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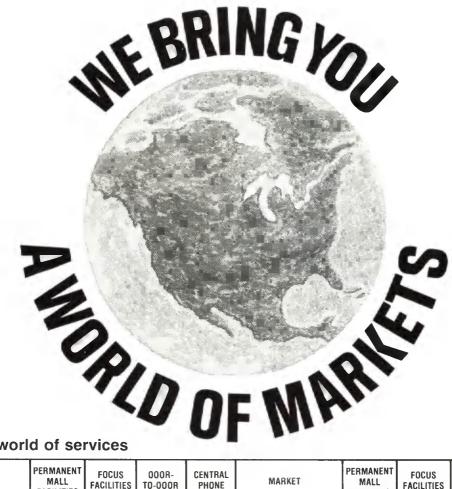
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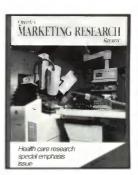
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# Attitude surveys keep phone company in touch

By Beth E. Hoffman managing editor

he breakup of America's telecommunications industry in 1983 put a strain on the resulting "baby Bell" companies both internally and externally. Internally, these companies had to learn how to cope with and adjust to a new corporate climate. Externally, they faced the difficult task of building public understanding and support.

For a midwestern telephone company, the external task has been successfully accomplished with the help of a telephone survey called CAS, Customer Attitude Survey. CAS has been used by St. Louis-based Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. since divestiture to pinpoint consumer perceptions and as a result, has proven to be a valuable contributor to the company's strong initial success. In just four years since divestiture, positive cus-

tomer attitudes toward the company are at an all-time high.

CAS was developed internally by Southwestern Bell employees in 1983. One of those employees was Jim Porchey, currently president of Porchey Research, Inc., St. Louis. Porchey says the survey was created because Southwestern Bell wanted to find "a better way to stay in touch with its customers." It was part of a long-range strategy for the company to be suc-

Southwestern Bell Telephone cessful in the external world, adds Ron Kemm, area manager, Issues Development at Southwestern Bell.

"The survey was critical to our success and beyond as we became a standalone organization. It provided us with the first steps as to how the public thinks about Southwestern Bell business and value of service," says Kemm. "It helped gauge some of our strengths and point out and identify things we needed to pay attention to and make improvements on. It helped us find out what our customers' inhibitions were about divestiture."

### **Customer participation**

What is especially unique about CAS and what sets it apart from other research techniques is that customers participated in the design of the survey. That's because Southwestern Bell wanted to know what its customers thought would lead to the success of

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By Beth E. Hoffman

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Questions like these are not unusual to FIND/SVP and there's not one question that they will not at least try to answer.

The New York-based company is a worldwide information and research service, the largest business information center in America. Its goal is to satisfy the research and information needs of American businesses and their executives by providing a convenient, fast and cost-efficient service that is literally one phone call away. It also provides other research services and information products to meet clients' marketing, competitive and business intelligence needs. More than



DORNIER LITH®TRIPTER.

Formed in 1984, Dornier Medical Systems, Inc., Marietta, Ga., imports, distributes and services lithotripters developed and manufactured in West Germany by Dornier GmbH, a major West German aircraft manufacturer. The lithotripter is a device for fragmenting kidney stones with sonic shock waves. Company activities include research, development and manufacturer of medical devices, as well as biotechnology, transportation, environmental protection, electronics, data processing, and energy technology.

half of the Fortune 100 use FIND as an adjunct to in-house research staffs.

Founded in 1969 by Andrew P. Garvin and Kathleen S. Bingham, FIND has a research staff of 65 information specialists, researchers, analysts and consultants. It has access to over 1,000 databases, 11,000 subject files and 10,000 company files, current and back issues of 1,700 periodicals, thousands of reference works, and personal information sources and contacts around the world.

### Four divisions

Four divisions make up FIND: Quick Information Service, Strategic Research Division, Published Studies, and Information Catalog.

The QIS is the starting point for a business's information needs. If a question can be answered here, the caller is transferred to a subject specialist from one of six subject groups at FIND: the Consumer Group, the Industrial/Technical Group, the Healthcare Group, the Business/Company/Finance Group, the Central Search Group, or the Document Services Group. Clients discuss their information needs with the researcher who helps pinpoint just what information is required. Some information can be answered immediately, but the center's average turnaround time is 24-48 hours.

QIS answers more than 70,000 questions a year and represents approximately 60% of FIND's business. When a question comes in that's too involved for a quick answer, it is referred to the Strategic Research Division. The SRD combines the extensive resources of the company's information center with the survey and inter-

## businesses' information needs

view techniques of an experienced staff to provide in-depth custom research.

In the Published Studies division, FIND produces and publishes approximately 25 copyrighted, syndicated or off-the-shelf studies which cover such markets and industries as prepared frozen foods, children's toys and games and industrial ceramics.

The Information Catalog division is a bimonthly offering of industry and company reports, studies, books and other information, produced by FIND/SVP and other research companies. Distributed to 75,000 business executives, the catalog is a compendium of market information and competitive intelligence.

### Competitive information

Having access to competitive information is a major reason why Dornier Medical Systems, Marietta, Ga., uses FIND. Dornier imports, distributes and services lithotripters - a device for fragmenting kidney stones with sonic shock waves - developed and manufactured in West Germany by Dornier GmbH, a major West German aircraft manufacturer. John Warlick, marketing information systems coordinator at

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### Glaxo

Glaxo, Inc., Research Triangle Park, N.C., is the world's fifth largest ethical pharmaceutical company in terms of sales. The company produces and markets prescription medicines in the following therapeutic categories: Respiratory, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, antibiotic and dermatological. Glaxo products are sold in 150 countries through a network of more than 70 subsidiary and associated companies, of which Glaxo is the largest. Glaxo places heavy emphasis on the continuous expansion of its research, development and technical resources.



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Dornier, says FIND can access between 15-20 databases that store competitive information.

"We're looking for anything that has to do with our competitors, who they are, what their products are, and anything that's published on them." This kind of information is then pulled together into a monthly report by FIND and forwarded to Dornier's marketing department.

Specifically, FIND provides Dornier with press releases from competitor companies. While Dornier would eventually get this material, FIND assures it gets a copy as soon as the information is released so that Dornier always has "up-to-the-minute" knowledge of competitor activity. FIND also accesses competitor and industry information from medical journals and publications Dornier may not subscribe to.

### Calls to competitors

On request, FIND will even make telephone calls to competitor companies, says Warlick. No deception is involved, however. FIND personnel always identify themselves, explain why they're calling, and acknowledges that it's working for a client. Even with such honesty, most of Dornier's competitors "have been very helpful," says Warlick. "FIND has received a lot of timely information this way. Companies will reveal all sorts of things."

Since Dornier established an inhouse strategic research department, it only utilizes FIND's QIS. This service is most useful to Dornier, says Warlick. "We can call anytime to ask any odd-ball question. Primarily, FIND provides us with demographic information, medical research information, and Census data, such as the incidence of kidney stones and gall bladder stones in a particular area of the country."

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plains Warlick, if Dornier has a sales meeting planned in Orlando, for example, and wants to know where some local five-star restaurants are to bring clients, FIND is there to solve that kind of problem too.

In a nutshell, FIND has been able to help Dornier answer all types of questions in a cost-effective and timely fashion. "And if they can't answer a question for you, they can tell you who can," notes Warlick.

### Glaxo, Inc.

Another satisfied FIND client is Glaxo, Inc., Research Triangle Park, N.C. Glaxo, a producer and marketer of prescription medicines, is the world's fifth largest ethical pharmaceutical company in terms of sales. The company has been using FIND for about 21/2 years for a variety of purposes and to supplement other secondary resources the company has inhouse, according to George Matijow, manager, marketing research at Glaxo.

"We use the services to get quick information on other companies and

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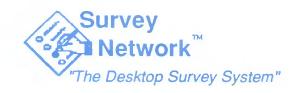
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# Eating behavior trends revealed in Pillsbury study

the number of people watching their diet and feasting on nutritious foods, and those who eat primarily for sustenance and thrive on convenience, are both increasing substantially, a Pillsbury Co. study shows.

"What's Cookin'?: A Study of Trends in American Eating Behavior," is a look over a 15-year period at the changes which have occurred in American's eating behavior. This includes what is eaten, how it's prepared, when it's eaten, with whom, how often, in what form, and where.

