

bags several months in advance.
 "If I'd let her, she'd start packing in January. It's her world. She looks forward to it," said Holland's mother, Bonnie Holland of Midwest City.
 Competition began Wednesday for more than 4,000 athletes on the Oklahoma State University campus in Stillwater.

Sondra Holland, 26, participated in the bowling tournament paired with her boyfriend Tracy Hagar in the doubles competition. Her mom, who is also her coach, accompanied her.

The Holland family will be honored during the Family of the Year Award during a picnic today.

The other members, dad Ronnie, son Lee, 23, and daughter Angie, 16, have volunteered at Midwest City-Del City area Special Olympics events.

Barrett Waller, Special Olympics spokesman, said coaches, volunteers and others submit names for the annual honor. A committee makes the final decision, he said.

The Hollands' involvement in Special Olympics began about 21 years ago and led to state and national competitions. Sondra Holland was 6 years



Bonnie Holland, left, gives her daughter, Sondra, bowling tips Wednesday at Frontier Lanes in Stillwater, site of the Oklahoma Special Olympics. At right is Sondra's bowling partner, Tracy Hagar.

old when she participated in her first athletic event, her mom said.

Three years ago, Bonnie Holland began coordinating the Mid-Del area bowling competition. She also set up a unified bowling league in Midwest City, where nonhandicapped people pair up with the disabled.

Sondra Holland, who has Down syn-

drome, has participated in Special Olympic bowling competitions for two years and bowls in the unified league each Saturday, her mother said.

"She could care less if she wins or not. She likes to see the other kids win, especially the ones in wheelchairs."

Gulf War Study Suggests Limits For Air Power

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — A new study of Western air power in the Persian Gulf War suggested Wednesday that modern warplanes may have only limited ability to win wars without ground troops, but the author refused to apply that lesson to Bosnia.

The independent report said U.S. and allied bombing was devastating to Iraqi troops and other targets but intelligence and bomb damage assessment were flawed and most of Iraq's chemical weapons and nuclear program survived.

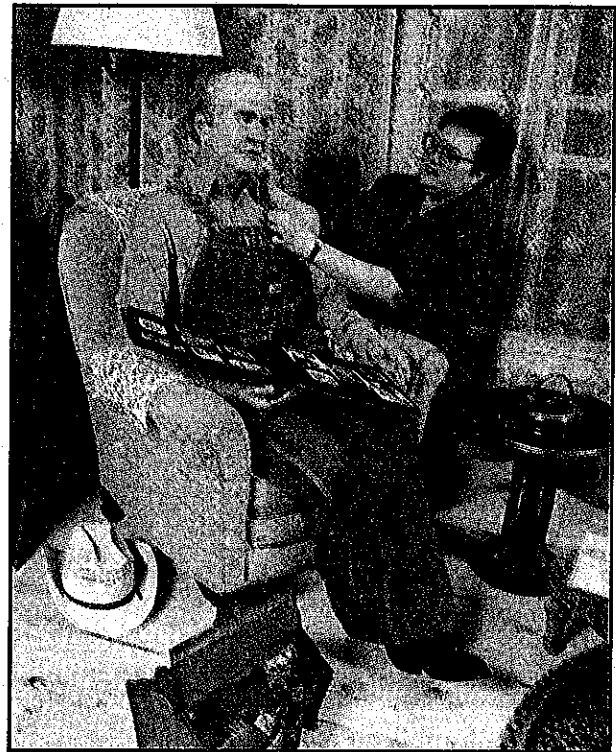
"The Gulf War Air Power Survey," released at the Pentagon, was pre-

pared for the Air Force by a team of defense experts headed by Eliot Cohen of Johns Hopkins University.

Pressed by reporters, Cohen refused to say whether the report should solidify European reluctance to support a U.S. contingency plan for air strikes against Bosnian Serbs in a possible bid to force an end to the war in former Yugoslavia.

"The political objectives in Yugoslavia are a somewhat messier proposition, and that has to be part of your calculus," Cohen said, adding that "I wouldn't extrapolate a lot" from the Persian Gulf

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Story Teller

Nancy Rowe-Clark puts the finishing touches Wednesday on "The Story Teller" before its unveiling at the Museum of the Cherokee Strip in Enid. The pneumatic robot will tell stories of his struggles to homestead in the Cherokee Strip. The \$30,000 exhibit was privately funded.

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Mother of Missing Man Turns Thoughts to Other Victims

By Steve Lackmeyer
 Staff Writer

Though her son remains missing, Mary Wanner is thinking of two other victims of last weekend's flooding — the woman and child police believe her son was trying to save.

