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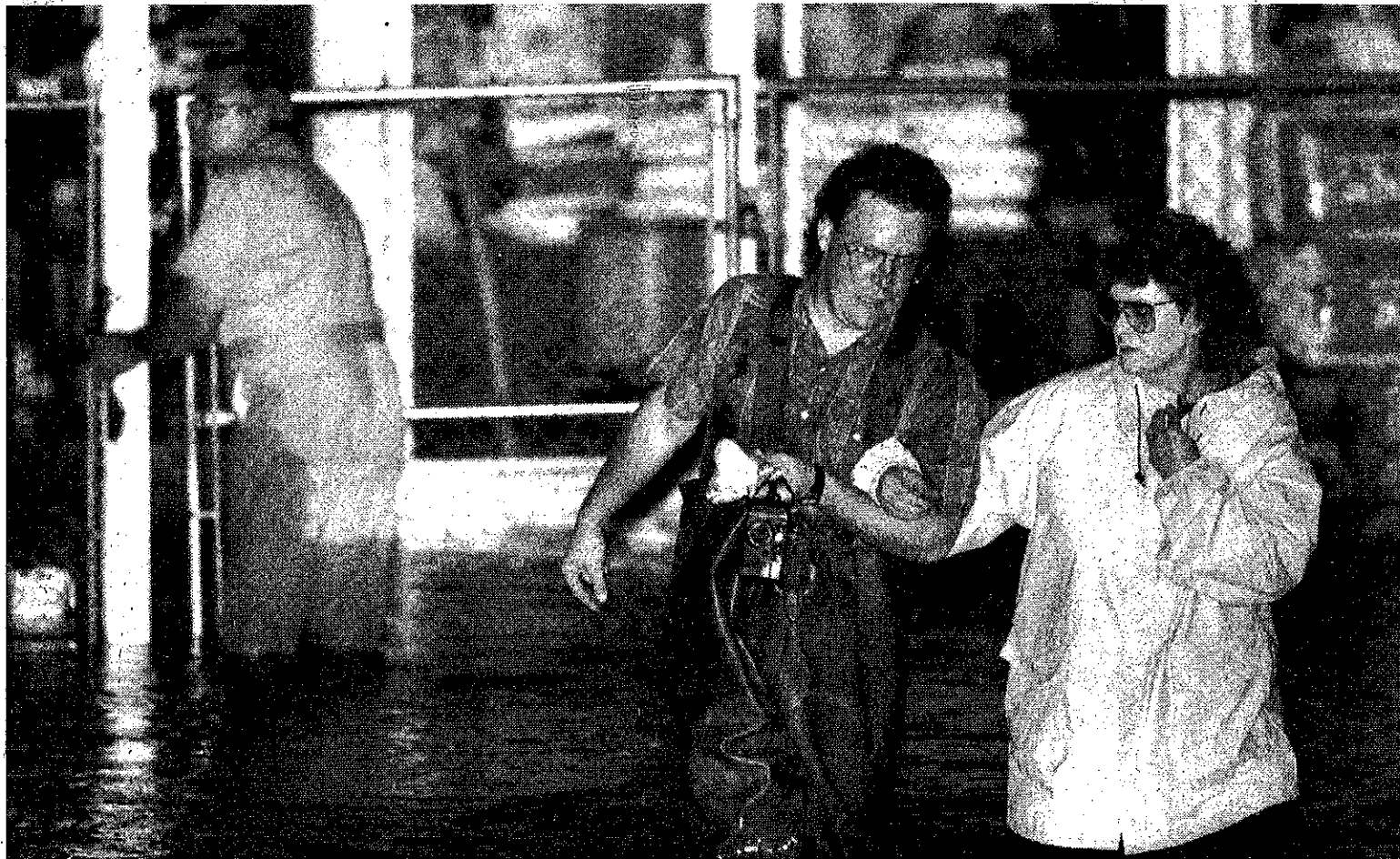
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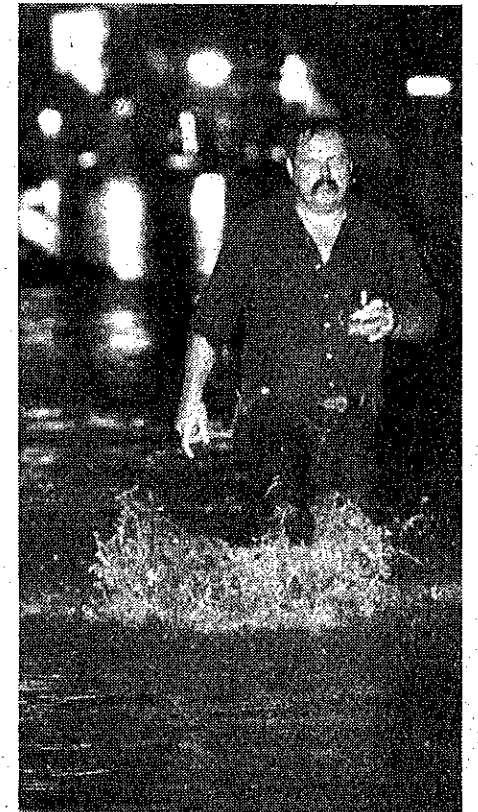
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High waters crept into the first floor of the three-story The Ark Interfaith Family Shelter for the homeless and underprivileged on NE 23, forcing evacuation of 25 residents.