The study is the first of its kind for Minneapolisbased Pillsbury, says Judy Mottaz, marketing research assistant manager for U.S. Foods at Pillsbury and project director for the study.

"What sets it apart from similar studies we've done in the past is that it cuts across all Pillsbury brand products and foods. It's also unique in that we have tracked actual eating behavior through a diary panel. This helps show what people are actually eating, not what they say they're eating or doing in terms of eating behavior." People say they're cutting down on sugar, salt and fat, for example, but the diaries from the study don't always show this.

### 15-year analysis

Pillsbury's analysis of American eating behavior was completed with the assistance of SRI International and Creative Research Associates, Inc. The company used data from a menu census - food diaries - collected at three points during the past 15 years. Each census had a sample of approximately 1,000 households for a total sample size of 3,000. Data collection was done by Market Research Corporation of America.

Analysis of the eating patterns led Pillsbury to the discovery of five distinct clusters or groups of consumers who share similar eating behavior. These five groups were coined "The Chase & Grabbits," "The Functional Feeders," "The Down Home Stokers," "The Careful Cooks," and "The Happy

After all the quantitative data had been analyzed

and compared, focus groups were conducted "to fill in our knowledge of what these people are like," says Mottaz, enabling the company to draw profiles of each group. "We knew what these people ate but we knew much less about them as people. We wanted to know the who, what, where and why; who they were eating this food with, where they were consuming it, and why they were eating the foods they ate."

### Focus groups

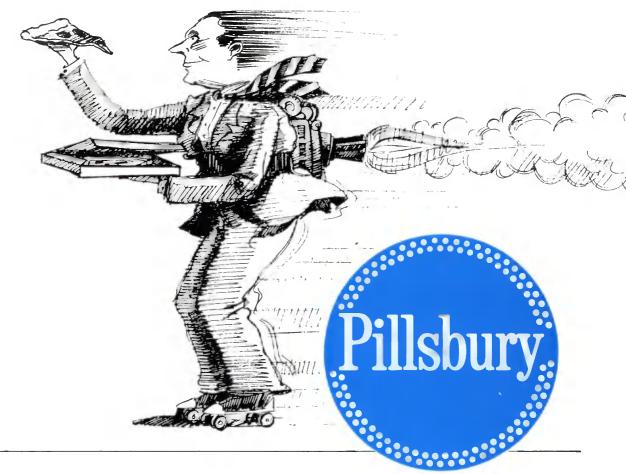
In late 1987, a total of 10 focus groups approximately 100 people - were conducted, two groups for each of the five clusters. The participants were representative of the five segments, having been

"What sets it apart from other studies we've done in the past is that it cuts across all Pillsbury brand products and foods. It's also unique in that we have tracked actual eating behavior through a diary panel." Judy Mottaz.

screened and selected in a telephone interview. The focus groups were conducted in the areas of the U.S. which best represented the particular cluster. For example, the health-conscious "Careful Cookers" tend to be older Americans living on the West Coast, so focus groups were conducted in Los Angeles. The traditional, regional food-eaters called the "Down Home Stokers" are found heavily in the south so focus groups were conducted in Atlanta.

With qualitative and quantitative data in hand, Pillsbury packaged its information in the "What's Cookin'" booklet which was released at the 33rd Pillshury BAKE-OFF. The following describes

characteristics of the five groups.



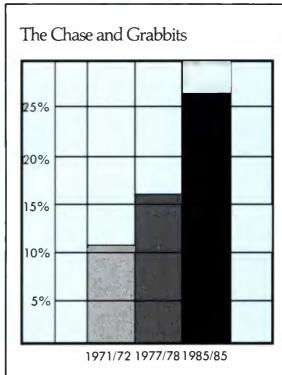
• The Chase & Grabbits. This group experienced the biggest increase over the 15-year period, 136%. It currently represents 26% of the total sample.

These are young urbanities. If single, they live alone or with one or more roommates. If married, they're childless and both spouses are employed.

Having good incomes, one way they enjoy it is by eating out a lot. When it comes to food, they're adventurous, willing to try new and exotic foods. They don't spend time preparing food because work and leisure keep them very involved and thus, even microwave popcorn may suffice as a meal. Fast-food hamburgers and sandwiches, frozen dinners and carry out or frozen pizzas are common Chase & Grabbit fare. They're not interested in more convenient food just more convenience. Says one Chase & Grabbit, "Someday all you'll have to do is take a pill and it'll give you everything you need."

• Functional Feeders. Currently 18% of the total sample, this group shows a 28% decrease in the 15 years since 1971-72. Functional Feeders are over 45-years-old and live in larger households in the Mid-Atlantic or East North-Central states.

Many of the women in this group are employed outside the home, but they choose to do so for reasons of self-fulfillment rather than economic necessity. Because of busy schedules, they seek out convenience foods but use them as ingredients or side dishes rather than the meal itself. They're not particularly adventurous about food, opting instead for a convenient way to prepare the kind of traditional meals they themselves grew up with. Typical Functional Feeders fare include: Canned soups,



macaroni and cheese, frozen pancakes and waffles, store-bought cookies and instant potatoes.

The Chase and Grabbits are currently 26% of the

total sample, an increase of 136% in 15 years.

• Down Home Stokers. This group is tightly bound continued on p. 39

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# Microcomputer mapping aids health care marketers

icrocomputer mapping has become an indispensable planning and marketing tool for many health care marketers who are faced with decisions based on geographic data. With all the necessary data geographically presented by state, county, zip code or customized bound-

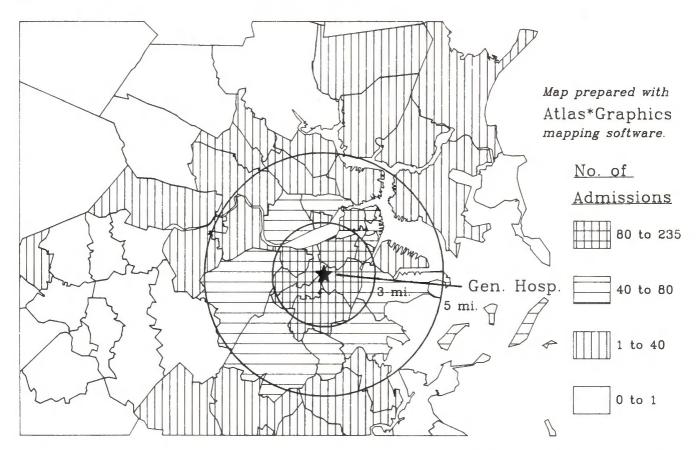
aries, marketers can quickly and easily illustrate everything from population shifts to sources of patient referrals. Moreover, mapping enables marketers to analyze market share, study service area needs, develop marketing strategies and select facility locations.

A host of health care institutions

have reaped the benefits of mapping, such as hospitals, state and national public health agencies, marketing and management consulting firms, major medical groups, prepaid health care plans and insurance carriers.

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# "No preference" in paired-preference testing

By Michael Baumgardner and Ron Tatham

imple paired comparison tests of preference are one of the most common experiments done in marketing research. For example, two products, A and B, are presented to respondents and they are asked which they prefer either on an overall or attribute specific basis. We will call the proportion of people preferring A, P, and the proportion preferring B, P<sub>b</sub>. Our goal is to determine whether a significant difference exists between P<sub>1</sub> and P<sub>2</sub>.

### Binomial problem

Most reference texts treat this as a binomial problem, that is, only two responses are possible. Consequently, either the binomial test or a Z-test (or equivalent X<sup>2</sup>) would be applied. Under the null hypothesis that  $P_a = P_b = .5$ , the common Z-test is seen in several forms, such as:

1.1  $Z = P_a - .5 / \sqrt{[(.5*.5)/(n-1)]}$ 

1.2  $Z = (P_a - P_b) / \sqrt{1/(n-1)}$ 

Generally, Yates correction factor for continuity is incorporated into the Z-test, but we will ignore that detail for our discussion.

Unfortunately, the reference text wisdom fails to recognize that, as a practical manner, the paired-preference is most often not a binomial problem. Respondents will not only "prefer A" or "prefer B," but will also at times indicate they "don't know" or "have no preference." Thus, the typical marketing problem yields a trinomial distribution of responses: Pa, Pb, and Pe where P<sub>e</sub> represents the proportion of respondents who indicate they have no preference.

