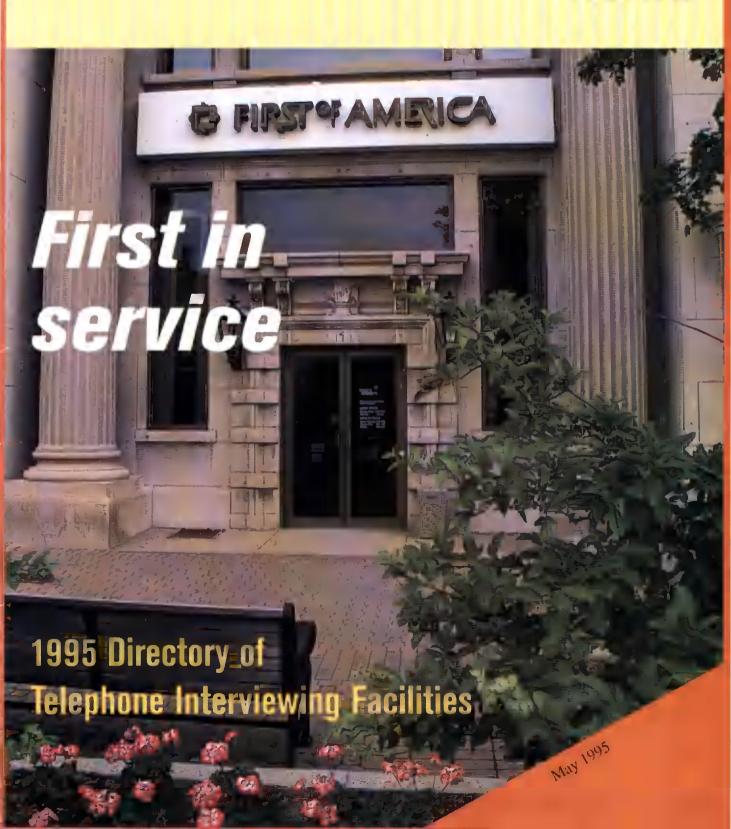
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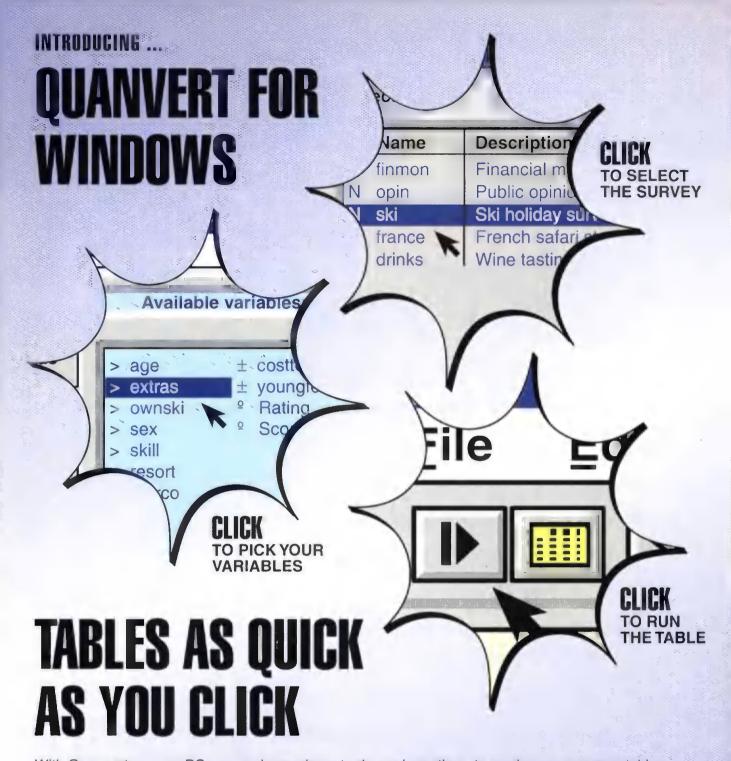




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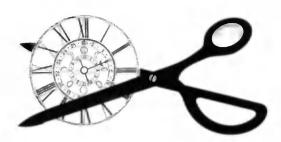
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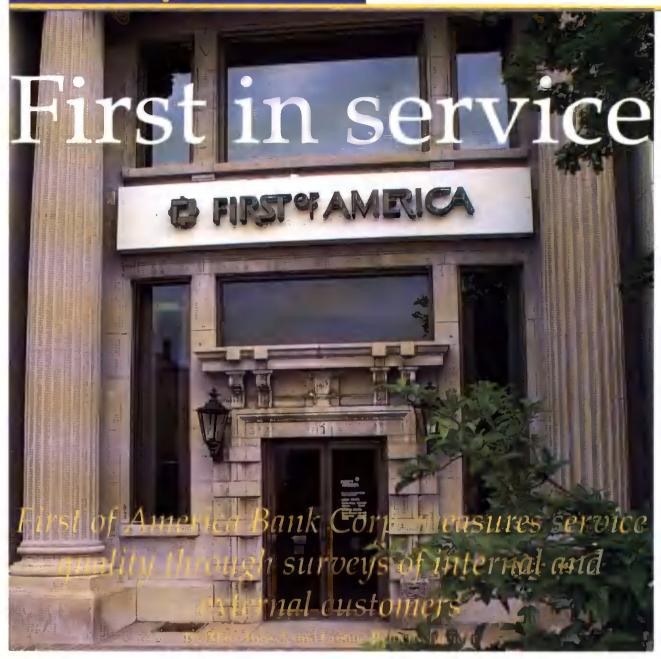
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# **Service Quality Research**



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s consumers increasingly see the banking industry at parity, many banks are finding that the best way to maintain a competitive advantage is by delivering top quality service. These banks, like other serviceoriented businesses, know that customer satisfaction is essential for retaining their customer base and increasing profitability. It is also vital to internal, day-to-day operations, identifying relationships between employee satisfaction and customer loyalty through sound methodology and statistical analysis helps companies focus on organizational practices that directly affect customer loyalty.

To satisfy customers — internal or external — management must understand four key issues: 1) What their customers needs are; 2) Why they are important; 3) How they impact cus-

tomer loyalty; 4) What they can do differently to better meet those needs.