"With water coming into electrical plugs, you don't know what's going to happen," said Midwest City police spokesman Sid Stell.

The Red Cross helped set up a shelter at the Midwest City Community Center for the displaced Ark residents, a spokeswoman said.

Two cars were swept off a flooded bridge in Spencer, but the motorists were not injured.

"They appeared to be stuck for a while, but we managed to get everyone out," Midwest City patrolman Jerry Kennedy said.

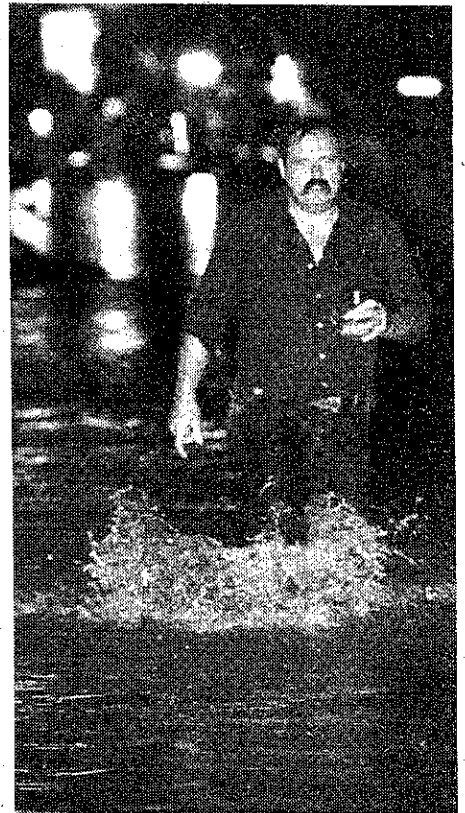
Numerous accidents were reported, and cars were stalled and flooded across the metropolitan area. Water was reported up to 5 feet deep on some Midwest City and Spencer streets, almost covering some vehicles.

Residents in the 1100 block of Windemere Drive pulled two stranded motorists to safety.

"They've had some people trapped in cars," a civil defense operator said.

Some Oklahoma City streets reportedly were washed out because of water

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— Staff photo by Jim Beckel

An unidentified eastern Oklahoma County resident wades through flood waters during severe thunderstorms Thursday night.



— Staff Photo by Steve Sisney

Way from her flower shop and garden center near NE 23 and Air Depot after Caesar and her to their shop. Virginia Caesar estimated damage to her shop would exceed \$200,000.