If we have a trinomial distribution, the variance of  $P_a - P_b$  can be shown to be  $[P_a + P_b - (P_a - P_b)^2]/(n - 1)$ . Since, under the null hypothesis, we can assume that  $P_a = P_b$ , then the variance

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becomes  $[P_a + P_b]/(n-1)$  and the Z-test for testing significance becomes:

1.3 
$$Z = (P_a - P_b) / \sqrt{[(P_a + P_b)/(n-1)]}$$

Many researchers do not use 1.3 for significance testing. Instead, in the presence of "no preference" responses, researchers will commonly choose one of the options described below:

*Option 1:* Split the "no preference" responses evenly between the two products in the paired-comparison test.

Option 2: Split the "no preference" responses proportionately among the two products in the paired-comparison test, i.e., proportional to the observed preference among those who had a preference.

Option 3: Throw away the "no preference" responses and reproportion on the smaller base of those stating a preference. They will then proceed to treat the problem as a binomial one and apply either 1.1 or 1.2.

We will illustrate the implications of all this by examining the following hypothetical data from a paired-comparison study involving 100 respondents:

	Prefer A	Prefer B	No Prefer- ence	Total
Observed frequency	49	31	20	100
Observed proportions	.49	.31	.20	1.0

We can then proceed to calculate a Z-statistic for the difference  $P_a - P_b$  based on this trinomial distribution as follows:

$$\begin{split} Z &= (P_a - P_b) / \sqrt{[(P_a + P_b)/(n-1)]} \\ Z &= (.49 - .31) / \sqrt{[(.49 + .31)/(100-1)]} \\ Z &= 2.00 \end{split}$$

*Option 1:* Split the "no preference" responses evenly between the two products in the paired-comparison test.

Splitting the 20 "no preference" respondents equally gives us the following data:

			No Prefer-	
	Prefer A	Prefer B	ence	Total
Observed frequency Observed	59	41	_	100
proportions	.59	.41	_	1.0

We can proceed to calculate a Z-statistic for the difference  $P_a$ - $P_b$  based on either 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3. For example, using 1.2:

$$Z = (P_a - P_b) / \sqrt{[1/(n-1)]}$$

$$Z = (.59 - .41) / \sqrt{[1/(99)]}$$

$$Z = 1.79$$

Option 2: Split the "no preference" responses proportionately among the two products in the paired-comparison test, i.e., proportional to the observed preference among those who had a preference.

Splitting the 20 "no preference" proportionally gives us the following data:

			No Prefer-	
	Prefer A	Prefer B	ence	Total
Observed frequency	61.25	38.75	_	100
Observed proportions	.6125	.3875	_	1.0
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We can proceed to calculate a Z-statistic for the difference P<sub>a</sub>-

 $Z = (P_a - P_b) / \sqrt{[1/(n-1)]}$ 

 $Z = (.6125 - .3875)/\sqrt{[1/(99)]}$ 

Z = 2.24

Option 3: Throw away the "no preference" responses and reproportion on the smaller base of those stating a preference.

Eliminating the 20 "no preference" respondents gives us the following data:

			No Prefer-	
	Prefer A	Prefer B	ence	Total
Observed				
frequency	49	31	_	80
Observed				
proportions	.6125	.3875	_	1.0
We can proceed	to calculate a	Z-statistic	for the diffe	rence P <sub>a</sub> -

 $Z = (P_a - P_b) / \sqrt{[1/(n-1)]}$ 

 $Z = (.6125 - .3875)/\sqrt{[1/(79)]}$ 

Z = 2.00

**Z-Statistic:** 

Summarizing our results:

Split no Split no Eliminate Trinomial preference preference all no approach equally proportional preference 1.79 2.00 2.24

Conclusions: We believe the trinomial approach is fundamentally correct and recommend that to our clients. In practice, this is almost identical to eliminating the "no preference" responses and reproportioning on a smaller base.

Splitting the "no preference" respondents equally will reduce sensitivity, and frankly, we feel uncomfortable giving a consumer a response that we make up. Splitting no preference respondents proportionally is especially dangerous, since it can easily lead you to conclude products differ when in fact they

'We say "almost" because it is not mathematically equivalent when using n-1 rather than n in the standard error calculations.

<sup>2</sup>Also, in both these latter approaches the "correct" variance estimate is more complex than the formulae imply. MRR

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### Southwestern Bell

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the company, not just what Southwestern Bell thought would make it so. The factors mentioned by Southwestern Bell customers fall under three categories: Management, service, and value. The 21 different "success" dimensions suggested by the respondents center under these three categories.

The types of questions in CAS revolving around management, service and value are: How well do you feel Southwestern Bell is keeping you informed? How easy is the company to do business with? How would you rate the quality of the telephone transmission? How would you rate the value of the service you're receiving? Do you believe you're getting your money's worth? and, Do you believe the charges are reasonable?

From 1983 to 1986, CAS was conducted quarterly among 3,000 ran-

domly selected customers. As attitudes stabilized, however, the survey was changed to a semi-annual basis in

Says Kemm, "When the survey was first conducted in early 1983, customers thought Southwestern Bell was

"The survey was critical to our success and beyond as we became a stand-alone organization. It provided us with the first steps as to how the public thinks about Southwestern Bell business and value of service." Ron Kemm.

doing a good job. But in late 1983, the survey showed customer confidence

had dropped. That's when we knew we had to make a change."

The survey findings were then analyzed to find out why this had occurred. "One reason for the drop was that customers didn't fully understand what was going on and didn't know what divestiture was all about," says Kemm. "As a result, Southwestern Bell implemented plans and programs to build customer understanding and support of its operations."

### Informational campaign

One program was Tele-Help, a type of "hand-holding" informational campaign, describes Kemm, to walk customers through the reasons and implications of the U.S. telecommunications breakup. According to Kemm, Tele-Help "was the cornerstone of our efforts to improve customer understanding of industry changes."

Part of this campaign was the development of pamphlets which explained the types of changes which would be occurring with the customers' telephone service, for example, with their long-distance carrier. These pamphlets were distributed at no cost at community functions, and television advertising helped promote their availability. A telephone hotline was also set up so that customers could call to get a copy. Through these channels, more than 13 million copies of the pamphlet have been distributed.

"The campaign really worked," adds Kemm, "especially in the area of information needed."

The implementation of such a program as a result of CAS illustrates one of this survey's strengths, comments Porchey.

"CAS points out the company's strengths and weaknesses which leads to the development of programs to solve problems. The end result is better service to Southwestern Bell customers. That is what has lead to positive attitudes currently being at an all-time high."

Porchey continues to assist Southwestern Bell with CAS, conducting focus groups periodically as a follow-up to CAS surveys if there is an area which Southwestern Bell feels that more in-depth research is needed. "Southwestern Bell wants to probe customers' minds to fine-tune some areas of concern, areas that need attention," says Porchey.

### Personal service

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In the spring of 1980, we were given an assignment to develop a forecast for a new product so complex that twelve attributes were required to describe it. With the large number of possible combinations of these attributes, it would have been impossible for us to use our usual short paper-andpencil interview technique. We needed to turn to a different procedure, one that could handle the large number of product attributes we needed to test, yet provide for an interview of reasonable length. We found that computer interviewing was the ideal solution to our problem. It allowed us to include numerous product attributes without sacrificing respondent interest, and gave us the flexibility to tailor the interview to each respondent's needs.

Given the number of attributes we needed to test, there was no way we could prevent



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the interview from being somewhat longer than we were used to, so we naturally had some initial misgivings about how physicians would respond. Our concerns turned out to be unfounded. Physicians volunteered that they found the computer interview to be "very interesting," a strikingly different reaction than we were used to hearing with our usual paper-and-pencil interview.

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### Southwestern Bell

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conducted a couple of years ago to address the issue of personal service. The survey indicated that the quality of personal service is very important to Southwestern Bell customers. It wasn't just the quality of service customers were getting when they picked up the phone, but the quality of service they received when they dealt with the company's operators and service personnel, explains Porchey. Focus groups were conducted with both cus-

tomers and company employees to find out what they thought about the quality of Southwestern Bell's personal service and why they felt this way.

"The attitudes expressed in the focus groups have brought about some action," says Porchey. "We analyzed the strengths and weaknesses raised and developed techniques to make improvements."

