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to leave her downtown Lawton office. Later, he testified he followed her into the rest room and beat her on the face and head.

During statements from the victim's family, Jim Van Wey testified Thursday through tears and against the advice of his heart doctor about his high school sweetheart and wife of 40 years.

"I wanted you to know what a loving, sweet, cultured person she was," he told jurors as he See DEATH, Page 2

Andrew Wozniak peeks around the corner, passes over Pensacola, Fla., on Thursday.

## Rivers Overflow, Prompting Evacuations, Rescues

From Staff and Wire Reports

Daring rescues and evacuations were common Thursday in north-central Oklahoma as three days of rain forced creeks and rivers to spill over their banks.

Elsewhere, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol blamed two fatal traffic accidents on rain-slicked roads.

The National Weather Ser-

vice predicted that showers would ease off today.

"The precipitation will gradually become more scattered; it won't be so widespread," meteorologist Dana Dubberke said. "(Tropical Storm) Dean is just going to gradually weaken and go away. I don't know that it has much of an identity anymore."

Dubberke said it is too early to know whether Oklahoma

will be affected by Hurricane Erin, which roared across the Florida Panhandle on Thursday. If the storm moves directly northwest, it could mean more rain in southeastern Oklahoma — but probably not until next week.

The Oklahoma City area has a 40 percent chance of more showers today dropping to 30 percent tonight. Today's high could reach the upper 80s, and

the overnight low will drop into the lower 70s, the weather service said.

Saturday through Tuesday should be cloudy statewide with a chance for thunderstorms in central and western sections. Highs could climb back into the mid-90s.

Dozens of people were forced out of their houses by rising water Thursday after heavy rains caused flooding in areas

of Alfalfa, Garfield and Grant counties.

No injuries were reported. Authorities used boats to evacuate many residents in Jefferson, a low-lying town of about 80 people in Grant County.

At least five families left their inundated houses in Cherokee, authorities said, and business owners in the See RAIN, Page 2

*"They managed to get a nylon rope tied onto a front end loader and the car which held the car long enough to get her out. And then the rope snapped, and the car was gone."*

— Steve Vetter, Cherokee police chief



## Arms Sellers Wait As Embargo Falter

By Charles J. Hanley  
AP Special Correspondent

At his chalet high above Lake Geneva, a blue chip weapons dealer is enjoying the alpine air this summer and standing by for the go-ahead to pour 10,000 newly minted Kalashnikovs into the Yugoslav fray.

Over in the more workaday world of rush-hour London, another broker is trying to make his own big break — one ear on the

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decided in Washington than on what happened two weeks ago in Switzerland, when representatives of 52 Islamic countries sim-

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Mostly cloudy skies are expected in the metropolitan area today, with a chance of rain and a high of 83.

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# Alabama Takes It on the Gump

**H**OLLYWOOD — Happy Friday, Oklahoma, and how's everybody? The NCAA has slapped the University of Alabama with probation and no bowl games. It had to be grade-point padding. Everybody's been wondering how the Crimson Tide kept Forrest Gump eligible for four years.

Disney bought ABC-TV for \$19 billion Monday. Network employees were quick to react. Peter Jennings opened the "ABC Evening News" by saying, "Hey there, hi there, ho there, we're the news from ABC ..."

The Disney-ABC buyout may have hit a snag. Michael Eisner just announced plans to move the company's new headquarters to a Civil War battlefield in Virginia.

With NBC owned by General Electric and CBS by Westinghouse, TV is now in the hands of the comedians they

# Rain

From Page 1

north part of the town spent Thursday barricading their stores and offices with sandbags.

"We've still got a lot of water around," Police Chief Steve Vetter said late Thursday.

City utility workers and workers with Alfalfa County Electric rescued a woman whose car was swept off a city street by high water.

"They managed to get a nylon rope tied onto a front-end loader and the car which held the car long enough to get her out," Vetter said. "And then the rope snapped and the car was gone."

Two farmers northeast of Nash who tried to get out of the flooding by driving tractors through raging high water were stranded when the current swept their

tractors off the road.

Rescue workers were able to get to the men late Thursday, officials said.

Several families in rural Alfalfa County were without drinking water because floodwaters washed away a major waterline, authorities said.

The flooding was caused by heavy rain that has fallen since Sunday — authorities say some areas received 16 inches of rain during that period — which has filled rivers and creeks and saturated the ground.

Most of the roads in Grant County were covered by water, authorities said. The only open highway Thursday afternoon was State Highway 11 from Medford east to Interstate 35.

"Once someone comes into Medford, they can't go anywhere," Medford Po-

lice Chief Tom Hankins said.

Thursday afternoon, the state Transportation Department said these state roads were closed:

Kay County — U.S. 177 south of Tonkawa at Fountain Road; Kingfisher County — State Highway 51 west of Hennessey across the Cimarron River; Grant County — SH 11 west of Medford, U.S. 81 north and south of Medford, U.S. 60 west of Pond Creek, U.S. 64 west of Nash, SH 132 north of Nash; Beckham County — Interstate 40 frontage road, south side, near Sayre; Cotton County — SH 5B entire length; Harmon County — SH 5 south of Gould; Alfalfa County — U.S. 64 in Cherokee.

State roads with high water were: Kiowa County — U.S. 183 north of Snyder, SH 19 at U.S. 183 near Roosevelt; Tillman County — U.S. 70 across Bottle Creek.

Wet roads were cited in fatality accidents in Stephens and Beckham counties.

Dead are: Ethel M. Brock, 53, Duncan; Jenny Lee Easter, 44, Sayre.

Brock died Thursday morning when the pickup she was driving hydroplaned on SH 29 seven miles east of Marlow and collided with another pickup. Brock was dead at the scene.

The other driver, Vernon E. Delk, 34, of Marlow, was in serious condition in a Duncan hospital with two broken legs. A passenger in Delk's pickup was uninjured. Seat belts were not in use, the patrol said.

Easter was killed at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday and two teen-agers

were critically injured when Easter's car hydroplaned on I-40 near Elk City. The car collided with a tractor-trailer rig.

Easter's daughter, Deidra, 16, was in critical condition in an Elk City hospital with head and internal injuries. A second passenger, Kindris L. Brown, 15, of Sayre, was transferred from the Elk City hospital to an Oklahoma City hospital, where she was in critical condition with head and internal injuries.

The truck driver, James Hubert Morgan, 47, of Knoxville, Tenn., was not injured. Morgan was wearing a seat belt; no one in the Easter vehicle was using a seat belt, the patrol said.

Elsewhere in Oklahoma, minor to moderate flooding was reported at some stages of the Canadian, Washita and Cimarron rivers and the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River.

The Canadian River was measured at 17.2 feet near Watonga on Thursday — about 2 feet above flood level. The weather service said flooding would extend south to near Calumet in Canadi-

an County. Near-bankful conditions were reported for the Washita River in eastern Caddo and western Grady counties. The river was expected to rise near Carnegie to about 22 feet by Saturday night. Flood stage for the Washita River is 18 feet. The river's depth was 21.1 feet near Clinton and was expected to crest at 22 feet by afternoon before receding below flood stage today. The Cimarron River passed flood stage near Dover early Thursday, hitting a depth of about 18 feet.

his family forever. Tribune Media Services

cept him and his family forever. "For our lord and savior." "For the wages of sin is death, you would only have your-

backs on God now, we can only expect to continue separated from him forever.

and the reason is because sin (even a so-called "little" sin) cuts us off from God. As the Bible says, "Your iniquities have separated from you."

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