## Ruling Ignites Push for Constitutional Amendment

as mad as hell. We're witnessing the greatest travesty in the annals of jurisprudence," said Rep. Elias Applegate, D-Ohio.

Some members of Oklahoma's congressional delegation on Thursday denounced the Supreme Court decision.

The flag did not ascend to the North Pole, and to tainttops spanning the globe that it could be burned in the streets below," said Rep. Dave McVey, D-Norman.

Democratic Sen. David Boren reported a resolution Thursday expressed the Senate's disappointment with the ruling.

Republican Sen. Don Nickles called the ruling a "bad decision, a wrong decision."

Meanwhile, outside the University of California at Berkeley, members of a group called the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade set an American flag afire and called the burning of the national banner "a celebration" and referred to the flag and the United States in profane terms.

Introducing a constitutional amendment in the Senate, South Carolina Republican Strom Thurmond said: "Americans will not stand for the desecration of our flag, which has flown with pride to

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## Court Allows Confiscation Of Legal Fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled Thursday the government may confiscate from criminal defendants money and property they intended to use to pay their legal fees.

The justices, in separate 5-4 votes in cases from Virginia and New York, handed to federal prosecutors a major victory in their fight against illegal drugs.

The court said a defendant's constitutional rights to due process and to be represented by a lawyer in a criminal case are not violated when profits of an allegedly illegal enterprise are seized.

Justice Byron R. White, who wrote for the court in both cases, said no one has a constitutional right "to spend another person's money for services rendered by an attorney, even if those funds are the only way that that defendant will be able to retain the attorney of his choice. The money, though in his possession, is not rightfully his."

He was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Sandra

en in Beijing, and on Wednesday three in Shanghai and 17 in Jinan.

The Shanghai residents were condemned for leading an angry mob that burned a train on June 6 after it smashed through a barricade set up by protesters, killing six people.

The 17 in the northeastern city of Jinan were

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was filled with small arrest notices, and those involving the condemned said they ranged in age from 18 to 33. There was a large red check, indicating execution, on each of the notices with the word "proclaimed." Soldiers later tore the notices off the board.

So far, 27 people have been put to death: the sev-

## to Oklahoma

### Rainfall Totals

National Weather Service officials had these unofficial rainfall amounts, in inches, as of late Thursday:

Southwest of Jones .....	7 +
Jones .....	6 +
Northwest of Spencer .....	6 +
Will Rogers World Airport .....	1 +
Tinker Air Force Base .....	0.88

Many reports of rainfall 5 inches or more were in an area from south of Luther to Del City and east toward Harrah. There also were reports of 5 inches or more between Sparks and Meeker in Lincoln County.

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  - Residents Carried to Safety
  - Drivers Rescued

## 57-Year Record Falls After Few Hours of Rain

A rainfall record that had stood for 57 years fell in a span of a couple of hours Thursday when thunderstorms dumped up to 7 inches of rain in the Oklahoma City area.

The old mark of 14.12 inches for June was set in 1932. Until Thursday, Oklahoma City's official weather reporting post, Will Rogers World Airport, had received 13.41 inches for the month, .71 inch off the record.

Heavy storms moved into the metropolitan area Thursday afternoon and, by 7:30 p.m., .84 inch had fallen at Will Rogers, pushing the monthly total to 14.25 and a new record.

That made June 1989 the wettest month since the National Weather Service began keeping records in 1890.

National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Foster said late Thursday

that more than an inch of rain had fallen at the airport and that more was expected.

The average rainfall total for June is 3.87, forecasters said.

After June 1989, the next four wettest months on record now are:

- ✓ June 1932 (14.12).
- ✓ October 1983 (13.18).
- ✓ June 1904 (12.33).
- ✓ June 1908 (12.12).

Staff writers Stacy D. Johnson and Tim Farley contributed to this report.