While CAS has done an excellent job of addressing immediate concerns at Southwestern Bell, it's been instrumental in identifying long-term issues. Adds Kemm, "CAS allows us to anticipate future changes in the industry and to plan for the future. It enables us to exercise control and influence our own destiny." MRR

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their products for potential licensing or business development purposes. We also call FIND to get information on our competitors and their product lines, sales data, and price lists."

### Forecasting pnrposes

Finding out how many people have a certain type of disease is another area Glaxo uses FIND so that it can forecast how a drug it may want to pro-

"We use FIND to get information on our competitors and their product lines, sales data and price lists." George Matijow

duce to treat that disease will do on the market. In addition, FIND also routinely sends the company articles about Glaxo and its competitors from periodicals the company does not subscribe to.

Most of the information Glaxo gets from FIND is used in the early stages of more thorough research that will follow, says Matijow. Sometimes Glaxo will conduct custom research to

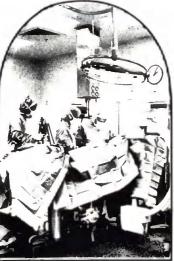
"If they can't answer a question for you, they can tell you who can." John Warlick

expand on the information it receives, and sometimes FIND suggests that the company do it.

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Consultants, La Jolla, Cal., uses microcomputer mapping for its hospital clients because it provides demographic analyses such as the population of a particular area and average household income, says Patricia Farrell, program analyst at M&M. The particular software package the firm uses is ATLAS Graphics from Strategic Locations Planning, San Jose, Cal. The information is used by M&M sales personnel who work with hospitals that are looking to bring in more patients. Mapping shows the hospitals the make-up of their heaviest patient population so that they can target market services that best meet these patient needs.

### Targeting physicians

Holy Family Health Care Systems, Inc., Des Plaines, Ill., uses ATLAS mapping as well to help promote the use of its specialized services by targeting physicians who may refer patients for specialized care, says Dennis Tucker, corporate vice president of marketing at Holy Family. The 285bed acute care hospital and 362-bed nursing home may also assist physicians with patient referrals by examining the demographics of ZIP code areas which are highly mobile and which could benefit from its specialists. Holy Family may then invest in a direct mail piece on patient referrals for those areas, or place advertisements about disease and disease symptoms that persons in those areas are prone to and should be aware of.

Mapping also shows how a hospital's market share compares with its competitors. Additionally, mapping assists hospitals in evaluating new services by pinpointing the increase, decrease or change in patient origin data. In response to changing community needs, recommendations can then be made to market particular services or establish certain types of medical practices.

### Cumbersome work

Until recently, the only way to create thematic maps was by mainframe computer or by hand, either of which proved expensive, time-consuming and limiting in use. With the advent of microcomputer mapping, marketers have been able to modify and analyze data and create geographic charts very

simply, quickly, and at greatly reduced costs.

Creating thematic maps requires five basic components: A computer with graphics capabilities, an output device - such as a monitor, printer, or plotter - a data file, a boundary file, and mapping software. In the article, "Micro Mapping: Data Imaging for Information Managers," Stephen L. Poizner of Strategic Locations Planning discusses these components at length.

Computer: Although microcomputer mapping programs are available for most popular microcomputers, mapping software is most readily available for the IBM PC, IBM-PC compatibles and certain Apple computers. Microcomputer mapping programs are graphics oriented, therefore, the computer must possess graphics capabilities. These capabilities are a graphics card and display monitor. Color capabilities are available and enhance presentation.

Output device: To obtain "hard copy" maps, a pen plotter, laser printer or other similar output device is necessary

Colorful, high resolution maps of professional quality can be achieved by a pen plotter. A laser printer provides high resolution capability but uses patterns instead of colors for differing areas. Less detailed, black and white maps with lower resolution than pen plotters can be achieved by using dot matrix printers.

Boundary files: Mapping software uses a boundary file to draw geographical components such as city limits and state and county borders that compose a map. The boundaries of these features are stored in a boundary file as a series of x-y or latitude-longitude points. Mapping software draws the map boundaries by connecting these points together.

Microcomputer mapping software vendors supply hundreds of different kinds of boundary files. Examples are those by zip code, streets, county, state, Designated Marketing Areas (DMAs), and Area Microcomputer Mapping of Dominant Influence (ADIs).

Boundary files can also be created with a digitizing tablet, an electronic pad with movable hand cursor. Digitizing tablets are compatible with most microcomputers and allow the creation

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Data files can be purchased from government agencies and data companies in the private sector provide many specialized data files.

Creating and loading your own data files by using business software programs is also feasible. That capability illustrates one of the advantages of the mapping software available on the market.

Data files generated by spreadsheets and database management packages are compatible with many of the microcomputer mapping programs available. This means that data specific to a certain business, for example, from a customer profile, can be plugged directly into the mapping program. This is information in addition to that which is available from the federal government or data companies.

Mapping software: The last basic ingredient needed to create maps is mapping software. This is used to merge the corresponding boundary and data files. Mapping software uses the boundary file to draw the boundaries of the map, then uses the data file to display data on the map.

Data can be displayed on a map in many ways. The most common method is by color shading the map based on its corresponding data value. Another way is using dots in a dot density map.

Mapping software's merging capability is one reason why this tool is so popular. This capability allows the user to get a clear picture of business trends. A marketer, for example, can pinpoint target markets using one or several demographic variables, add on a display of current market penetra-

tion, and then interrelate the current level of penetration with the market's potential. This illustration of data permits a quantifiable assessment of performance vs. potential. Additionally, marketers have the capability to evaluate the allocation of limited resources by overlaying many conditions within a single geographic area. MRR

### Students seek good careers, successful marriages

The country's high school leaders hope to obtain some things in greater measure compared with their recent predecessors. These are good careers, successful marriages and personal contributions to society, according to survey participants at the 51st annual national conference of the National Assn. of Student Councils (NASC), in Amherst, N.Y.

The yearly, four-year-old survey involved about 1,300 of the 1,700 student leaders from the 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. Although the survey does not try to be scientific, the organization said it represents the opinions of the only secondary school government group in the U.S.

A conference spokesman said delegates, from eighth grade to college freshmen, attended the conference. They represent 17,000 student organizations and 20 million students.

The survey, which covered 39 questions on current topics, trends and the students' hopes for the future, found that attitudes toward money have shifted. Compared with previous years, more students said that by the time they are 40, making money will be the least important of the five major values in their lives.

The students ranked, in this order, those things most important, or important: To have a successful career, a good first marriage, to be better parents than their own and to contribute to society.

Ranked in fifth place was making more money, which was 200 votes behind fourth, out of 3,700 total votes cast on the question. In most of the previous surveys, making more money had been a top-ranked value.

Just 11% said making money was the most important to them. On the other hand, 27% felt a good career was most important with about 20% choosing the other three choices.

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# Impulse buying more common among females

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Females are more apt to yield to suggestive stimuli that improve their mood, the study found, such as background music, colorful point-of-purchase displays and free samples.

The study was conducted by the department of marketing at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

### Families stay close

The Department of Health & Human Services reports that almost two-thirds of parents age 65 and older said they see their children at least weekly. That frequency is:

- Daily, 23 %
- Weekly, 40%
- Monthly, 16%
- Yearly, 18%
- Never, 3%.

# Most Americans support organ transplant "rights"

Nearly nine out of 10 (86%) Americans believe that organ transplants should be available to all patients regardless of ability to pay, but only half (51%) agree that the government should pick up the tab, according to an SRI Gallup Hospital Market Research telephone poll of 1,003 adult Americans conducted in June, 1987.

The majority of Americans (51%)

would lay the bill at the government's door; 29% cite federal government responsibility and 22% believe that state or local governments should pay. But 19% of Americans simply "don't know" who should pay the bill for patients unable to afford organ transplants and nearly three out of 10 Americans identify a wide range of potential payers, such as insurance companies, hospitals and charities.

Men, middle-aged, higher income and western Americans more often favor federal government stepping in as the payer and younger Americans or northeasterners lay financial responsibility with state or local governments. Older or less educated Americans as well as those who live in the north central or south central states more often "don't know" who should pay.

Other potential payers cited by Americans include insurance companies (7%), charities or private funds (6%), taxpayers (4%), hospitals (3%), and doctors or "the medical community" (2%).