First of America Bank Corporation (FOA) has been measuring its service quality for several years. Headquartered in Kalamazoo, Mich., FOA has grown into a super-regional bank holding company with 15,000 employees, nine corporate divisions and 21 banks in four states (Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Florida) with more than 600 branch offices.

Because the affiliate banks had been brought together through mergers and takeovers, the corporate culture of each bank was vastly different, In addition, each of the nine FOA corporate divisions had its own unique structure and separate quality team.

In 1990, FOA selected the Service Quality Research Division of Questar, a Minneapolis research firm, to measure quality management practices. FOA was particularly interested in Questar's Service Management Practices Inventory (SMPI), an employee-based survey designed with Ron Zemke, a Minneapolis service quality consultant, to assess management practices that support quality service. After FOA's bank managers and division heads saw how the SMPI could help them manage more effectively, they requested that their customer surveys be as helpful.

#### Multiple vendors

Previously, FOA had used multiple research vendors to perform different surveys at different times. The many methodologies and reporting formats made it difficult to draw broader conclusions. The company's experience with the SMPI led it to try a more comprehensive approach to linking employee and customer satisfaction.

The corporate management of FOA had three research needs. It wanted to measure employee perceptions of quality management practices, internal customer satisfaction between corporate divisions and affiliate banks, and customer satisfaction in branches at the point of contact. It also wanted to link employee and customer survey results.

On the branch level (where banks are locally owned and operated), the philosophy was "community banks first," with an emphasis on serving the banks' individual communities. The organizational goal was to apply the same customer-oriented philosophy on a company-wide basis, from the corporate divisions down to the branches. The

research goal was to help divisions and branch alfiliate senior management pinpoint areas for improvement and develop action plans. To accomplish these goafs, FOA needed service quality research that would give everyone a common mission and the same base of information from which to start.

### An integrated effort

FOA knew that for research to be effective, a research team must recognize that each organization has its own unique set of challenges to meet, and its own individual corporate goals. Thus, service quality research must be tailored to the exact situation, structure and objectives of the organization.

FOA began developing three separate quality surveys in the spring of 1993. FOA started with a meeting of corporate division and bank affiliate executives to gather feedback on how to better meet their needs, determine what they wanted to measure, and improve prior surveys. This group represented the true users of the survey results, and the answers were as diverse as FOA itself. The group determined that data would need to be segmented by region, community and by branch.

### Getting started

To achieve true service quality, the entire company must embrace a single-minded mission to improve quality between internal groups and for customers. This requires diligence and commitment from all levels of a company. Early employee involvement was key to the success of FOA's efforts,

For example, at the outset, FOA formed a project management team of a hand-picked group of critics of previous research — all champions of quality service. The team included employees ranging from bank presidents to customer contact staff and branch per-

sonnel. Questar consultants helped guide the process. Working together, the team discussed each step and made decisions, keeping the customer in mind every step of the way.

Actual end users of the data were involved in the survey design, with Questar representatives acting as advisors to keep the team faithful to proven research methods. This pre-survey information gathering ensured that the survey results were on target. The outcome was a decision to design four separate surveys to pinpoint the issues valued by both internal and external customers, and to determine how well the branches and divisions performed on each count.

#### Four surveys in three months

To measure employee and customer perceptions of the same service dynamics, Questar recommended that internal and external surveys be conducted at roughly the same time. The surveys consisted of the SMPI, internal customer surveys measuring the branches' satisfaction with each of the nine corporate divisions, and two surveys to measure external retail and commercial customer satisfaction of branch services.

To develop the two external surveys. four retail and two commercial focus groups were conducted to identify key service issues. For the internal division surveys, the nine corporate division heads were interviewed to determine what information they needed to help improve service quality. Questar identified 16 common internal customer satisfaction requirements across all nine FOA divisions, universal issues such as wanting calls returned and quick response. Then, additional actionable survey questions were developed for each division based on specific concerns and hot issues. Up to 10 additional ques-

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# Is predictive dialing for market researchers?

By Cord M. Udall

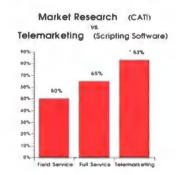
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s market researchers, we have the rewarding job of tracking the opinions of the public and professionals alike on everything from pizza toppings to airline booking procedures. This broad range of investigation exposes us to the latest technology in hundreds of fields — technology that could certainly be useful to our own industry. But a review of market research firms reveals that despite the researchers' exposure to new technology, we, as an industry, are often slow or reluctant to adopt it.

What technology are we slow to embrace? A prime example involves the rise of CATI systems, which several years ago began to replace paper and pencil surveys. As a phone center assistant manager, I spent entire shifts photocopying, editing, and delivering enormous stacks of paper questionnaires to our data entry department. What a relief our CATI system brought with its timesaving (and mind-saving) abilities to ensure adherence to rotation and skip patterns, eliminate virtually all paper

work, and process data for quicker turn around for the client.

"So what?" you ask. Well, supposedly we are all familiar with the benefits of CATI systems, and would all agree that these benefits greatly outweigh those of paper and pencil surveys. However, a study conducted in December 1994 by Western Wats Center shows that only half of 139 field service and two-thirds of 216 full-service shops employ a CATI system to assist in their telephone data collection (Figure 1).



Base a Bample of 139 FIELD SERVICE shops vs. 216 FULL SERVICE shop 'Source' Telemarkeling Magazine, March 1995

Figure 1: Percentage of market research firms that have implemented CATI; percentage of telemarketing industry that has implemented a scripting software package.

What are the others using in this computer age? What they always have —

good of paper and peneil.