# News Makers

## Resignation Demanded

The leader of Greece's conservative party demanded Thursday that **Andreas Papandreu** resign as the interim premier because of a new banking scandal, the latest to occur under Papandreu's socialist government. **Constantine Mitsotakis**, whose New Democracy party has until today to form a coalition, said Papandreu was "responsible and guilty" in the scandal involving the state-owned Greek Mortgage Bank and the Atlantic Bank of New York. U.S. officials allege the Mortgage Bank helped people avoid taxes. It is accused of laundering at least \$700 million.

Alexis de Tocqueville prize to Mexican poet **Octavio Paz**, describing him as a "remarkable author, and a compelling and luminous poet." The presentation of the award was made in the small town of Valognes in Normandy in western France where de Tocqueville lived. "I salute you as a poet, as a free man and as a friend," Mitterrand told Paz.

**Margaret Chase Smith** was sent 91 dozen roses in appreciation for her efforts to make the rose America's national flower. The former U.S. senator, who is 91, accepted the gigantic bouquet Wednesday at her home in Skowhegan, Maine. Most of the roses will be given to nursing homes and a hospital. Smith said she had campaigned "for 40 years plus" in Washington to make the rose the national flower. "I always got it passed in the House, but never the Senate," she said. Finally winning approval in both chambers, the bill was signed into law in 1987.

**Julian Lloyd Webber**, the cellist and brother of composer **Andrew Lloyd Webber**, said Thursday that he is engaged to an Afghan princess. Lloyd Webber, 38, said the bride-to-be is **Zohra Ghazi**, 25, whose great-uncle is the exiled King **Zahir Shah**. Princess Zohra said the couple will have a Moslem wedding, and then a Christian wedding in London on July 1.

From Oklahoman Wire Services

Riverside, Iowa, a town of 825, wants permission to put up a bronze statue of its most famous "future" son — the 23rd-century space explorer **Capt. James T. Kirk** of the starship Enterprise. "Star Trek" fan **Steve Miller**, who four years ago decided his hometown was to be Kirk's birthplace, is working with Paramount Pictures to get permission to build the statue in the town park. The statue would go along with a 20-foot model of the Enterprise spaceship that stands in the park. A 1968 book about the "Star Trek" television show says Kirk was born in a "small town in Iowa" on March 26, 2228. **Gene Roddenberry**, creator of "Star Trek," gave his blessing to Miller's idea of designating Riverside as that town.

French President **Francois Mitterrand** on Thursday awarded the

## Flag

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signify freedom for more than 200 years." Departing from the text of a speech on volunteerism he was delivering to a civic group called the New York Partnership, Bush said "The flag of the United States is

very, very special." The Supreme Court overturned the conviction of a protestor who burned an American flag during the 1984 Republican National Convention in Dallas and was prosecuted under a Texas law. Flag burning is

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## Storms

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rushing beneath them and numerous manhole covers were pushed out of their holes. A temporary lake formed on Interstate 35, backing up traffic.

"It's causing a traffic jam because people are afraid to cross the roadway," Highway Patrol Lt. Larry Alexander said.

The National Weather Service estimated more than 7 inches fell south of Jones in eastern Oklahoma County. More than 1 inch was reported at Will Rogers World Airport, pushing the city's June total to the highest single month since records have been kept.

Forecasters said the city's total for June rose to about 15 inches. That broke the old record of 14.12 inches set in June 1932.

The weather service issued flash-flood warnings for Oklahoma and Lincoln Counties. A flash-flood watch was issued for Thursday night for central and part of north-eastern Oklahoma.

