chance of scattered thunderstorms for the metropolitan area today with a high in the upper 70s and a low in the low 60s. — Page 26

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Flood

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Friday night, a Civil Defense spokesman said.

Two evacuation centers had been established. Estimates were not available on the number of people evacuated because the floodwaters were causing problems with the city's telephone system, she said.

Pauls Valley officials worked Friday to set up a temporary pump to restore water to the city's water treatment plant, city manager Bob Martin said.

The city's line that supplies raw water from Pauls Valley Lake was washed out late Wednesday, and residents have been depleting the 2.5 million gallons of reserve water, Martin said.

Pauls Valley officials had to make two trips to Oklahoma City to pick up a pump from the Oklahoma City Civil Defense office when the first truck they brought was too small, Martin said.

The pump is to be used to transfer water from the Washita River for treatment in the plant, Martin said. The unit can pump 15,000 gallons per minute.

Until the pump is set up, Pauls Valley has been loaned a pump truck from Halliburton Services, that pulls 5,500 gallons of river water into the plant per minute, he said.

Norman Regional Hospital took in 39 Pauls Valley nursing home patients Friday night.

The non-ambulatory patients were evacuated from Colonial Nursing Home and Retirement Center after water surrounded the center and its water service was disrupted, hospital spokesman Paula Bowles said.

Lawton Area

At Lawton, electricity was restored Friday to the Garden Village addition, which was threatened Thursday with flooding from Cache Creek, Civil Defense director Richard Atkins said. Power was ordered shut off late Thursday, and an estimated 90 to

100 homes were evacuated.

As waters began to recede, officials were transporting residents through a flooded crossing into the addition in dump trucks to let them look at their property, city manager Melissa Vossmer said.

Atkins estimated that five houses in the addition were damaged by floodwaters ranging from a few inches to a foot deep in the houses.

Lawton Public Works director Bill Baker said the gates to lakes Lawtonka and Ellsworth were being gradually closed Friday and the lake levels were dropping about an inch per hour. "The runoff has slowed down," he said.

Kingfisher Area

Residents in Kingfisher and Dover, on edge about possible flooding all week, remained dry Friday as predicted thunderstorms failed to develop.

As many as 300 Kingfisher residents, whose houses were flooded three times within a month last fall, were warned additional rainfall could cause the rainswollen Cimarron River to back up Kingfisher and Uncle John creeks that flow through the northern part of Kingfisher.

But clearing skies Thursday night and Friday eliminated the need for them or about 50 residents in Dover to move out of their houses to higher ground, Howard Watson, Kingfisher County Civil Defense director, said.

"We have no problems, we've had no rain and everything's going great," Watson said Friday. "Our only problem now is for our farmers getting into the wheat fields and for our county commissioners. It really gave our roads a bad time.

"It's harvest time and a lot of the wheat has been completely spoiled and it's going to be awhile before some of the farmers can get into the fields."

About a dozen families in the western bottoms of Dover along

the Cimarron River, which remained 2 feet above flood stage, took no chances by moving out but officials said they were expected to move back home this weekend.

Some dikes along Turkey Creek, which feeds into the Cimarron River, broke Friday which caused further flooding to fields west of Dover and threatened at least one mobile home late Friday, authorities said.

About 20 families were moving back to their homes in Blackwell as the flooding Chikaskia River continued to drop. Authorities said no houses were believed to have flooded.

North-Central Area

In Tonkawa, the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River remained about 7 feet above flood stage late Friday but no houses were threatened.

Authorities said the river continued to drop Friday and was expected to continue dropping this weekend.

High water which had encircled the small Grant County town of Jefferson also was dropping late Friday, authorities said. About half of the town's 100 residents voluntarily sought higher ground earlier this week but it was unknown if any houses received flood damage.

In Pawnee, officials said they were expecting no serious flooding from Black Bear Creek, despite the River Forecast Center's prediction that the creek would spill out of its banks.

Northeast Area

Miami officials reported no flooding there, though Tar Creek and the Neosho River were running bank-full.

Organizers of the annual Indian Heritage Days festival in Miami were keeping a eye on the Neosho, hoping that it would not flood the festival site on the Ottawa County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds were inundated during the October 1986 flood.

Reporters Chris Klyon, Ellen Knickmeyer, Robby Trammell, Michael McNitt and Griff Palmer contributed to this report.

EPA Doubt Replace Oz

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency on Friday denounced as "not serious" the idea of using hats and sunglasses to protect against ozone depletion and the Cabinet officer reportedly suggesting it protested that he was misunderstood.

Both The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post reported that Interior Secretary Donald P. Hodel argued inside the Reagan administration that increased personal protection could be an alternative to an international agreement to cut production of the chemicals that destroy the

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'Twilight Zone.' This has changed my life and the lives of others. This (the verdict) doesn't change that. I'm grateful to the jury."

"This is a wonderful time," Wingo said as the defendants left court. "I wish we could get the jurors close for a minute; I would like to kiss half of them and hug the rest."

If convicted, Landis, Folsey and Allingham could have been sentenced to six years in prison, while Stewart and Wingo could have received five-year terms.

Prosecutor Lea Purwin D'Agostino shook her head slightly as clerk Sylvia Feline read the words "not guilty" 15 times, enumerating all the charges.

"I'm shocked, appalled and disappointed," said D'Agostino, who claimed her case

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"As commander-in-

area that are adequate to that purpose," he added. "Our goal is to seek peace rather than provocation. But our interests and those of our friends must be preserved."

Recalling the oil

while this president serves."

His plan to escort the Kuwaiti ships, on the heels of an Iraqi missile attack on the U.S. frigate Stark that killed 37 sailors, sparked an uproar in Congress. Demo-

United States into the Iran-Iraq war, now in its seventh year.

Critics said U.S. warships would not deter Iran from attacking oil tankers in the gulf and that it was only a matter of time before a