The market research community now finds itself at a crossroads regarding the technology of predictive dialing. But what exactly is a predictive dialer? Firstgeneration predictive systems were heavy-duty mainframe computers that operated by way of a host or PBX system serving dumb terminals. These predictive dialers distinguish themselves from automated or power dialing systems by using a pacing algorithm, which accounts for number of interviewers and phone fines, average connect time, and average amount of dialing time to find the next live respondent. Based on these parameters, the algorithm controls the dialer and sets the pacing speed. The system is then fed phone numbers from the sample, and dials a proportionally higher amount of lines than there are interviewers. After screening out nonproductive numbers (e.g., busy, no answer, disconnect) and rescheduling retrievable attempts for future redialing, the system forwards only live connects to the interviewers. These "good" calls arrive accompanied by relevant sample information on the computer screen just as the waiting interviewer hears the

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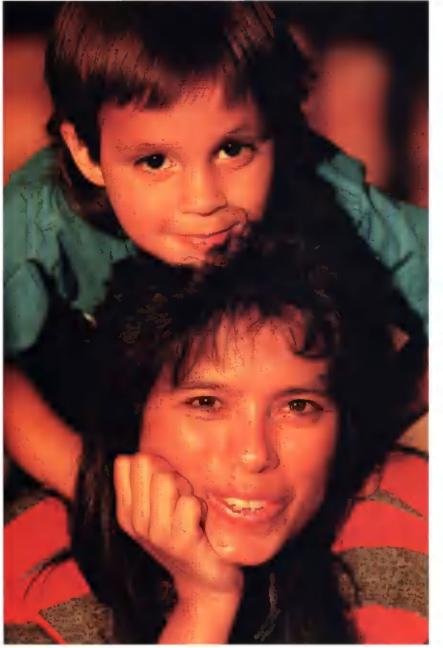
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By Doug Spaulding and David Taber

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fieldwork for a real straightforward study. The study would consist of 200 15-minute Spanish-language interviews among Hispanics from the Los Angeles ADI who are the primary grocery shopper for their household and who purchase orange juice. The incidence for the study is 60 percent."

If your field supplier gives you a price from the above request, then it may be time to get a new supplier!

Assuming both parties agree that incidence means effective study incidence (ESI) as defined by the Marketing Research Association (MRA) and the Council of American Survey Research Organization (CASRO), there are still a number of additional questions a good field supplier should confirm with you before quoting a price for any study.

For Hispanic studies, however, the following question must be asked before an estimate can be provided: "What type of sample source are you assuming with the quoted incidence?"

Furthermore, for Spanish-speaking Hispanie studies another question is just as critical: "Are you treating Englishonly speaking potential respondents as non-screened or as screened respondents who do not qualify for study participation?"

As a brief background, the ESI is calculated by dividing the total number of individuals screened and eligible to participate in the study into the total number of individuals screened, that is,

 $ESI = \frac{Total number screened and eligible}{Total number screened}$ 

A respondent would be considered to have been screened if she or he was asked all of the screening questions or terminated during the screening process because she or he did not qualify for the study.

A respondent would be considered to have been eligible if she or he "passed" all the screening questions and qualified for study participation. It does not matter whether the respondent actually completed the interview or not.

### Sample source

Unlike the general market, there are a variety of accepted sample sources for conducting "random" custom research among Hispanics. The three most distinct sources are: a sample that covers all telephone households within a given

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# Focus Group Research

# Focus groups on the Internet: an interesting idea but not a good one

By Thomas Greenbaum

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surfing the Internet has become one of the hottest topics in boardrooms, funchrooms and at cocktail parties. It seems that everyone is trying to learn how to use the Internet so they can benefit from the information highway they have heard so much about.

Recently, some corporate executives have been asking their marketing research providers if it's possible to use the Internet for focus groups, as a way to save money and to avoid traveling to various cities to watch behind the one-way mirror. While this may be an emotionally appealing concept, as it uses the hot new trend in computer technology, it is not likely to result in effective focus group research. Here are five very important reasons why:

• One of the major reasons that the focus group is such a popular research vehicle is that it permits a group of people who were recruited based on common demographics, attitudes or product usage behavior to talk among themselves in a controlled environment about a topic of interest to the client organization. The dynamics that occur in the room between the moderator and the participants, and among the various members of the group provide the energy for the discussion and the ability to understand different views about key areas of interest to marketers.

By using the Internet, one loses several key factors that work so well in the traditional focus group environment, such as the eye-to-eye contact among the various people in the room — which can be very important to the discussion that occurs — and the control over the flow of the group which can only be achieved by a trained moderator who understands

the importance of group dynamics. This would be very account to manage in a focus group conducted on the Internet.

- Another reason the Internet would not provide effective focus groups is that it would be very difficult to control the recruiting of the people. The qualifications of the people in a focus group are crucial to the entire process. If the right participants are not involved, then it will be difficult to place any credence in the information they generate. With the traditional focus group, one has complete control over who is in the group, whereas on the Internet, a respondent could use an alias and false credentials and never be discovered.
- Effective focus group research occurs because of the moderator's skill at understanding where the tenor of the group is going, and how it might be necessary to deviate from the discussion guide in order to generate the most useful information for the client. The highly trained moderator gets much of his or her direction from instincts that occur because they are in the room with the participants and can feel the need for a change. To understand this phenomenon, compare the experience of watching the focus group live from behind the one-way mirror to listening to an audio tape or watching a stationary video. It just is not the same.
- Fourth, focus groups are often used to get reactions to new products, advertising ideas or promotional programs, While there are some excellent video capabilities available on the Internet, it's uncertain whether it will be possible in the near term to show concepts to participants over the Net.
- Finally, in a traditional focus group environment, the participants are sitting around a table for approximately two hours in a controlled environment. Their job for that period

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# Is there a SUIC in your future?

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"Neat! I now have your image on the right side of my screen and all my text on the left side. That's really something."

"Okay, I see that you want to conduct a SUIC with females who are primary grocery shoppers between the ages of 21-54 and who have used Bubble Clean in the past three months. You don't have an incidence but I can give you that in a moment. The interview is 20 minutes long. You have three age groups with 25 percent in Cell A, 50 percent in Cell B and 25 percent in Cell C. Unfortunately, you want to do this on paper. Did you know that almost 95 percent of our SUIC interviews are done on computers?

"Really? I didn't know that. I always thought that technology would affect how research would be done but I really haven't read much in the trade journals or attended any of the Marketing Research Association's seminars on emerging technologies. Every time I ask my boss about going to one of those conferences, he says that technology can't replace people power. I believed him but I can see where I could have been more educated by at least attending some conferences to see if changes were happening that could improve the research process and the quality of data that we collect."