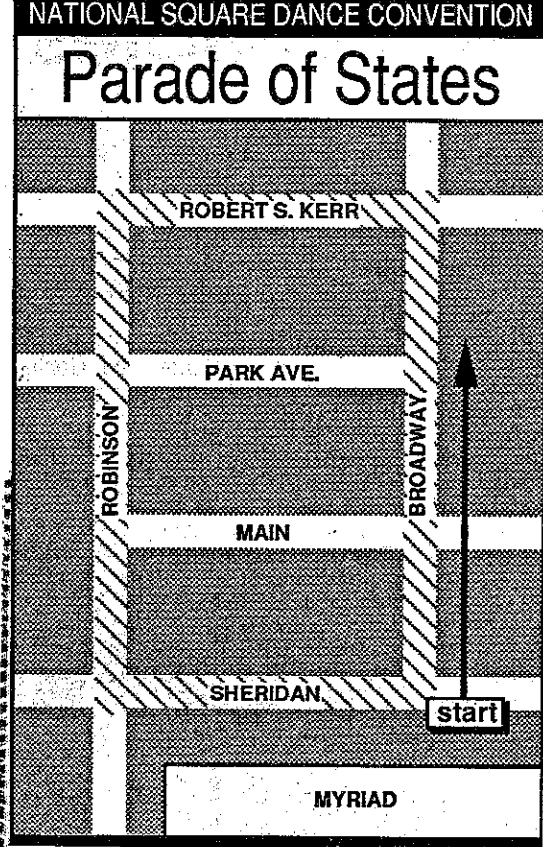
A front that stalled over the state combined with lots of moisture in the atmosphere to trigger heavy rains, forecasters said.

"They just moved very little and created copious amounts of rain," meteorologist Mike Foster said.

Flooding also was reported at Interstate 40 and the Robinson Street exit, and I-40 and Byers. And officials in Del City and Midwest City reported widespread flooding.

Thunderstorms were expected to continue across central and north-eastern portions of the state Thursday night.

Staff writers Jack Money, Charollette Aiken and Melody Mills contributed to this report.



This is the route for the National Square Dance Convention parade to begin at noon today in Oklahoma City.

## Dancing

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ly in English. Although they may not be able to carry on a conversation with Americans, they don't need to. The dance has become a universal language.

Ferguson said the intricate steps and twirling colors of square dancing began when settlers, many from vastly different lands, found themselves thrown together by circumstance in the American West. Dancing was one way they got to know one another.

Some of the steps are from middle Europe; others from Scotland and others from Mexico.

More than 20,000 are expected to attend the convention, which will run through Saturday. Ferguson, the convention's general chairman, said some participants come to learn new steps or "calls," and others to meet old friends. "They come for friendship," Ferguson said. "They come to be together. No contests.

At any given time, 18 dances will be going on somewhere from 9:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. the next morning.

Just a social encounter." Most of the square dance activities will be in the Myriad in downtown Oklahoma City or at the State Fairgrounds.

Some dancing and activities will also be at the Civic Center Music Hall, 200 Channing Square, and at the Sheraton Century Center, at the intersection of Broadway and Main Street.

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Ferguson said this is the third year for the convention in Oklahoma City. He said his organization, the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, outbid 60 other cities for the event.

"We're entitled to one every 60 years," Ferguson said. "This is our third (in 38 years). The real reason they keep coming back to Oklahoma City is because of the people here. They're not just friendly, they're nice."

More than 5,600 hotel rooms are expected to be filled. Early Thursday, the rooms were filling at a rate of about 50 an hour.

Rental cars are also scarce, and likely will be for the event's duration.

But money won't be. Ferguson said the dancers will pump \$12 million into the Oklahoma City economy.

## Court

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stemming from what prosecutors said was his role as kingpin of a drug operation.

Reckmeyer was sentenced to 17 years in prison and was ordered to forfeit all proceeds from the drug deals. The seizure of the money left him without funds to pay Caplin & Drysdale.

any of the money. In the second case, the former Reagan administration appealed a ruling that would have allowed Peter Monsanto access to assets worth \$400,000 to help him pay his lawyers.

Monsanto was convicted in New York City of charges he headed a heroin-selling ring.

non, N.Y., valued at \$335,000, a \$30,000 cooperative apartment in the Bronx and \$35,000 in cash.

But the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last year Monsanto could use the assets to pay legal fees.

At issue in both cases were forfeiture provisions of key federal crime-fighting laws, including the Continuing Criminal

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