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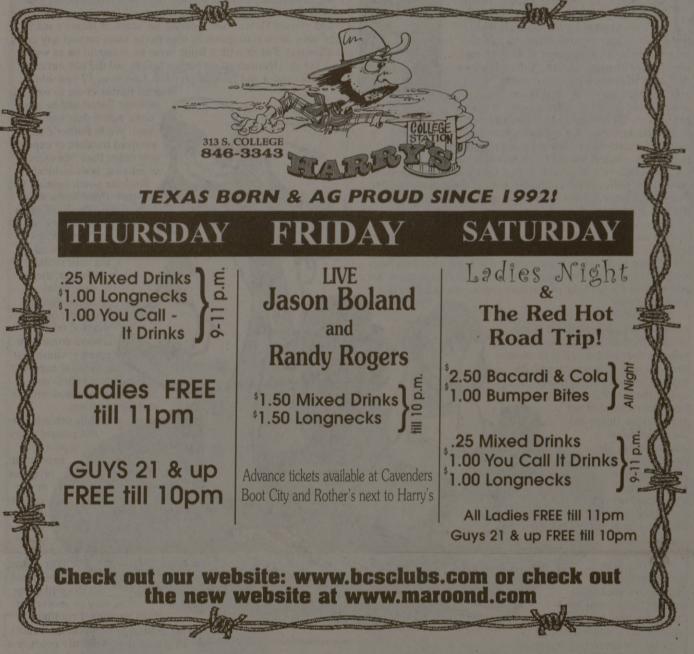
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Thursday, October 23, 20

# Niagra Falls jumper says he wants to live after fall

By Carolyn Thompson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario

— The man who walked away virtually unharmed from a plunge over Niagara Falls said he had been suicidal, but the experience made him want to live.

The comments contradict authorities statements suggesting Kirk Jones was simply a daredev-

il — the latest in along line who have sought to conquer Niagara Falls over the last century. Jones, 40.

Jones, 40, remained hospitalized in good c o n d i t i o n Wednesday. In a note to a fellow patient who was released from the hospital, Jones said life has much to offer.

"When you are feeling down, just remember the power of the Niagara," said the handwritten note, which Brandon Steward said was given to him by Jones.

In a telephone interview with

In a telephone interview with ABC News, Jones said he did not want to go on living when he climbed over a guardrail and into the churning Niagara River on Monday. "But I can tell you now after hitting the falls I feel that life is worth living," he said.

The Canton, Mich., native is the only person known to have survived a plunge over the falls without a safety device. Others have ridden in barrels or other protection; a 7-year-old boy wearing a life preserver survived in 1960.

Inspector Paul Forcier said the incident was not being treated as a suicide, but Jones was undergoing a psychiatric evaluation.

Forcier said police were reviewing a videotape shot by a

friend who accompanied to the park. Jones will charged with mischief a unlawfully performing a stand could be fined the U equivalent of about \$7.6 Forcier said.

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Jones recently lost his job when his parents shu down the family business, which

facturers. His father, Raymon Jones, told The Detroit Newsh had to lay off his son because the economy.

If Jones was suicidal, he would not be the first survivor.

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"A lot of times people, who they've been spared, get the feeling that somehow it's been intended, that they have a mis sion or something," Dr. Richard Seiden said.

Jones said his change of hear occurred when he jumped into the water. "At that point wished I had not done it. But guess I knew it was way too like for that," he said.

Going over the falls was like "being in a giant tunnel, going straight down, surrounded by water," Jones told ABC. He said he "hit hard," was turned upside down in the water below, then pushed out far enough by the current to climb onto a rock.

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Carter has more or less spent the season on the sideline leading many to question why he has not been on the field more. After all, Carter has averaged 15.3 yards per touch (37 yards per touch against Nebraska) and 18 yards per carry.

With his electrifying kick return against Nebraska on Saturday, there is no doubting Carter's athletic ability. With the Aggie offense in need of a spark, especially in the absence of Jamaar Taylor, Carter could be the perfect fit.

Previously, it seemed a matter of how to get him in the game with Derek Farmer and Courtney Lewis crowding the backfield, and Terrence Murphy and Taylor at wide receiver. However, Saturday Carter should get plenty of chances to show he belongs on the field when the Aggies will take on No. 18 Oklahoma State at 2:30 p.m. at Kyle Field.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Video shows Columbine gunmen

GOLDEN, Colo. — A videotape of the Columbine High School gunmen laughing and shooting at trees and bowling pins six weeks before they killed 12 classmates and a teacher was released to the public Wednesday.

"Imagine that in someone's (expletive) brain," one of the teens says.

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The tape of Eric Harris and

Dylan Klebold, who committed suicide after the rampage on April 20, 1999, shows at least four different weapons, including automatic rifles, shotguns

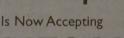
and a pistol.

Clad in a trenchcoat, Klebold at one point holds a sawed-off shotgun and shoots from the hip at a pin wedged between two tree limbs. He and Harris then look at a bullet-shredded tree trunk.

Harris also blows across the muzzle of a shotgun like a gun slinger.



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