"Well, it's unfortunate that your boss felt that way. In the past three years there have been some major improvements

spearheaded by industry visionaries who have developed interactive data collection processes that are quite impressive. I'll send you a CD-ROM that I got last year at an MRA conference that demonstrates many of these improvements. Getting back to your project, are there any other qualifiers?" "No. that's it."

"Okay, let me test the interview length first for accuracy. Do you have the interview in a file on your computer?"

"Yes, I do but I can't show it to you until we finish estimating and scheduling. Client security, you know."

"That's okay. I don't need to see the interview itself. I will access your file from here and use my "Compute Length" software to verify the 20 minutes. To prevent me from seeing the text, just push your F2 key, type in the file name, and then push enter. The text is now in a scan only mode and cannot be copied anywhere by anyone. Is that okay with you? You'll have to trust me on this one."

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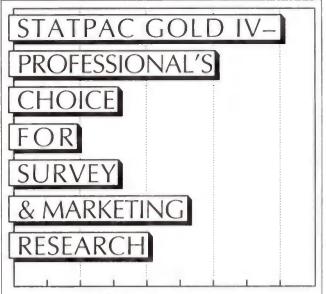
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# "Pizza in Our Time" and other lifestyle trends

"The Age of Autonomy," "The Global Village," and "Revenge of the Brands" are just a few of the 15 lifestyle and marketing trends that will shape the future, according to Roper Starch Worldwide, Mamaroneck, N.Y.

The trends indicate that Americans are finding new ways to solve old problems. For example, recent best-seller lists and church-attendance polls are evidence that, in their search for meaning, people are increasingly pursuing more individualistic paths to spiritual-

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And some seemingly contradictory trends seem to be developing at the same time. For example, there appears to be a renewed sense of self-reliance, a reversal of a trend toward dependence on government or business to solve problems. Yet at the same time, more communal efforts are taking hold to serve collective self-interests, as evidenced in neighborhood crime watches.

The trends are described in a special 10-year anniversary edition of *The Public Pulse*, the firm's monthly report on "what Americans are thinking, doing, and buying." The trends, described in "Understanding The Year Ahead: Fif-

teen Numbers You Need To Know," are based on the firm's extensive Roper Reports database, which includes inperson interviews with 2,000 people nationwide, ten times a year. The database originated in 1973.

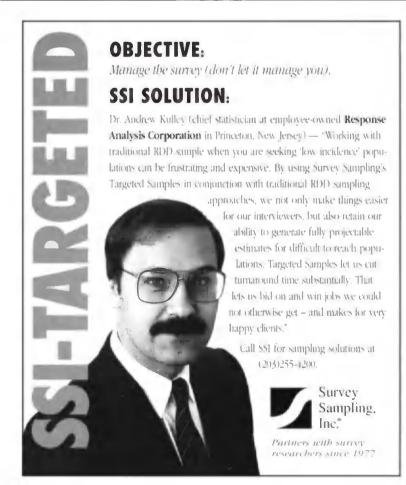
Brief descriptions of the 15 trends, excerpted from *The Public Pulse*, follow:

The Age of Autonomy: Who's solving the big problems? Fifty-three percent say individual Americans. New technologies, from fax machines to car phones to computer that boards are making it easier to be self-reliant. Parents are joining grass-roots movements to arrest the decline in education. Call it the self-serve society — as in "I'll do it myself," Or call it the YOYO effect — as in "You're on your own."

The Global Village: Eighteen percent of college-educated people in the hemisphere made an international call in past month. Technology is making a reality of Marshal McLuhan's vision of the global village, particularly among the young and the educated, the vanguard of the emerging global middle class. The concept of the global citizen, a term that has been reserved to globetrotting diplomats, corporate executives, novelists, and athletes, is moving down into the middle class.

PC Nation: Forty-three percent of middle-class Americans have used a personal computer in the past year. Personal computers aren't just for people on the fast track. As they've become more familiar with computers, Americans have begun to use them for a wider range of tasks.

Revenge of the Brands: Fewer (-13 points) think private-label groceries are tess expensive (compared to the number in 1989). With national brands closing store brands' price advantage, while store brands close the quality gap, the two sides' points of difference have





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Scientific Telephone Samples Griffin Towers 6 Hutton Centre Dr. #1245 Santa Ana, CA 92707 narrowed. Since national brands and store brands are being looked on increasingly as equal in value, both are going to be under pressure to maintain value while doing things — from innovating to brand-building advertising — that maintain consumers' interest. The battle, then, appears to be both over price and marketing.

Work vs. Home: Fifty percent of women want to stay home, but many who want to can't afford to do it. The percentage of women who say they would prefer to stay home to care for their families has been rising again after falling from the '70s through mid-'80s, but fewer women think they can do it: 44 percent of women who would like to stay home don't expect they will be able to do so in the near future, up 8 percentage points from 1991.

Creature Comforts: Sixty-eight percent say staying in luxury hotels is seen as status symbol by Americans. The ones (status symbols) Americans aspire to don't involve power or prestige so much as personal comfort. Roper Starch reports that the top four status symbols Americans would personally like to have or do are "having a vacation home," "staying in luxury hotels." "traveling abroad frequently for pleasure," and "eating at expensive restaurants." Relatively few would like to "live in an exclusive neighborhood," "know people who are prominent or famous," or "have a position of power in government."

Pizza In Our Time: Fifty-nine percent of Americans are bringing home take-out food to save time, cut stress. There is likely to be continued opportunity to increase the variety of take-out available to consumers in foods and channels of distribution.

Intimate Affair: Americans are paring back the number of friends they see. There seem to be fewer "party animals" than there were in the '80s. The decline appears to be another manifestation of how the stresses of the economy have changed lifestyles. The Baby Boom (now aged 31-49 years old) is well into its family years. With time at a premium, it's not as easy to keep up with lots of people. People may not be seeing as many friends as they were a few years ago, but friendship has not lost its value.

Generation ?: Only 3 percent of the

46 million Americans 18-29 say they are members of Generation X. The Public Pulse laments that many marketers and advertisers "backed off in confusion and frustration when the group defied easy stereotyping. And that's too bad for marketers. For while today's under-thirtysomethings may lack the easily-grasped generational identity associated with the Baby Boom, they are going to be an increasingly powerful force in the marketplace."