According to survey results, 93% of 18-24 year-olds agree that transplants should be universally available regardless of ability to pay but only 75% of 65-plus-year-old Americans agree with that position. Women, the elderly and the poor more often simply "don't know" if organ transplants should be available to all.

The poll is based on telephone interviews conducted during June, 1987, with 1,003 adults in the contiguous U.S.

The sample of telephone numbers called was randomly generated and stratified by age, sex and region of the country. Using a random-digit-dialing method which selects telephone numbers randomly, both listed and unlisted residential numbers were secured. In theory, in 19 out of 20 cases the results

will differ by no more than 3.1 percentage points in either direction (+ or -) than what would have been obtained by interviewing all adult Americans.

### No frills, please

The no-frills hotels and motels, those without a restaurant, swimming pool or exercise room, may be what business travelers want. Fifty-six percent of them said in a survey by R.H. Bruskin Associates, New Brunswick, N.J., that the less expensive alternative was preferable. Thirty-eight opted for full-service and 6% had no preference. The most frequent business travelers, those with incomes over \$40,000, were about evenly divided in their feelings: 46% no-frills, 48% full-service, 6% no preference.

### Moving advice

People relocating to a new hometown prefer to get information about that area from family, relatives and friends rather than from places like chambers of commerce, real estate brokers and libraries, a survey shows.

The Homequity, Inc., study of 1,800 recently relocated families also found that the most requested information was on housing, mortgages and schools.

### Corrections

The following listing was inadvertently omitted from the December/January Focus Group Research Facilities Directory:

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Alan R. Ehrlich & Co. announces IN-TROSPECTIVE, a marketing research software package designed to provide hospitals and other health care facilities with up-todate, "actionable" information regarding patient satisfaction. The system can measure patients' perceptions during any "slice of time" and have the results within minutes of data collection. INTROSPECTIVE

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utilizes computer interviewing techniques and operates on any MIS-DOS compatible computer. Contact Alan R. Ehrlich, 15 Chelsea Way, Bridegwater, NJ 08807. (201) 722-1002.

Response system

Digisoft Computers, Inc., announces a response system called the Focus-Meter. The Focus-Meter system is a research tool that enables a market researcher to measure participants' views on commercials, screenings, discussions and programs as they see them. The system helps eliminate bias created by dominant participants in a focus group by individually recording the views of the participants. When the focus group session is complete, the moderator can use the recorded results in a follow-up discussion to gain insight on topics which may have been overshadowed by the opinions of a few participants. The system enables market researchers to provide their clients with immediate results. Contact Michael Jenner, director of marketing, Digisoft Computers, Inc., (212) 289-0991.

Random digit samples

Creative Research Systems announces the Survey Sampler, a package for producing random digit telephone samples on a microcomputer. The user specifies the area codes and exchanges that should be included in the sample. The user



can also specify that certain numbers or block of numbers should be excluded from the sample. Lists of numbers to call are then produced in any of three customized formats. Contact Lisa M. Bacon, sales manager, Creative Research Systems, 15 Lone Oak Ctr., Petaluma, CA 94952. (707) 765-1001.

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Research reports

Cambridge Information Group has published an updated edition of FINDEX, a guide to market research reports, studies and surveys. FINDEX 1988 includes summaries of more than 11,000 finished research reports in 12 categories ranging from consumer goods to transportation. It is intended to provide businesses with fast, economical access to the vast amount of research being produced in America each year. Contact FINDEX, 7200 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814. (301) 961-6750.

### Search service

Marcept Consulting & Research, Inc., announces GATEWAY Database Search, a private database search service giving executives access to current marketing informa-



tion. GATEWAY accesses information from hundreds of specialized computer databases. Usual turnaround time is less than one week. Contact Marcept Consulting & Research, Inc., (208) 343-4607.

Sales promotion service

Simmons Custom Studies announces PromoGuide, a research service that can increase the effectiveness and efficiency of sales promotion such as couponing, sweepstakes, premiums, tie-ins and rebates. It can be used at the na-

tional, regional and neighborhood level. Contact Tom Gallagher (212) 916-8936.

Facility management system

ECF Systems Development announces Focus FMS. This focus facility management system: Replaces respondent file cards with a completely menu-driven computer system; allows you to search your respondent files on any or all of up to 40 demographic criteria; identifies and eliminates 'professional' respondents from groups; eliminates the problem of respondents attending more than one group for the same client; allows you to review the recruiting status of your groups at a glance and keep track of your recruiters' performance; automatically prints complete recruiting forms. confirmation letters, group sign-in sheets and job records; maintains information on all of your clients and prepares complete histories of client activity. The system comes with full documentation, a set of data forms for collecting information and full customer phone support. Contact Ed Fredian, ECF Systems Development, 31955 10th Ave., S. Laguna, CA 92677. (714) 499-5135.

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Aloco, Inc. 875 Centerville Rd. Warwick, RI 02886 401/821-6900 A 2-4-5-6-7 B 1-2 C 2-4-5-7-8

American Public Opinion & Market Research Corp. 1324 So. Minnesota Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57105 A 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

Analysis Research Ltd. 4655 Ruffner St/Ste 180 San Diego, CA 92111 619/268-4800 A 5-6 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 (See Advertisement on Page 22)

Anderson, Niebuhr & Assoc. 1885 University Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104 612/645-5577 A 5-6-7 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-7-8

The Answer Group 11161 Kenwood Road Cincinnati, OH 45242 513/489-9000 A 5-6-7-8-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-5-6-7-8-9

Barson Marketing Box 1148-Hwy. 9 Manalapan, NJ 07726 201/446-3662 A 6-7 C 1-2-3-4-5

Jerome Brown Communications 700 White Plains Rd. Scarsdale, NY 10583 914/472-7474 A 2-5-6-7 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-5-7

R.H. Bruskin Assoc. 303 George St. New Brunswick, NJ 08903 201/249-1800 A 1-2-3-4-5-6-7 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-7-8-9 Burgoyne Information Svcs.
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3150 Salt Creek Lane Arlington Heights, IL 60005 312/253-1100 A 4-6-7-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

California Survey Research 5400 Van Nuys Blvd/Ste 307 Van Nuys, CA 91401 818/986-9444 A 6-7 C 2-4-5-8

Chesapeake Surveys 305 W. Chesapeake Ave/#L19 Towson. MD 21204 301/296-4411 A 5-6-7-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

Commission on Professional & Hospital Activities(CPHA) 1968 Green Road/Box 1809 Ann Arbor, MI 48106 313/769-6511 A 8-9 C 3-5

Consumer/Industrial Rsch. Svce. 600 N. Jackson Street Media, PA 19063 215/565-6222 A 5-6-7-8-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-9

Consumer Opinion Services, Inc. 12825-1st Avenue South Seattle, WA 98168 206/241-6050 A 5-6 B 1-2 C 1-2 (See Advertisement Page 27)

Consumor & Professional Research 1515 Sheridan Rd., P.O. Box 759 Wilmette, IL 60091 312/256-7744 A 5-6-7 B 1-2 C 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 (See Advertisement Page 24) Consumer Pulse, Inc. 725 South Adams Road Birmingham, MI 48011 800/336-0159 A 5-6-7-8-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

Creative Marketing Solutions P.O. Box 568 Langehorne, PA 19047 215/357-3655 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-5-6-7-9

The Datafax Company 2600 Maitland Ctr Pkwy/#170 Maitland, FL 32751 407/660-8878 A 1-5-6-7-9 B 1-2 C 2-5-7-8 (See Advertisement Page 24)

The Data Group, Inc. 2260 Butler Pike Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 215/834-2080 A 5-6-7-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

Oatalogics 6085 Route 263 Solebury, PA 18963 215/794-7486 A 8-9 C 2-3-5-6-7-8-9 (See Advertisement Page 34)

Datatactics, Inc. 555 Presidential Blvd., Ste. 430 Philadelphia, PA 19004 215/668-1660 A 5-6-7-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

Decision Support Systems 2261 Brookhaven PI 0r/#106 Arlington, TX 76011 817/640-0245 A 5-6-7-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-7-8

DeNicola Research, Inc. 325 Greenwich Avenue Greenwich, CT 06830 203/629-3323 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-7-9

Ruth Diamond Mkt. Rsch. 770 Alberta Orive Buffalo, NY 14226 716/836-1110 A 2-4-5-6-7 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-5-7-8-9