Shortly before James Brian White, a 26-year-old drywaller, was swept away by floodwaters in southwest Oklahoma City Saturday afternoon, he gave a ride to a woman and her 6-year-old daughter seeking shelter from the torrential downpour.

White didn't know Janice Faye Drake or her

daughter, Michelle Renee Drake, said Capt. Bill Citty, Oklahoma City police spokesman.

"We believe he befriended them during the storm and gave them a ride home," Citty said.

Wanner said she wasn't surprised by news of her son's neighborly efforts. She said Monday she believed her son was a good Samaritan helping a woman and child in distress.

"I was certain of it," Wanner said.

"Brian is just one of those people who, if he saw people in the middle of the road, he would stop and give them a ride. He



James Brian White

was always helping people. He lost his life helping others."

White and Michelle Drake were still missing late Wednesday. Witness-

es told police they saw White's car pulled into the raging Brock Creek near SW 22 and Brock on Saturday evening as rain deluged central Oklahoma.

White was seen trying to carry the small child out of the creek before they both disappeared. When rescuers arrived, they found only the body of Janice Drake, still trapped in the back seat of White's car.

Police contacted Mary Wanner on Sunday and confirmed her son was the man seen swept away in Brock Creek.

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Lake Levels Dim Memorial Day Boating Outlook

By Penny Owen
 Staff Writer

Planning to spend Memorial Day weekend at the lake?

Better pick up the phone before hitching up the boat. Many of the state's lakes and parks will still be waterlogged from last week's flooding, leaving boat ramps and picnic tables under water and only the highest campsites accessible, said state lake and park officials.

Damage and high waters are scattered haphazardly throughout the state, with some lakes and parks untouched and others well-immersed. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Director Ross Adkins suggests calling the lake or state park office before heading out.

Worst hit are Lakes Eufaula and Keystone, which are both 100 percent full and rising, Adkins said. Eufaula's Fountainhead State Park had 15,274 visitors last Memorial Day weekend; Keystone had 7,669.

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Partly cloudy skies are expected in the metropolitan area today, with a high of 82 and a low of 52. — Page 10

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Prayer for Today

Lord, we can learn from you through silence, and through silence there is peace. We praise you and thank you for helping us find fulfillment in our lives. Amen.

Disaster

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 take advantage of a 1-800 number over which they can make their applications," he said.
 The toll-free number is 1-800-462-9029.
 The Federal Emergency Management Agency staffs the phone from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 "This will be the best thing for them to use; the most convenient thing," he said.
 "If they need personal assistance, the best thing to do is to contact the local officials because we do have (Office of) emergency management staff in each of the counties."
 He said Red Cross officials are in most of the communities.
 Federal and state workers will distribute a flier with additional information in each of the affected communities, Walters said.
 The Small Business Administration will begin briefings in each of the communities to provide assistance to flood victims who qualify for SBA help, he said. Dates of the SBA briefings will be announced later.
 "This declaration opens up a substantial amount of aid. There are cash grants of up to \$11,900 available for victims for

purposes of rebuilding," Walters said.
 He said temporary housing grants, loan programs for damaged homes and a variety of other grant programs will be available.
 "We have not yet heard from the Department of Agriculture on the crop declaration," he said. "We hope to hear from them very soon."
 Walters said the state and counties have millions of dollars of damages to roads and highways "and so we are anxious to also get approved for public assistance. We believe that will follow in short order."
 Officials Wednesday surveyed city and county officials in 28 different counties, "to make sure that there wasn't any unmet needs out there that we were unaware of."
 "None of them had any needs that were immediate that we needed to address, except for one. Piedmont needed a backhoe and we took care of that.... They had a water line that broke because of the flood."
 Walters said he has asked the Oklahoma National Guard "to give me some suggestions of how they might be able to assist" local officials in the search for three missing flood

victims "so that this doesn't carry on for a number of days."
 The weekend storm and flooding, in addition to a recent tornado damage in Tulsa and Catoosa, have been a heavy drain on the state's emergency fund used to provide matching dollars in disasters, he said.
 The state started with about \$600,000 in the fund and the Tulsa-Catoosa storms probably required about \$300,000 and \$400,000 of that money, he said.
 "This is certainly going to take the lion's share of the rest of that," Walters said. "... fortunately, we have the Legislature in session and we can ask for a supplemental appropriation to that fund."
 He said, "I don't think we're talking about millions of dollars here. By the time it breaks down to our share, oftentimes it's 12.5 percent of various grants."
 "The big dollar number to us could well be the roads and highways, and we have obviously road funding to take care of our match on that. We would just have to redirect the highway programs so we'd move around some of the priorities to take care of some of these immediate needs."

