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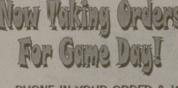


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'Baby Moses' law expanded

DALLAS (AP) — Parents who want to abandon their newborns have more time to make the decision and more safe places to do it under a law recently expanded to give unwanted infants a better chance at survival.

The broader "Baby Moses" law allows parents to leave infants up to 60 days old at designated 'emergency infant care providers," such as hospitals and adoption agencies with emergency medical personnel, with no questions asked.

The original law, which Texas pioneered, allowed parents to leave infants up to 30 days old at hospitals and fire stations.

Parents are protected from prosecution as long as the baby is not harmed.

The law is driven by wrenching stories of abandonment, such as that of "Baby Boy Jay," found cold and dehydrated last year in a paper shopping bag near a Houston mailbox.

In 1993, "Baby Noel" was found around Christmas under a table in an Arlington coin-operated laundry, her arms and legs blue.

"If we can save one baby, then all of our efforts would have been for something," said Dr. John Richardson, the Fort Worth pediatrician who helped blaze a trail for the law in 1999.

Since then, 35 states have followed suit, according to the National Conference of State

new styles.

same time.'

What Aggies will be seeing a

lot of this fall is denim. Denim

has slowly been coming back in

the past two years, and now, it

has exploded onto the fashion

scene. Dark denim, bleached

denim, studded denim and dirty

denim are all seen on many

"I think it is cool that denim is coming back," said Shara

Boquiren, a freshman chemical

engineering major. "I like the

motif that is coming back into style. With dark denim, you

can be casual and classy at the

Accessories are also becom-

ing more stylish. Rhinestones

and studded fabric are the lat-

est craze. This is seen with

many of the jewel-studded ban-

whole 'not-so-tacky'

"It just kept getting larger and larger," said the law's sponsor state Rep. Geanie Morrison, R-

In Texas, 18 babies 30 days or younger are known to have been abandoned last year, but only five were left in designated safe places, according to Morrison's office

"Even if we saved one baby's life, it was definitely worth it," Morrison said in Sunday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Still, critics charge that bolstering such statutes encourages irresponsible behavior, discourages open adoption and unduly stigmatizes children. Advocates say the irresponsible behavior occurs before an unwanted child is born.

"If someone is going to abandon their baby, I'd rather them have options," said Cheryl Sutterfield, president and chief executive officer of the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center.

the law, which was expanded in September, experts say. But Richardson says awareness about the law

is crucial if it's going to succeed.

'This is going to have to be publicized to teenage girls to get them to take advantage of it." Richardson said.

> danas, belt buckles and jeans, yet another trend bought back from the 1980s. Big lenses and frames on

sunglasses like the aviator style are also in fashion. Sunglasses with tinted, colored lenses were very big in the late 1970s and now are being reincarnated in 2001. Belts are also growing in popularity. Those childhood

canvas belts are now found at popular clothing stores in the mall. The "Old West" influence on fashion shines with the popularity of large belt buckles. With "iced-out" bracelets, leather wristbands, hoop earrings and elaborate necklaces, it is no question that accessories are the latest craze.

'I know when I dress up, I like to accessorize as much as I NEWS IN BRIEF

Police power over gambling ships

sea in question

HOUSTON (AP) - Que involving a gambling sh prompted a Brazoria Coun cial to ask the Texas attorn eral to define the extent enforcement jurisdiction of Texas coast.

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Two officers are aboard the It's too early to gauge the consequences of during its trips into intern waters, where gamblers can take of casino gambling with violating state law.

"There are a lot of unres issues," Yenne said. "I'd k have some jurisdictional by defined.'

can," said Jennifer Lina. A Class of 1998. "It seems th more you accessorize days, no matter how tacky the better; and I have no lem with that."

Certain genres in fa are also gaining popu The punk style is back studded belts and brace plaid pants and vintage shirts. The "urban cowbo apparent with dirty denin buckled belts, cowboy ha vintage Wrangler shirts. 'ghetto fabulous" is alson lar. Retro 1980s hip-hop and the "supa fly," pimplook is another craze.

Fashion trends come and but students should incom the current fashion trends their own taste to create own personal style.

FASHION

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from class to class and juggling several errands, most of them aim for comfort in their clothes. As a result, some students try to combine the best of both worlds: comfort and fashion.

"I think some people try to dress to impress," Sarmiento said. "But personally, I try to be comfortable and cute at the same time.

Fashion trends throughout time can be both flattering and scary. From the days of platform shoes to M.C. Hammer pants to tech vests to side ponytails, people learn and laugh from the mistakes they make.

Many designers are merging late 1970s fashions with early 1980s fashions to breed

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Question of the week: Every year it adds more than half the population of Canada to a country less than one third Canada's size. Name this country projected, in the next century, to top China in population.

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