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Blanka Eckstein Qual. Rsch. 251 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10016 212/685-1635 B 1-2 C 2-3-6-7

Elrick & Lavidge, Inc. 10 South Riverside/Ste. 1730 Chicago, IL 60606-3838 312/726-0666 A 5-6-7-8-9 B 1-2 C 2-3-5-7-9

Endresen Research Four West Blaine Seattle, WA 98119 206/285-1771 A 2-6-7-9 B 1-2 C 2-3-4-5-8

Edward Epstein & Assoc. 420 Jericho Turnpike Jericho, NY 11791 516/822-8600 A 5-6-7 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-5-7-9

First Market Research Corp. 121 Beach Street Boston, MA 02111 617/482-9080 A 5-6 B 1-2 C 1-2-4-5-7-8 (See Advertisement Page 31)

Focus Market Research, Inc. 801 W. 106th Street Bloomington, MN 55420 612/881-3635 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-7-8-9

Focus Research 26142 Ave. Bonachon Mission Viejo, CA 92691 714/380-1612 A 5-6-7 B 1-2 C 2-4-5-7-8

E. Friedman Marketing Services, Inc. 25130 Southfield Rd., #200 Southfield, MI 48075 313/569-0444 A 1-2-3-4-5-6 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-7-8-9 (See Advertisement Page 3)

The Gallup Organization 53 Bank Street Princeton, NJ 08542 609/924-9600 A 1-2-3-5-6-7 C 2-3-4

Glickman Research Assoc. 354 Old Oak Road Westwood, NJ 07675 201/664-6688 A 5-6-7-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-7-8-9

**HDMC Marketing** 127 Woodland Avenue Fanwood, NJ 07023 201/889-1941 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-5-6-7-8-9

Hancock Information Group 479 Montgomery Place Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 305/682-1556 A 5-6-7-8-9 B 1 C 1-2-4-5

Hanson & Quick Marketing Services, 6950 France Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55435 612/925-3131 A 5-6-7-9 C 2-3-4-5-6-7-8

Harrington Market Research 511 Monroe Street Kalamazoo, MI 49007 616/342-6783 A 3-5-6-7-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

Health Surveys & Marketing Inc. 6647 Fairfax Road Chevy Chase, MD 20815 301/654-0185 A 7 B 1-2 C 2-5-8

Hildebrandt Consultants 2 Ardmore Road Berkeley, CA 94707 415/524-7929 A 5-6 B 1-2 C 2-3-4-8

Hospital Research Assoc One Gothic PI/Hollywood Ave Fairfield, NJ 07006 201/575-3650 A 1-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 C 2-3-4-5-7-9

D. S. Howard & Assoc. 307 N. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60601 312/372-7048 A 5-6-7 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

In Focus Mktg. Rsch. & Cons. 1423 Highland Pkwy. St. Paul, MN 55116 612/698-2777 B 1-2 C 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

InfoDirect, Inc. 230 So. Broad St/7th Flr. Philadelphia, PA 19102 800/331-9316 or 215/546-1636 A 6-7 B 1-2

International Forum Corp. 9900 Westpark/Ste 186 Houston, TX 77063 713/784-2222 A 5-6 B 1 C 2-5-6-9

Intersearch Corp. 132 Welsh Rd. Horsham, PA 19044 215/657-6400 A 5-6-7 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

JRB Mktg & Opinion Rsch. 29 Elm Street Great Neck, NY 11021 516/829-8351 A 4-5-6-7 C 3-4-5-6-8

Kennedy Research Inc. 405A Waters Bldg Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616/458-1461 A 5-6-7 B 1-2 C 2-3-4-5-7-8-9

LaScola Qualitative Research 3701 Connecticut Ave NW/#136 Washington, DC 20008 203/363-9367 B 1-2 C 2-7-8

Maritz Markoting Research 1515 Route 10 Parsippany, NJ 07054 201/292-1775 A 2-5-6-7-9 B 1-2 C 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 (See Advertisement Page 11)

Market Data Resources 1414 North 150 Street Omaha, NE 68154 402/496-7348 A 5-6-7 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-5

Marketeam Associates 55 No. New Ballas Rd St. Louis, MO 63141 314/569-1324 A 2-5-6-7 B 1-2 C 2-4-5-6-7-8 (See Advertisement Page 30)

The Marketing Workshop 3294 Medlock Bridge Road Norcross, GA 30092 404/449-6767 A 5-6-7-8-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-4-5-6-7

The Martec Group 657 W. Fulton St. Chicago, IL 60606 312/207-0887 A 4-5-6-7-8-9 B 1-2 C 2-3-6-7-9

Medical Research Bureau 10301 Wayzata Blvd/P.O. Box 26695 Minneapolis, MN 55426-0695 612/542-0800 A 5-6-7-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

MedProbe Medical Marketing Research 7901 Flying Cloud Dr/#153 Eden Prairie, MN 55344 612/941-7965 A 3-4-5-6-7-8-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

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Mid-America Research, Inc. 999 N. Elmhurst Rd. Mt. Prospect, II 60056 312/392-0800 A 5-6-7-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-7-8-9

Migliara-Kaplan Assoc 305 W. Chesapeake Ave/#509 Towson, MD 21204 3-1/828-6520 A 1-2-5-6-7-8-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

MIL Research 307 N. Michigan Chicago, IL 60601 312/.726-8099 A 1-2-5-6-7 B 1-2 C 2-3-6

M/OR/E, Inc. 970 Lexington Ave New York, NY 10021 212/744-5969 A 2-5-6-7 B 1 C 1-2-3-5-8

National Analysts 400 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19106 215/627-8110 A 5-6-7-8-9 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

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Northwest Surveys 2100 North 45th Street Seattle, WA 98103 206/547-5600 A 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 (See Advertisement Page 20)

0'Neil Associates, Inc. 412 East Southern Ave. Tempe, AZ 85282 602/967-4441 A 5-6-7-9 B 1-2 C 2-4-5-8

Opinions Unlimited, Inc. 1500 W. 13th. Amarillo, TX 79102 806/373-7491 A 5-6 B 1-2 C 4-8

Palshaw Measurement, Inc. Box 1439 Pebble Beach, CA 93953 408/625-2500 A 2-3-5 C 1-2-3-6-7-8-9

Perception Research Svcs 440 Sylvan Avenue Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632 201/568-8151 A 5 B 2 C 2

Philadelphia Focus, Inc. 100 N. 17th Street/3rd Flr. Philadelphia, PA 19103 215/561-5500 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 (See Advertisement on Page 26) Product Evaluation, Inc. 633 So. LaGrange Road LaGrange, IL 60525 312/482-7750 A 5-6 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-5-6-7-8-9

Professional Field Svcs P.O. Box 128 Long Island, NY 11756 516/796-4242 A 4-5-6 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-9

Projections Mktg Rsch 47 Marlboro St/P.Q. Box 585 Keene, NH 03431-0585 603/352-9500 A 4-5-6-7 B 1-2 C 2-3-4-5-6-7-8

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Quick Test Opinion Centers 1819 JFK Boulevard/Ste 330 Philadelphia, PA 19103 800/523-1288 A 5-6-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-9

Rabin Research Company 520 North Michigan Ave/#1400 Chicago, IL 60611 312/467-5090 A 5-6-7-8-9 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-7-8-9 Radley Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 2275 Westfield, NJ 07091 201/232-1600 A 5-6-7 B 1-2 C 2-5-8

Rosoarch, Inc. 521 Plymouth Rd/Ste. 108 Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 800/828-3228 A 5-6-7 B 1-2 C 4-5

Response Analysis Corporation 377 Wall St/P.O. Box 158 Princeton, NJ 08540 609/921-3333 A 1-2-5-6-7 B 1-2 C 2-3-4-5-8

RSVP/Interviewing Svcs 1916 Welsh Road Philadelphia, PA 19115 215/969-8500 A 6 C 1-2-7-9

Rhoda Schild Focus Gp Recruit. 149 West 12 Street New York, NY 10011 212/242-2328 B 1-2 C 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9

Schulman, Ronca & Bucuvalas 444 Park Avenue New York, NY 10016 212/481-6200 or 202/659-5010 A 5-6-7 B 1-2 C 2-4-5

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Custom Research, Inc., Minneapolis, announces the promotion of **Darrell Foss** to vice president and **Jeanne Kalien** to senior vice president.