Lakes

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 "For several weeks those campgrounds are going to be covered up," Adkins said. "We don't flood them very often but when we do, they're flooded big-time. (Lake goers) will probably have to find alternative places."
 Keystone state parks had the most water damage, but some camp areas remain open, said Sandy Pantlik, state Tourism Department spokeswoman.
 As of Wednesday, both lakes still were collecting water from other spillways at a rate of 130,000 cubic feet per second. Imagine a football field with 3 1/2 feet of water rushing through every second, Adkins said. That is what the flood gates are releasing.
 Boating and fishing are especially dangerous because of rushing water and objects such as concrete picnic tables in shallow water that can snag boats.
 "Don't go below the dam areas, which is a favorite fishing spot," Adkins said. "It is an extremely dangerous place. Anytime there is discharge through the dam, the more we discharge the more dangerous it gets."
 Lake Texoma is another questionable vacation spot, now 70 percent full and still rising. Adkins said they hope to release the rising water about May 17, but weather will dictate.
 The Catfish Bay Area at Lake Texoma will be closed through Memorial Day. Other Texoma parks may close later as the lake rises, said Pantlik. Texoma state parks had 30,248 visitors last Memorial Day weekend.
 "It's iffy at best. This water comes in a lot quicker than it goes out," said Jim Vandergriff, Lake Texoma administrative officer. "We're not real optimistic (about Memorial Day), but we'll reserve judgment for later."
 Arcadia Lake in Edmond is expected to remain closed through Memorial Day, said spokeswoman Tamara Mixer.
 "Right now we're at a peak, our elevation is 1,021 (feet above sea level), the normal is 1,006," Mixer said. "We're just taking it day by day; that's all we can do. No fishing, no skiing. We're not letting anybody in the parks at all. It's too dangerous."
 Officials are also watching Lake Tenkiller. Although its flood pool is only at 34 percent capacity — about 13 feet above normal — it's

still rising. Water discharge will depend on spillage from Lakes Eufaula and Keystone, said lake official Mike Calavan.
 "We're not in as bad a shape as Keystone or Eufaula," Calavan said. "We anticipate being up in our flood pool about 40 percent capacity, which gets all the low-lying campsites."
 About 60 percent of the campsites will be open Memorial Day, although many boat ramps and picnic tables are underwater.
 Barring more rainy weather, most other lakes and state parks should operate close to normal this Memorial Day.
 Lake Murray has some docks and boating ramps underwater, but that may subside if the weather holds, said Amy Pierce, lake office assistant. Campsites are fine. Last Memorial Day, Lake Murray had 83,115 visitors.
 Lakes Overholser, Draper and Thunderbird report minor or no damage and expect full operations on Memorial Day.
 Of the state's 57 parks and five resorts, the following damage was reported:
 ✓ **Twin Bridges State Park at Grand Lake** has flooding in lower area. Only upper-level campsites are open. Picnic tables are available.
 ✓ **Bernice State Park, Grand Lake**, all camping areas are closed.
 ✓ **Sequoyah State Park, near Wagoner**, has camping areas three and four open; one, two, five and six are closed. The golf course is partially flooded.
 ✓ **Cherokee Landing State Park**, lower camping areas are closed.
 ✓ **Red Rock Canyon** near Hinton, reports some significant damage with culverts washed out, and damaged road crossings.
 ✓ **Fort Cobb State Park** closed half of the campsites. The back nine holes at the golf course are closed.
 ✓ **Great Salt Plains Park** near Cherokee has some campsites closed.
 ✓ **Okmulgee and Dripping Springs** state parks have detours for access.
 For more information on state parks call 521-3411. For general lake information call (918) 581-7307.
 Some lake numbers are: Keystone (918) 865-2621, Tenkiller (918) 487-5252, Texoma (903) 465-4990, Eufaula (918) 484-5135, and Overholser (405) 789-3746 or (405) 787-4372.

