

Swimming the big chill

LITTLE DIOMEDE ISLAND, AK — Long-distance swimmer Lynne Cox, 30, is famous for swimming in the oddest places. She has swum across the English Channel, down the Nile River and a 12-mile stretch from Denmark to Sweden.

She just became the first person to swim across the Soviet-United States border, when she finished a five-mile swim in the Bering Strait. The Bering Strait is a narrow waterway joining the Bering Sea with the Arctic Ocean.

Cox swam from the Little Diomed Island in Alaska to the Big Diomed Island in Soviet Territory. It took two hours and five minutes to cross the channel in the chilling 42-degree water. A glass of ice water is 45-degrees cold.

Before Cox could jump in the Bering Strait, she needed permission from Soviet

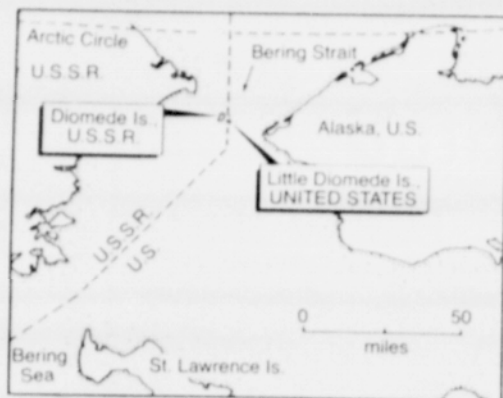
officials to land on their beach. The Russians allowed Cox and her party to land there. Two Soviet ships greeted her near the Big Diomed Island, where she met Russian officials.

Following Cox in a boat was a team of scientists who studied how her body reacted to the cold temperatures. A lot can be learned about the human body's reaction to severe conditions through Cox's daring swims.



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Long-distance swimmer Lynne Cox of Los Alamitos, California, is used to swimming in cold waters. She doesn't even wear an insulated suit to attempt her famous swims.



Golf makes kids winners

PORTLAND, OR — Payne Stewart and Isao Aoki stormed ahead of the Fred Meyer Challenge leaders to win their share of the \$500,000 best-ball tourney held at Portland Golf Club August 17-18.

First-round leaders Curtis Strange and Portland's own Peter Jacobsen were hoping to repeat last year's victory they shared with Greg Norman and Gary Player. But Stewart and Aoki locked up their victory on the 15th hole when Stewart sank a 50-foot eagle putt. They finished two strokes ahead of Jacobsen and Strange for the \$100,000 first-place prize.

Two teams — Lee Trevino/Fred Couples and Fuzzy Zoeller/Chi Chi Rodriguez — tied for third. Other teams in the Challenge were Arnold Palmer/Greg Norman, Bob Tway/Bob Gilder, and father-son teams Jack/Jackie Nicklaus and Gary/Wayne Player.

The Willamette Savings & Loan Pro-Am golf tournament was held before the Challenge. It featured 31 pros and a large group of golf-loving celebrities, including basketball player Michael Jordan, astronaut Neil Armstrong and singer Bruce Hornsby.