Phil Balducci & Associates, Tampa, FL, announces the completion of an expansion which more than doubles its office space to include a focus group facility, a full-equipped test kitchen and additional WATS lines for intrastate and interstate telephone interviewing.

Harvey Rosen has joined Research & Forecasts, New York, as senior vice president. Most recently, he was vice president of Simmons Market Research Bureau's custom studies/financial research services division.

Dehra A. Keeney has been named director of McGraw-Hill Research's telephone interviewing center. Prior to rejoining McGraw-Hill, New York, Keeney was president of DAK Research.

Motoresearch has moved to a new lo-

cation. The address is: 1035 So. Adams, Birmingham, MI 48011. Telephone: (313) 647-9500.

Saul Cohen announces the formation of his company, Saul Cohen & Associates, Ltd., Stamford, CT, specializing in qualitative marketing research. Formerly vice president and founder of the qualitative division of Leferman Associates, Cohen's expertise is in interpersonal and group dynamics and interaction. The company offers a full-range of customized methodologies.





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Priscilla Kinter has been appointed project director of Parkwood Research Associates, Allentown, PA. She will be responsible for managing research projects, field work and the company's focus group facility. Prior to joining PRA, Kinter was a research supervisor at Grey Advertising and an advertising/research manager at GNB, Inc.

Warren Dohbs has been promoted to senior vice president at Simmons Market Research Bureau, Inc., New York. For the past three years, Dobbs has had a variety of sales responsibilities at Simmons including management of the midwest Simmons office and southern territory.

Steve Fajen has joined Simmons' syndicated studies as executive vice president to head the newly created media sales and service unit. He was previously a partner and director of client services at Vitt Media.

Med Focus, St. Paul, MN, has changed its name to In Focus Marketing Research and Consulting. The company provides research design, field supervision, focus group moderating and in-depth interviewing for clients in the medical, financial, insurance, services and consumer products industries.

ConsumerViews, a division of Burgoyne, Inc., Cincinnati, announces the appointment of **Warreu W. Pino** as account executive in its West Coast client services offices in San Francisco. Pino previously worked for Winona Research, IBM, and Columbia Information Systems.

Roy G. Stout has been elected to the newly created postion of vice president, corporate marketing research at the Coca-Cola Co., Atlanta. Stout was previously senior vice president, marketing research, for the company's Coca-Cola, USA unit. In his new post, he is responsible for the company's world-wide marketing research.



Caryl-Lynn Kahn has joined Elrick & Lavidge's New York area office as qualitative research account manager. Previously, she was a research analyst at Ayerst Laboratories in New York. She also served as adjunct professor of marketing at the New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury.

David Nero, Elrick & Lavidge, Chicago, has been named vice president. He will continue as head of the health care services research group in the Chicago office. Prior to joining E&L in 1980, he was with American Hospital Supply with responsibilities in market research and business development.

Laurie (Josey) Butler, Elrick & Lavidge, Atlanta, has been appointed vice president. She will continue as head of the qualitative research group in Atlanta and will also assume additional business development responsibilites. She joined E&L in 1981 as project manager.

Joseph Ferrara has been promoted from research analyst to the newly created position of research supervisor within the marketing communications department of *The Record*, New Jersey's largest evening newspaper. In his new position, Ferrara will be responsible for market research for the advertising, circulation, and editorial departments as well as corporate research.

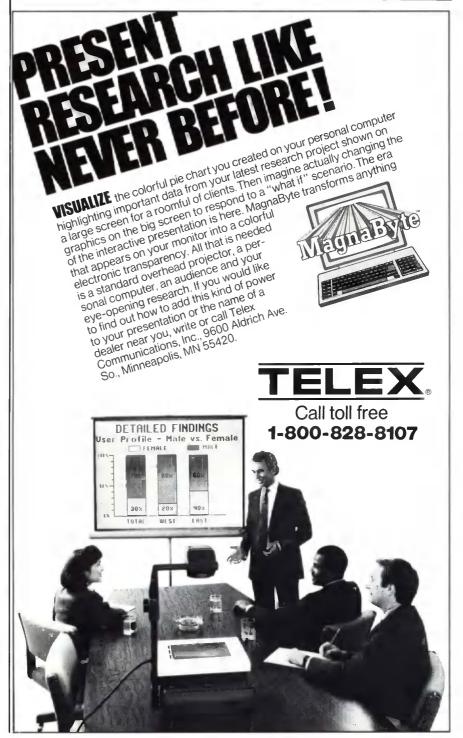
Cook Research & Consulting has moved from the third floor to new facilities on the second floor of the Southdale Office Centre at 6600 France Ave. So., Minneapolis. Telephone: (612) 920-6251. The company offers a telephone interviewing center, a focus group facility, a viewing room that accommodates up to 15 clients, and a viewable test kitchen for both consumer and institutional food testing.

Opinion Research Corp., Princeton, NJ, annouces two promotions: Steven I. Marks to research executive and George M. Philip to research director. Marks joined ORC in 1985 as a research associate in the company's

cable video research center in New York City. In his new position, he will market and coordinate ORC's shared-cost General Public Caravan Survey. Prior to joining ORC as a research assistant in 1985, Philip was a graduate assistant at Texas A&M University. In his new position, Philip will be responsible for the direction of a widerange of custom-designed market research projects.

Kimberly Hess has joined Custom Research, Inc., Minneapolis, as a research manager at CRI's East coast office in Union, NJ. Formerly she was with market management at Southern New England Telecommunications Corp. Hess has previously been senior account executive at Survey Sampling, Inc.

Joining Precision Field Services, Niles, IL, is **Carol Mitchell** as field director. She will be responsible for executive/medical interviews, inside and outside projects, special events, and store audits. MRR



### Americans favor tougher public school standards

Americans are in favor of moves to apply stricter standards on public schools and refute the idea that a faster pace will be too much for students from poor homes, a recent Gallup Poll shows.

Respondents were least content with public schools in central cities, the survey found, with the highest approval ratings for public schools coming from affluent, college-educated whites living in the suburbs or small communities.

The survey, which was sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa, an educator's honorary fraternity, also found opinions split on whether public schools have improved over the past five years. The survey found that 25% felt local schools had improved; 22% said they got worse; 36% said they stayed the same and 17% had no opinion.

The survey respondents were also

asked to assign a letter grade to the schools in their community. Twelve percent gave them an "A"; 31%, "B"; 30%, "C"; 9%, "D" and 4%, "F" for failure. Fourteen percent had no opinion.

Those grades were a slight improvement over 1986 when the grades assigned were: 11%, "A"; 30%, "B"; 28%, "C"; 11%, "D" and 5%, "F".

The annual survey, which began in 1969, involved interviews with 1,571 adults in their homes between April 10-13. The poll has a three-point margin of error in either direction.



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### Dining out

Dinner has replaced lunch as the meal most people eat away from home, according to the eighth annual Tastes of America survey for *Restaurants and Institutions* magazine. Furthermore, breakfast sandwiches are the most frequently ordered breakfast item (24%). The survey also showed that 40.3% of the respondents said they or members of their households eat out more than seven times each week. Only 8.4% did not regularly eat out. Conducted by National Family Opinion, the survey had 1,404 respondents from across the country.

### Decision-makers read publication ads

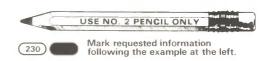
Approximately eight out of 10 purchase decision-makers who begin to read an advertisement in a business publication read half or more, according to a McGraw-Hill Research analysis of 94 Ad/Call studies involving 4,365 ads.

Moreover, six out of 10 of those purchase decision-makers who begin to read an ad take or plan some action as a result of reading the advertisement. These actions include purchasing the item, calling for further information, passing the ad along, filing for future reference, discussing the ad with others, recommending the product's use, or filling out an inquiry card.

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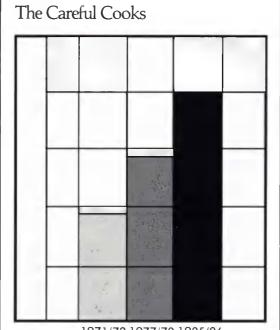
to their traditional regional foods. They could be Midwesterners for whom a main meal is meat and potatoes; Southerners with fried chicken and vegetables, or New Englanders with their traditional clam bakes. Currently 21% of the total sample, this group showed a 34% decline in 15 years.