Good Carma: Fifty-two percent say U.S. cars are equal to or better than imports in overall cost of ownership. The shift is particularly important because cost has been rising in relative importance as a purchase consideration.

The New General Store: Discount stores rank among top three channels for 17 of 19 products. No, the problem isn't that people don't like to shop, ft's that they don't have as much time to shop, and don't feel like they have as much money as they used to. That combination has added up to a winning formula for discount stores, which have become America's "New General

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Dean R. Schultz, vice president of the Wirthlin Group, will head the company's new Salt Lake City office.

Information Resources Inc., Chicago, has appointed **Timothy Bowles** to the new position of president, IRI European Information Services. He will be based in the company's UK office,

Eric Hoekstra has been named to the new position of computer systems coordinator at *Barnes Research*. *Inc.*, Grand Rapids, Mich. In addition, Brian Hawley has joined the firm as night supervisor of the phone room.

Kate Baker has joined NFO Re-

search, Inc., Greenwich, Conn., as vice president, human resources.

Rebecca Gradolph, Renato



Gradolph

Linsangan

Linsangan and Jennifer Mitchell have joined the multi-cultural research team

of Hispanic & Asian Marketing Communication Research, Inc., Belmont, Calif.

The National Decorating Products Association (NDPA) has named David



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Weiss director of industry research. Don Boettcher has been named to the newly created position of NDPA's director of marketing research. Christopher C. Jester has joined the organization as market research analyst.



Boettcher

Jester

Robin Goodman has been promoted to national field manager at *Decision Analyst, Inc.*, Arlington, Texas. In addition, Felicia Rogers has been promoted to senior account executive.

Angie Abell has joined Davis Market Research Services, Inc., Calabasas, Calif., as director of the phone room and field department.

Michael Brereton has been promoted to senior vice president and director of continued on p. 45



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TZAR Worldwide Advertising, a full-service advertising company based in Moscow. Russia, has opened an office in New York to serve companies wishing to use its market research division to find out more about the Russian market. For more information contact Elmira Mukami, TZAR America. c/o Reminick, Aarons & Co., 685 Third Ave., 19th flr., New York, N.Y., 10017-4037. Phone 212-697-6900, ex. 208, fax 212-490-1412.

Jagorda Interviewing Services has opened interviewing facilities at Plaza Bonita shopping center in San Diego. For more information, call Jerry Jagorda at 619-573-0330.

AIM Research, El Paso, Texas, has expanded its data collection service to 28 telephone lines with 20 CRT stations for computer-assisted interviewing. AIM also has Ci3 capabilities. For more information, call Linda Adams at 915-591-4777.

J. Ross Associates, Inc., has moved to 201 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Ste. 108, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 34984, Phone 407-340-3992, fax 407-340-5883.

The Wirthlin Group has opened an office at 4766 Holladay Blvd., Salt Lake City, Utah, 84117. Phone 801-272-9399, fax 801-272-9499.

Claritas, Arlington. Va., has signed a corporate license agreement to provide lifestyle segmentation data for the newspaper division of The Gannett Co., Inc. The agreement will allow Gannett's 81 local daily newspapers to use Claritas'

PRIZM lifestyle data for targeted marketing in circulation and sales.

Simmons Market Research Bureau, Inc., has signed a multi-year contract with D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles, Inc., for its Study of American Readership and Study of Media and Markets.

Information Resources, Inc., Chicago, has concluded it previously announced strategic alliance with MEMRB International, a Cyprus-based research firm, including an option for IRI to acquire a minority interest in MEMRB. Details of the transaction were not disclosed. In other IRI news, results from the 1995 Survey of Scanner Data Users by Prevision Corp. (formerly conducted by Mercer Management Consulting) show that IRT's InfoScan product was rated #1 in client satisfaction for the seventh year in a row. InfoScan received an overall rating of 3.8 (5 = high satisfaction, 1 =low satisfaction) while Nielsen's Scantrack received a 3.5 score.

Equifax Inc. and CIEMEX-WEFA have reached an agreement which will bring site selection and trade area analysis tools to Mexico. The agreement expands a long-standing relationship between Equifax's National Decision Systems, of San Diego, and The WEFA Group, a economic forecasting firm.

MapInfo Corp., a Troy, N. Y., maker of desktop mapping software, has developed an exclusive mapping and routing application for Houston-based Browning Ferris Industries (BFI). BFI, a large commercial andresidential waste hauler, is using MapInfo to optimize truck usage and improve productivity.

Simulation Research, Inc., Marietta, Ga., has acquired all rights to Visionary Shopper, the virtual reality-based marketing research tool that simulates the shopping experience. Simulation Research was formed by Stephen Needel and Kirby Donnelly, the sentiormanagement team that brought Visionary Shopper to market in 1993.

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# Product & Service Update

# Windows program simplifies working with maps

OverPlay Data Company, Lexington, Ky., has launched a new Windows program called EasyStreet, to give advertising and marketing professionals easy access to maps and demographic information. With on-screen maps, EasyStreet users can outline a market area and generate a report of the area's demographics. The program also allows users to find households matching a demographic profile defined by the user. On-screen maps provide an interactive desktop to select a

site for a new store or the area around an existing one. Outlining an area on the map screen with the mouse defines the study area. The study area can be any radius around a business location or a polygon bounded by highways or natural features. After establishing the study area, the program retrieves and displays all the demographic data for the study area including: population, race, age, income, as well as other demographic variables. EasyStreet accesses 173 variables and more than 680MB of data from the 1990. census. The program provides 16 standard reports and charts, as well as maps of the study area, to capture the results of a market analysis. EasyStreet's demographic data is available for custom reports for Excel, Lotus 123, dBase. Paradox and Access users. Free demonstration disks are available by calling 800-683-5277.

# Windows version of data exploration software from BMDP

BMDP Statistical Software, Inc. is now shipping a Windows version of its data visualization and exploration program, BMDP/DIAMOND. The software helps users explore complex relationships in multivariate data. Originally developed for the OS/2 and UNIX platforms, BMDP/DIAMOND for Windows Release 1 has been redesigned to take advantage of Windows' functionality and ease of use.

