

# Nation takes to Carefree yodeling

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The Battalion

Yodllleehoooo!! Go ahead, try it. If you have the yodel with the most unique "odle" you could come up with, you could win a trip through the Swiss Alps for one week, courtesy of LifeSavers.

name, address, phone number and best yodel.

Yodelers will be judged on creativity, originality, clarity and strength of yodel.

Lisa Morgan, a spokesperson from LifeSavers, said of the 5,000 calls they have already received, creativity does not seem to have been a problem. "We have gotten everything from Elvis yodels, rap and Beavis and Butt-head yodels, so you can imagine how funny it has gotten," Morgan said.

As one of the first forms of mountain communication,

yodeling has been used for everything from safety signals on the mountain tops to mating calls.

LifeSavers has opened the contest to any yodeling style from reggae, or gospel to opera and classical, however they do prohibit professional musicians from entering.

The first 100,000 yodelers to respond will be entered in the contest, and one winner will be named for the six-day vacation for two to Switzerland. The prize includes an all-day trip on the Glacier Express, a sightseeing train through the mountains.

# People in the news

## Joel, Brinkley to separate after nine years of marriage

NEW YORK (AP) — Billy Joel and Christie Brinkley are separating after nine years of marriage, CNN reported Wednesday.

The supermodel and her singer-songwriter husband sent a joint statement to Mitchell Kink, a People magazine columnist who contributes to CNN's "Show Biz Today" segment.

Further details were not immediately available. Calls from The Associated Press to their representatives late Wednesday were not returned.

The couple has an 8-year-old daughter, Alexa Ray.

Brinkley, 40, survived a serious helicopter crash earlier this month, while "helisking" with friends near Telluride, Colo. Joel, 44, postponed a concert in Kansas City the next night to accompany his wife back to their Long Island oceanfront estate, outside New York City.

People magazine featured Brinkley on the cover of their April 18 edition. She said the April 1 accident gave her a



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BRINKLEY

deeper appreciation of her family.

The couple wed March 23, 1985, on a yacht in New York harbor, among banks of white tulips and 175 guests. It was the second marriage for both.

## Love arrested on drug charges day before Cobain's suicide

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Singer Courtney Love was arrested and examined for a suspected drug overdose the day before her husband, grunge-rock star Kurt Cobain, was found dead, police said Wednesday.

Cobain, the 27-year-old singer for the band Nirvana, killed himself with a shotgun blast to the head. His body was found Friday at the Seattle home he shared with his wife and their 20-month-old daughter, Frances Bean.

Love told Seattle television station KIRO on Wednesday that Cobain was using heroin when he killed himself. She said narcotics were found next to her husband's body when it was discovered.

Love told the TV station she has had her own problems with drugs, but wanted to send a message to Nirvana fans that drugs don't solve anything.

Beverly Hills Police Sgt. Robert Smith said Love was arrested last Thursday at a hotel for drug possession and taken to Century City Hospital because of a suspected heroin overdose.

She was released from the hospital the same day and booked for investigation of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a hypodermic needle, Smith said.

# Skydiving

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ent, said the club has about 25 active members and meets every weekend at Coulter Field — weather permitting — to skydive. ng, Vietnam War veterans and other support for events like the National Collegiate Skydiving Championships with fundraisers and demonstration jumps.

"One of the things we take pride in is that we support our veterans," he said. "The Aggie tradition is what has made us strong."

The club began in the late 1960s. Every January, the club brings home a medal from the national competition where it competed with schools such as West Point and the Air Force Academy.

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Skydiving Club is sometimes confused with Aggies Over Texas, a local business. But the skydiving club is a student organization. The club is actively involved with campus activities and contributes to the community with presentations about skydiving at local schools.

You may have seen the skydiving club in years past touching down at Greek Week and March for the Brazos. Sometime this fall, Morris said several club members will land in Kyle Field — game ball in hand.

Mark Woodings, the club's newly-elected president, said his favorite aspect of the club is competing at the national competition. A senior electrical engineering major, Woodings has over 200 jumps under his belt.

"The goals of our organization are to represent Texas A&M at the National Collegiate Skydiving

Championships and to promote safe skydiving.

As president, Woodings said he plans to take a prepared team to nationals, increase membership and publicize skydiving at Texas A&M.

His favorite part of the jump isn't what one might expect. He said he spends the 10 minutes or so climbing to 10,000 feet thinking. When the door is thrown open and the cold air rushes in, he said it has a "cleansing effect."

"It wipes you clean of all your worries and concerns," Woodings said.

Woodings also compared skydiving to a roller coaster ride.

"You know what you're getting into... it's your ride — enjoy it," he said. "It's absolutely the greatest thrill on the face of the earth."

The Texas A&M Skydiving Club will be dropping in on Parents' Weekend festivities this Sunday at Simpson Drill Field at noon.

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