Largely blue-collar workers with modest educations and incomes, Down Home Stokers are not adventurous eaters, perhaps because they're very involved in preserving their own ethnicity and so take less time to explore the differences other foods offer. They follow "nutrition trends" in a broad sense, but take little action on them, opting instead to stick with the foods of their past. Typical Down Home Stoker regional preferences are: Homemade fried chicken; fresh-baked breads (such as cornbread served with chicken or fish, rolls with steak, and biscuits with sausage); vegetables prepared with bacon or other salty meat, and fried eggs.

• Careful Cooks. A steadily growing group, the Careful Cooks have grown by 122% during the 15year period. During 1971-72, this group comprised 9% of the population; today it accounts for 20%. Characterized as retired and living on the West Coast, this group is generally well-educated and have highincomes.

While the Careful Cooks want to enjoy food, they don't want to at the expense of their health. Once consumers of red meat, they've given it up in exchange for foods like chicken, fish, salads, fresh fruits and vegetables, yogurt, skim milk, and wheat bread. Adventurous, too, they like to try foods of other cuisines but in accordance with their doctor's dietary guidelines.

• Happy Cookers. The last group, the Happy



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The Careful Cooks are currently 20% of the study sample, an increase of 122% in 15 years.

Cookers, are those who say they can "read a cookbook like a novel." To them, cooking and baking are a source of pride and personal satisfaction. Their numbers, however, are dwindling. While once 23% of the survey population, the Happy Cookers are now continued on p. 44

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15% of the group, and have dropped 35% in 15 years.

The people in this group fall into two categories -younger mothers and older nurturers. They feed their families well, providing three full meals daily, most made from scratch. Typical Happy Cookers' foods include: Homemade pies, cakes, cookies and fruit crisps; homemade meat dishes; homemade casseroles, and fresh fish and fresh vegetables. Happy Cookers experiment with foods common to them by adding spices to dishes or creating new meals with ingredients on hand.

#### Categories overlap

The categories for cooks are not cut and dried, Pillsbury points out, because many people may fall into more than one category depending on the day of the week. For example, the weekend cook may be a Happy Cooker who converts to a Chase & Grabbit during the week.

Nevertheless, does the traditional cook seem to be going out of style? Pillsbury's Jim Delaney, director, market research, Light Meals/Snacks, and Mottaz think not.

#### Still in style

"While the traditional family meal is occurring less frequently, it is certainly not extinct or entirely out of style," says Delaney. "The survey does show that all rules are off for some segments of the population. The most traditional are the Happy Cookers who are making a strong effort to maintain the traditional sitdown dinner."

"Other segments of the population are sitting down together for meals as well but not the traditional meal we might think of," adds Mottaz. "For example, convenience foods play a much more prominent role even at the sitdown meal for the Functional Feeders. Instead of peeling their own potatoes for casseroles or other dishes, they're using canned potatoes. Convenience is the common theme, what more people are looking for."

Mottaz strongly believes the traditional family meal won't become extinct, at least for some segments.

"The traditional family meal where people are sitting down together, whether it's a childless couple, a couple and their kids, or a single mother and her children, will remain in many homes. In the focus groups, we found that time spent together at a meal was a very important part of keeping the family together for some people. This was especially true of the Happy Cookers segment."

#### Planning purposes

The study's findings, says Delaney, confirms what the company had thought about eating behavior, convenience foods, and about a segment of the population which is very concerned about nutrition. The study will be conducted again in two to three years for tracking purposes, but in the meantime, Pillsbury will use it for planning purposes.

"The study is helping us lay down a base in terms of finding out what actual eating behavior is. It will allow us to look at each of the major brands we market, determine what type of people who are using these brands and how they're using them, and how we can reach these people better," says Delaney. MRR

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terviews with business locations with at least 20 employees to ascertain the names and titles of the highest ranking persons and decision-makers for financial, telecommunications and data

The survey found that there are more women decision-makers than men in administrative positions, but only 20% of women decision-makers can be found in traditionally male-dominated industries like mining, manufacturing, construction, and securities brokerage firms.

processing departments.

Marketing purposes

"We did the survey for our own interests," explains William Woods, vice president of marketing at Trinet, "and we're just remarketing the results. We're also looking to stir interest among business marketers and it may be significant to those marketers who want to focus their business mailings primarily to females." The company gathers this kind of data on businesses for marketing purposes and for persons in sales and marketing or strategic planning.

"We provide information on things such as who the companies are, what they do, how many employees they have, what

#### TABLE I

#### WOMEN BOSSES - BY FUNCTION

Decision-Maker	Percent Women	
Highest Ranking	4.5% 5.7%	
Financial Decision-Maker Telecommunications Decision-Maker	14.0%	
Data Processing Decision-Maker	14.0%	

#### TABLE II

WOMEN BOSSES -	HIGHEST	INDUSTR	RIES
		Percent	Women

	Percent Women Highest Ranking
Industry	Tilgilest Kalikilig
Health Services	23%
Social Services	21%
Clothing Retailers (56)	18%
Education	15%
Amusement and Recreation Services (79)	14%
Hotels (70)	13%
General Merchandise Stores (53)	12%
Food Service (58)	12%
Transportation Services (47)	11%
Credit Agencies (61)	10%
Apparel Mfg. (23)	10%
Museums	10%
Membership Organizations	9%

their sales volume and output value are, geographic data and names of the company's CEO and any other officials, and who the ultimate decision-maker is in areas such as financial, telecommunications and data processing," continues Woods.

Trinet was able to determine who the primary decisionmakers were in the respective companies by using a table of names of males and females.

"We genderize the individual names because clients want to personalize their mailings."

Trinet, Inc., provides three basic information services: A database of seven million U.S. business locations, business-to-business telemarketing services and application services. It is one of two companies in the U.S. that provides a database of in-depth information on businesses. The other is Dunn's Marketing Services.  $\overline{\text{MRR}}$ 

#### TABLE III

#### WOMEN BOSSES - LOWEST INDUSTRIES

Industry	Percent Women Highest Ranking	
Coal and Metal Mining*	0%	
Water Transportation	1 %	
Petroleum Refining	2%	
Securities Brokers	2%	
Paper Manufacturing	2%	
Transportation Equip. Manufacturing	2%	
General Building Contractors	2%	
Chemical Manufacturing	2%	
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# TRADE TALK

By Beth E. Hoffman managing editor



# Decision-makers mostly males, study shows

omen are gaining ground in the corporate world, to some extent. More and more females are assuming management positions, yet the number of them with decision-making responsibility continues to lag far behind men.

That was the significant finding in a recent telephone survey of some 100,000 U.S. businesses conducted by Trinet, Inc., Parsippany, NJ, a leading resource of information on U.S. companies.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that women hold more than one-third of the 12.7 million executive, administrative, and management jobs in the U.S. Yet, Trinet's study found a much lower percentage of women in top decision-making positions at the surveyed companies.

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"Overall, women still occupy a low percentage of decisionmaking positions compared to men," said Charles Stryker, president and co-founder of Trinet. "However, women are doing better in service industries and in specific departments like telecommunications and data processing."

#### More in administration

The survey found that there are more women decision-makers than men in administrative positions (e.g. office manager and personnel administrator), but only 20% of women decision-makers can be found in traditionally male-dominated industries like mining, manufacturing, construction, and securities brokerage firms.

Overall, the percentage of women holding the highest ranking position was 4.5% (see Table 1, p. 45). The percentage increased to 5.7% for financial decision-makers and 14% for both data processing and telecommunications decision-makers.

The percentage of highest ranking women varies greatly by industry, from 23% in health services to 0% in coal and metal



mining (see Tables 2 and 3, p. 45). Other industries with high ranking women decision-makers include: Social services, 21%; clothing retailers, 18%; educational, 15%; and amusement and recreation services, 14%.

#### Disparity increasing

"The data indicate that women are not displacing men from jobs like plant manager. However, as new executive jobs are created in telecommunications departments or in the service sector, women are gaining a larger share of certain decision-making positions. Over time, I would expect the disparity between men and women bosses to steadily decrease," predicted Stryker.

Trinet also compiled statistics on women by department. The telecommunications and data processing numbers are higher by department since many companies make telecommunications and data processing decisions without having specialized departments. The data indicate that women are more likely to make business decisions where a specialized department exists as a data processing manager or telecommunications manager than they are if the decisions are made by a non-specialist.

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