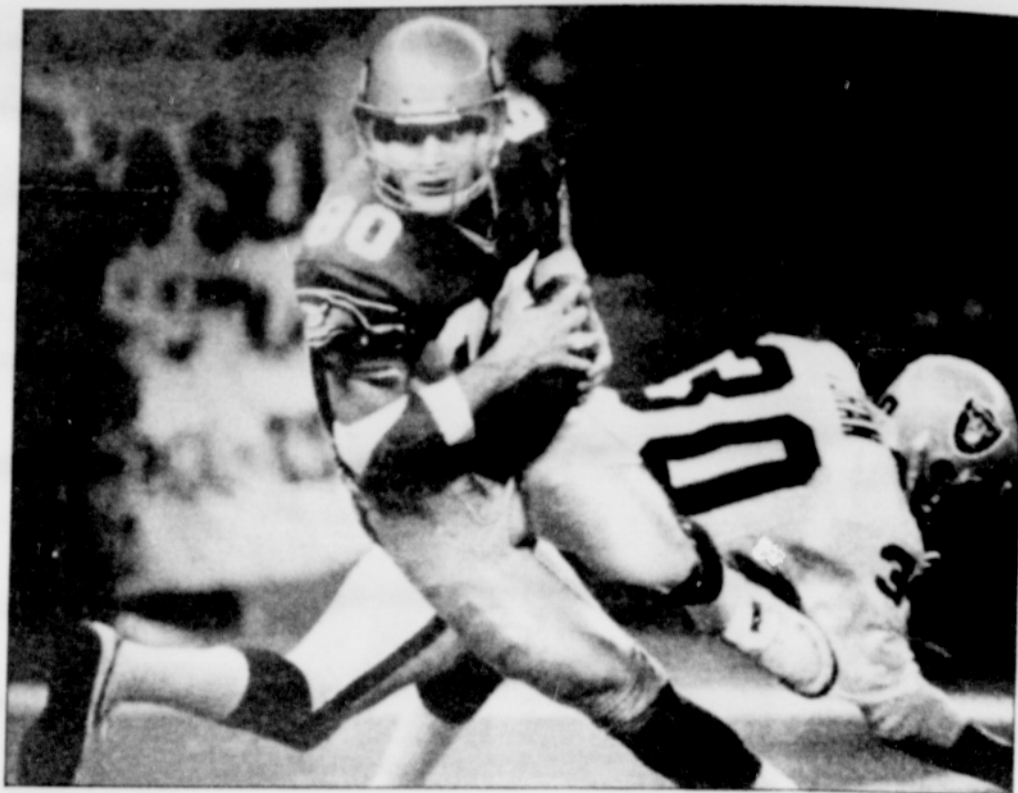
Another aspect of Oregon's most popular golfing event was an auction which raised \$10,000 for charity. Jack Nicklaus' jacket and tie were auctioned for \$4,300; Arnold Palmer's jacket sold for \$3,000; and Payne Stewart's knickers, shoes, shirt and hat went for \$2,755. Tournament money totaling \$250,000 will go to 14 different charities for kids, including March of Dimes, Doernbecher Children's Hospi-

tal and Emanuel Medical Center-Infant's and Children's Program.



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Winning partners Payne Stewart (left) and Isao Aoki won the Fred Meyer Challenge pro tourney. Sharp putts put their score of 127, 17 under par, on top.



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Seattle's wide receiver Steve Largent has scored 87 touchdowns in 11 seasons.

NFL records may fall

The football season kicks off September 13-14 when 14 games will be played. When the teams hit the turf this season, some National Football League records may be broken.

In the American Football Conference, Seattle's wide receiver Steve Largent needs 57 receptions and 1,018 yards to become the NFL's all-time leading receiver. Charlie Joiner, who played 18 years in the NFL, now holds the record with 750 receptions for 12,146 yards.

Last season Los Angeles Raiders tight end Todd Christensen led the NFL with 95 catches for 1,153 yards. He was the first player in NFL history to have four back-to-back 80-catch seasons. Watch him this season — it might be his fifth straight.

In the National Football Conference, Chicago Bears running back Walter Payton is one touchdown away from a record. Payton, the NFL's all-time leading rusher

with 16,193 yards, shares the career record of 106 rushing touchdowns with Jim Brown.

Los Angeles Rams running back Eric Dickerson needs 1,032 yards to become the first player to accumulate 8,000 rushing yards in his first five NFL seasons. Last year he lead the league with 1,821 yards in 404 carries.

Tony Dorsett, Dallas running back, needs 132 yards — rushing, receiving, or returns — to become the third NFL player to reach 15,000 combined yards. Walter Payton has 21,053 yards, and Jim Brown has 15,459 combined yards.

New Orleans kicker Morten Andersen needs to hit three field goals to reach the NFL's career milestone of 100. Andersen could become the NFL's all-time leader in field goal percentage since his current career percentage is 80.2 percent. Pittsburgh Steelers kicker Gary Anderson is currently the leader with 77.2 percent.

Spectacular sports



Curtis Johnson Jr., 14, (above) won both the 100-meter and 200-meter races for the 13-to-14 age group at the National Age Group Championship. Johnson, from Florida, tied the national record in the 200-meter race with a time of 22.6 seconds.

The South Dade Wildcats from Florida won the girls' 12 and younger U.S. Slo-Pitch Softball championship. First baseman Christy Jahnke, named tournament MVP, had 36 RBIs in seven games.

Jason LaBatte, 14, of Mandan, North Dakota, broke his own national record with 4,171 points at the National AAU Track Meet in California. His earlier record was 4,036 points.

Playing in the AAU Junior Olympics 14 & younger basketball national title game, Marc Jones made two free throws and stole the ball with less than a minute left to help Indiana beat Fairfax 63-62.

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