Hero

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 Identification of Drake, 39, and her daughter was difficult. Police asked for the public's help and released a description of Janice Drake on Tuesday.
 Positive identification wasn't made until Janice Drake's father approached teachers at his granddaughter's school, police and school administrators said.
 Beverly Baker, Michelle Drake's second-grade teacher, choked back tears as she remembered the "shy, darling child" who enrolled at Crooked Oak Elementary School about two months ago.
 "She was very shy, but very caring," Baker said. "She was an angel — she never did anything wrong. She was always asking, 'Am I doing something wrong?'"
 Drake's class befriended the girl immediately after she moved into the south Oklahoma City school district, Baker said.
 Baker will break the

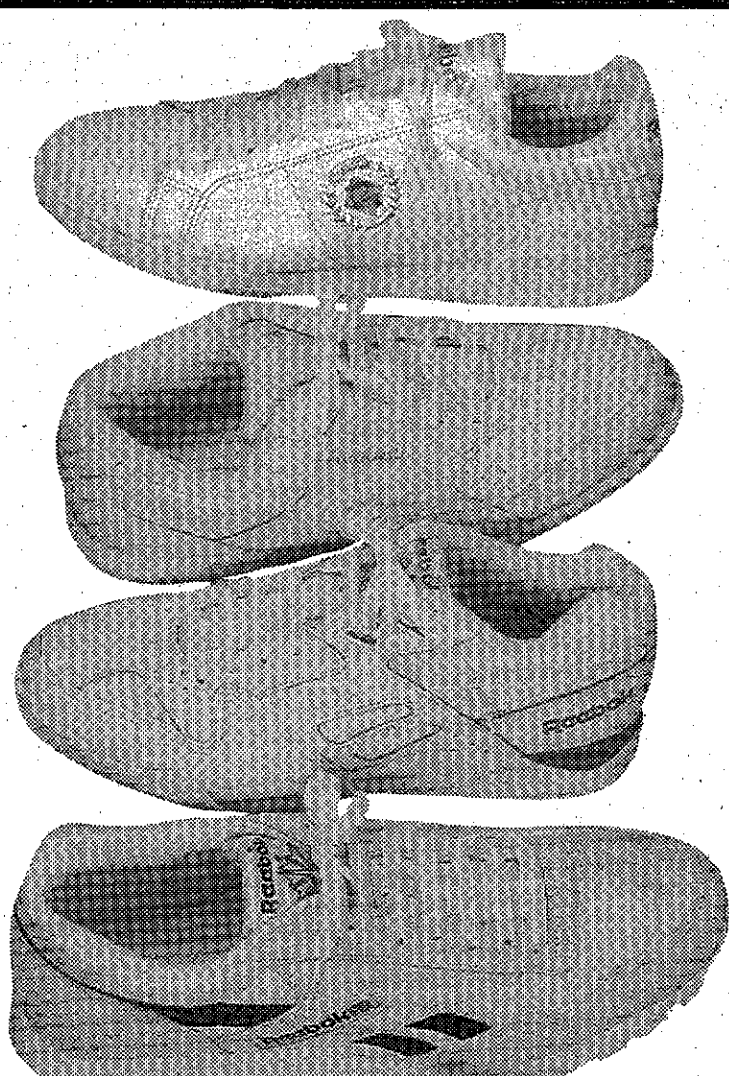
bad news to her class today with the assistance of the school counselor.
 "She is going to be badly missed by these kids. We'll have to give my kids a chance to grieve," Wanner said Wednesday she is concerned that Janice Drake will not be given a proper funeral. Wanner said she was informed by officers that Drake's family was struggling financially.
 Baker confirmed Wanner's concerns.
 "She was moving around a lot, just trying to get by like a lot of people," Baker said. "She had to find \$4

for Renee to go on a class trip to the zoo. She managed to pay the \$4 for Renee, but she wasn't able to pay for herself."
 Wanner said she is determined to ensure that the recipients of her son's care are not buried in unmarked graves at a county cemetery. She said she may be able to have her son's car insurance pay for the Drakes' funerals.
 "We are concerned about this lady as much as anyone," Wanner said.
 Police on Wednesday also identified the 3-week-old infant presumed drowned in Lightning Creek near

SW 68 and Western. Off-duty Oklahoma City police officer David Pennington saved the infant's mother, Sherry Ruth Reynolds, and Reynold's 18-month-old son, Douglas, City said.
 When Pennington returned to the car to search for Brittany Dawn Reynolds, the infant's car seat was empty.
 Maj. John Soos, Oklahoma City Fire Department spokesman, said rescue squads discontinued their searches of both creeks Wednesday. He said the department will re-evaluate whether another search is needed today.

conflict, they said.
 While the war showed "glimmerings" of the potential for air power and space-based intelligence-gathering, any "military-technical revolution" to win conventional wars from the air is only in its early stages, the report said.
 "A great deal of organizational and doctrinal preparation would be needed to make the promise of such a revolution a reality," it concluded.
 The survey, commissioned in August 1991

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