By viewing and manipulating data through BMDP/DIAMOND's incisive graphs and plots, users can gain insight into relationships among variables in any dataset. The program provides many data representations, including a concise global view, various multi-dimensional plots (2-D, 3-D, 4-D, and higher) and sorted tables of univariate and bivariate statistics. For more information, call 800-238-2637 or fax 310-207-8844. E-mail: sales@bmdp.bmdp.com

# MRA conference slated for June 7-9

The Marketing Research Association will hold its 37th annual conference, "Transformation 2001: Fast Forward" from June 7-9 at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel. Santa Monica, Calif. The program focuses on the future direction of the marketing research indus-

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tions were developed for each division. This resulted in nine different surveys, each highly focused yet allowing for internal benchmarking across common questions. The survey also allowed the data to be segmented by management and non-management respondents. The SMPI was administered at the same time. To help clarify quantitative data and capture new issues, all the surveys were designed to include open-ended comments.

### Managing logistics

One of the biggest challenges of the project was managing the logistics of sampling and survey distribution. First of America Bank Corporation's complex structure combined diverse management styles on the corporate level and diverse market segmentation with branches that cut across urban, suburban and rural communities. It was essential to keep the samples random. while meeting the specific segmentation needs of each corporate division and branch affiliate. To effectively link results from all four surveys, it was necessary that employees answering the SMPI be drawn from the same branches from which customers were being sampled.

In previous research conducted by FOA, external bank survey results were not identified by branch, and there was no way to tell if the respondent was a frequent branch customer. In addition, prior internal customer surveys had addressed only two of the nine corporate divisions. The primary goal of the new survey methodology was to ensure that results were segmented for the branch office and all surveys reflect a common snapshot in time.

Based on the project management team's recommendation, the customer survey methodology used was a combination of mail and phone interviews. The retail customer satisfaction survey was mailed to 77,600 current retail customers. Bank presidents were given a choice of receiving the data randomly by location or specifically by region or community. Surveys for the retail customers were mailed with a one-dollar incentive. At 41 percent, the response rate was significantly higher than the industry average of 30 percent for a mail distribution.

The commercial customer satisfaction survey was implemented through phone interviews with 1,729 commercial customers across 20 affiliate banks.

Both the SMPI and the internal customer survey were administered in the third quarter of 1993. The employee samples were compiled, cutting across corporate hierarchy, functions, job descriptions, etc. Because the surveys were designed to focus on issues important to employees' ability to provide excellent service to customers, the survey recipients were eager to give feedback. The internal customer surveys were distributed through inter-company mail. The SMPI was administered by pulling evcry fifth personnel file and inviting the employee to receive face-to-face instruction and complete the survey in person. This resulted in response rates for both surveys ranging from 92 percent to 100 percent from the divisions, and ensured a cross section of employ-

A satisfaction gap analysis and a key driver analysis were used to identify key issues for employees, internal customers and branch customers, providing satisfaction ratings in graphic form. This helped First of America focus on the most salient issues, summarizing the information for a clear understanding of where to allocate resources for lastest improvements.

The SMPI and the customer surveys were designed to facilitate the use of path analysis, a statistical technique for integrating results across different types of surveys. The results were then compared by location and by branch to correlate customer satisfaction with employee feedback on various management practices.

During project development, the project management team had determined how the reports should look and what they should show. This enabled the data to be compiled quickly once the fielding was completed.

### Training sessions

A "train the trainer" approach was used to expedite dissemination and understanding of the reports. Training sessions were held for CEOs, quality service coordinators and one team leader from each division and bank. This method ensured that the process was tied directly to senior management. During these sessions, Questar trained attendees to understand and interpret the



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A unique approach to communicating results to all employees was developed for the southeast Michigan FOA affiliate, the largest bank in the system. A 13-minute video on the results was created to help spread the information quickly throughout the southeast affiliate's 147 branches and 2,500 employees. Using quarterly mini-surveys with Questar's support, the bank has been able to measure and maintain significant improvements.





### Outperforming competitors

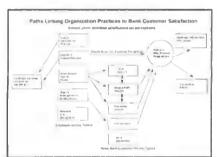
Using the integrated results from the surveys. First of America Bank Corporation is planning a process for ongoing measurement of customer satisfaction and service quality. The process will allow FOA to evaluate the impact of its improvement efforts, and also to more quickly identify new areas for improvement.

While the customer survey and the

SMPI showed that there were specific areas in which the corporate divisions and the affiliate banks had to improve, the results were also encouraging. On the branch level, FOA was shown to outperform competitors in several areas of service important to customers.

By integrating the internal and external results. Questar was able to show that where branch employees were satisfied with management's commitment to service quality, customer satisfaction and loyalty was also high. Seeing these results in an objective form allowed FOA management and employees to acknowledge that employee commitment depends on how well they are supported by the corporate level. This in turn affects customer satisfaction.

The results provided a company-wide base for measuring improvement. Since the process involved the end-users of the data from the outset, the results couldn't be dismissed or discounted, as earlier survey attempts had been. First of America Bank Corporation now uses this information as a rallying point for the entire company.



A path analysis is the statistical key to linking internal and external surveys, showing the relationship between employee satisfaction and customer satisfaction on multiple topics.

#### Quality, an ongoing process

To monitor FOA's progress, the project management team has recommended that Questar perform the SMPI internal survey every year, with each division performing a checkup survey twice a year. Every other year, the retail and commercial bank customer surveys would be implemented.

Currently, the project management team has regrouped to determine ways to improve the process. Like the quest for quality service, research is an ongoing process. First of America Bank Corporation recognizes this and it is committed to service quality research, now and in the future.

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market (full coverage), a sample that is limited to telephone households which are located in areas which are heavily populated by Hispanics (high-density), and a sample that is limited to listed telephone households who are headed by individuals with Hispanic surnames (listed surname).

For all Hispanic studies, the sample source has a substantial impact on the ESI. In fact, its impact is often greater than all of the other screening requirements combined. For example, results from a recent study in Los Angeles showed that the Hispanic incidence ranged from 24 percent using a full-coverage sample, to 45 percent using a high-density sample, and up to 74 percent for a listed surname sample. This means that if a client claims the ESI is 60 percent and has not considered the

sample source that the actual ESI will be much lower. It could range from 44 percent (60 percent x 74 percent) down to 14 percent (60 percent x 24 percent) for the most representative sample.

# Treatment of English-only speaking individuals

No matter what sample source is used, the specific area that causes the most incidence discrepancies in Spanish-language studies is how potential respondents who speak only English are classified. The two options are:

- Treat the respondent as a "language barrier" and consequently an individual who was not screened; or
- 2) Treat the respondent as a person who has been screened, and terminated, because she or he did not meet the study's requirement of being Spanish-speaking.

Since the definition of ESI depends

on whether a respondent has been screened or not, the final ESI will be different depending on which of the above options are used. For example, assume dialings from a Spanish-language research study revealed the following:

Not eligible

Speak English only: 50
Not Hispanic: 5
Don't purchase orange juice: 15
Eligible
Qualified refusals: 5
Completes: 40

Using option 1 identified above, the ESI would be calculated as

$$ESI = \frac{5+40}{5+15+5+40} = 69\%$$

Using option 2, however, the ESI would be calculated as

$$ESI = \frac{5+40}{50+5+15+5+40} = 39\%$$

Both of the above options can be, and are, used when determining costs for field studies. In the former case, the field supplier simply estimates a lower contact rate since the English-only speaking individuals are treated as non-contacts.

Additionally, neither of the options should be seen as incorrect. Option I does a better job of literally following the incidence definitions outlined by CASRO and MRA, while option 2 provides a more accurate estimate of the intended purpose of the ESI, that is, it better illustrates to clients how easy or difficult it is to reach a qualified respondent.

The distinction between most general market studies and Spanish-only studies is that with the former, a potential respondent who does not speak English is usually not included in the study because the interviewer can't determine whether he or she would qualify for study participation, whereas in the Spanish-only studies, a potential respondent who does not speak Spanish is not included in the study because he or she does not qualify for study participation.

When conducting Hispanic studies, particularly those that are conducted only in Spanish, the client and supplier would be well-advised to be fully aware of both the sample source being used and how non-Spanish-speaking individuals will be classified before the price for the fieldwork is finalized. This will reduce any possible disagreements on whether the price should be modified should the final ESI be higher or lower than anticipated.



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# War stories:

# True life tales in marketing research

By Art Shulman

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arket researchers are important people. We are smart, and we do work that influences the national economy. Sometimes, though, we need to be brought down to earth.

Moderator Michele Zwillinger reealls her first day on the job as director of research for a major advertising agency. One reason she was hired was for her skill in implementing research to generate new business. Upon reporting to work that first day she was informed that focus groups were scheduled for that night and was asked if she would "just show up and be charming."

When Zwillinger showed up at the sessions, she met the owner of the client company, which operated an entertainment attraction. During the groups, the teenage respondents completely slammed and trashed the client's company, so enraging the owner that he broke into the session, told the boys that they didn't know what they were talking about, and then played them a radio commercial he had prepared, which they trashed and laughed at even more.

The client was so upset that he fired the agency. Can you imagine how Zwillinger felt coming to the office the next day?

In another instance of a researcher being brought down to earth, Alan Fine, now a senior executive, but then working at Audits & Surveys, clearly remembers one of his first projects as a marketing researcher, where he was called upon to fly to a distant city and audit supermarket's shelves for laundry detergent. Fine felt initiated to the research profession when an open box of Tide fell from a high shelf, bopping him on the head and speckling his new suit with flecks of detergent.

At least he wasn't under a pigeon,

An unnamed focus group moderator, often on the road, made a practice of shipping home his used underwear while we was on long trips. One evening he instructed the hostess at the focus facility he was visiting to FedEx a package holding his underwear to his home, and ship the audio tapes to his client.

When the moderator returned home a couple of days later he opened the FedEx package and, to his horror, saw audio tapes. Realizing what his client had received, and more concerned that his client would know whether he wore jockey shorts or boxers than with the client not having audio tapes, the moderator immediately called the client's secretary, who said that the package hadn't yet been opened. He then instructed her not to open it, and to FedEx it to his office, next-day priority.

Janice Sunday, of the advertising firm Stranger & Associates, made a multi-media presentation to the Los Angeles chapter of the American Marketing Association. She exhibited her agency's creative for a new luxury hotel in Las Vegas, and provided figures showing that hotel traffic exceeded all expectations after the advertising ran. She com-

pleted her presentation by telling the audience that that morning her agency had been fired by the hotel.

Cathy Casteneda, now director of research at Talbot's, cites a focus group she observed with about a dozen senior executives of the financial services company she worked for at the time. One of the executives, attending his first focus group discussion, turned on the light in the viewing room, leaving the executives clearly visible to the group of women on the other side of the mirror. Some of the executives dove to the floor. Others sheepishly smiled.

Speaking of clients, Paul

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Scipione, currently a professor at Montclair State University, but then working for a research company, reports observing a focus group with a lecherous client, a Fortune 500 senior executive, in a research facility with a remote-control TV camera and observation room down the hall.

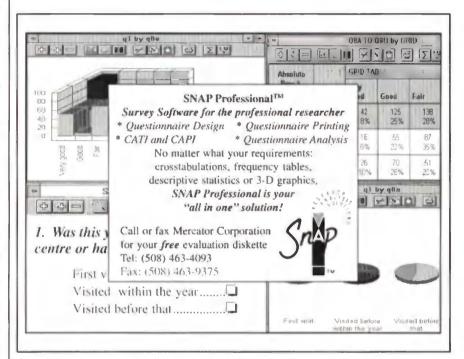
Actually, Scipione was trying to observe the session, but was unable

to do so because his client insisted that the camera be trained on the cleavage of the ex-Playboy bunny who happened to be a participant in the group. The camera never budged from the front of the ex-bunny's blouse, no matter how significant the comments of others in the group.

Scipione reports that as the ladies left the session his client was there at the door to personally hand the woman her cash envelope — and

insistently ask for her phone number as well, which she gave him!

In future installments of this column, we'll report on more quirky, loopy and strange happenings in the world of market research. Whether you're a research provider or a client, if you'd like your story to be told please call me (818-782-4252) or, better yet, write it up and fax it to me (818-782-3014).



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### Predictive dialing

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respondent's "hello."

Telemarketers were the first to dive into the predictive dialing world. Telemarketing's growth can be largely attributed to predictive dialing, which cut costs and doubled production in most telemarketing centers. As a result, the telemarketing industry has grown explosively. Fat profits generated by rapid telephone sales have attracted streams of marketing dollars previously spent elsewhere.

But what about market research? How can predictive dialing specifically benefit our industry? Following are results from a recent dialing comparison conducted in my phone center:

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47%	45%
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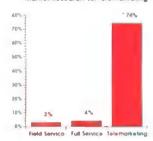
This comparison of predictive and manual dialing methods clearly favors predictive dialing. As an operating manager in a phone center, I certainly favor it! We spent 39 percent fewer dialing hours to complete the project, and found a 40 percent productivity gain using the predictive dialer on this split sample study, How can predictive benefit the interviewer and the supervisor who work directly with the dialer? The dialer saves interviewers from the monotonous task of dialing and encountering mostly busy, disconnected, and unanswered calls, relieving them from burnout. Predictive dialers can be quick and effective in their sample management, freeing the supervisor from traditional project work to attend to the needs of the interviewing staff, Chris Hall, president of Advanced Phone Resources, has found similar results. "Our new predictive dialer has made a real difference. We saw instant results in our phone center — fewer hassles, increased production and a happier staff. Our interviewer turnover has started to decrease and our time is spent in more productive activities."

#### Can researchers benefit?

If predictive dialing has benefited

telemarketers, why can't it do the same for the market research industry? Telephone research and telemarketing are birds of a different feather but are similar in many operational aspects. Since predictive technology is superior to manual dialing methods, then one would expect to find a predictive dialer in most research phone centers. However, a 1994 Western Wats inquiry of the research industry shows only 3 percent of field service and 4 percent of full-service companies have invested in predictive dialers, compared to 74 percent of telemarketing firms (Figure 2).

### Predictive Dialing Markel Research vs. Telemarketing



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Figure 2: Percentage of the market research and telemarketing industries that have introduced predictive dialing into their operations

The obvious question is "Why?" A close look reveals several factors. First, many research operators are simply unaware of predictive dialing technology, and if they are aware, they don't understand how it operates and how it could benefit them. Further, many people who are aware of predictive technology aren't computer literate, and thus fear it. But the principal deterrent still seems to be its cost, which is perceived to be prohibitive. Most predictive dialing manufacturers have steadily raised prices for their product as a result of demand from telemarketers. And because they are now even more feature enhanced, these PBXstyle dialing systems now cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per station, an investment requiring \$100,000 or more for the average market research phone center. Higher demand and more features has led to costly maintenance contracts, updates, and necessary maintenance by in-house programmers. All of this, of course, instantly equates to huge expenses.

How has telemarketing been able to effectively adopt the predictive dialer if cost is such a deterring factor? Unlike the market research industry, telemarketing is a young industry with expanding markets. Telemarketing firms are ubiquitous now, most of them operating at high profit levels. The investment in a traditionally expensive predictive dialing set-up is more feasible for telemarketers than it is for a market research firm or data collection center, whose industry has matured and is much more cost driven.

### Jumping the hurdles

The overwhelming value of predictive dialing technology would seem indispensable to the future of telephone data collec-

tion. But several distinct factors, especially cost, are deterring its widespread use. How, then, can the industry jump these hurdles to take advantage of predictive dialing technology? Working in the new realm of computer telephone integration, some industry developers are providing a way. Advances in PC technology, combined with new "open architecture" dialing card systems, have allowed these developers to create PC-based predictive dialers.

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AUS Consultants • ICR Survey Research Group • 605 West State St. • Media, PA 19063 ICR Philadelphia (610) 565-9280 • ICR Chicago (708) 706-3783 that is PC networked (such as those using PC CATI systems in their data collection) adds an open architecture dialer to the existing PC network. This is done by loading a dialing interface on the network server and installing the dialing engine as a conventional node on the network. This means that most networked CATI systems need no other enhancements, and no major overhaul of interviewing software is necessary. But what about cost? In this PC environment each interview station can be equipped with predictive dialing for as little as \$2,000, a drop of up to 80 percent of the cost for a traditional dialer.

For several years, we at Western Wats looked to incorporate predictive dialing company-wide. We had already invested in CATI technology to assist in the data collection process, but our dialing remained primarity manual due to the high costs of acquiring additional predictive dialing stations and the seasonal nature of our political research work. Last year, my life as a phone room manager changed for the better! Western Wats developed and installed a custom research predictive dialing system on my CATI network. The results are impressive. We have installed predictive systems in each of our

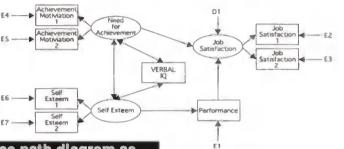
four phone centers, and have taken on work that previously would have made me shudder! For instance, in a national election project last fall, we made 85,000 screening calls from a 110,000 sample base in just three days — with a production rate of over 50 screenings per hour!

Despite how wonderful the PC-based dialer now appears to my staff, most of them were anxious when considering possible difficulties before we installed this new technology. One obstacle we anticipated was the possibility of requiring extensive training for managers, supervisors, and interviewers to operate the dialing equipment. But that worry soon vanished. Because the supervisors and interviewers were already familiar with the existing CATI, they needed only minimal training on the dialer. My staff was up to speed in just a few weeks. The dialing system has been a big time-saver in other areas. As a phone center manager, I used to spend the wee hours of many nights sorting sample, completing master dialing tallies, and manually entering dialing disposition results. Our PCbased dialer now does all of that, as well as create on-line reports of interviewer statistics, quotas and project production figures.

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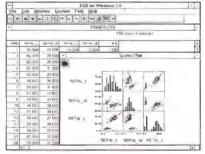


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#### Change to survive

Current industry trends suggest that market research may be forced to make sweeping operational modifications to ensure its survival. The data collection phone center particularly faces many growing challenges. Labor pools are shrinking, labor costs are rising, refusal rates and answering machine use are up, and the demand for low-incidence studies is climbing. The predictive dialer can obviously aid the industry in overcoming these challenges.

And though its acceptance as a practical research tool has been inhibited by different factors, specifically cost, its advantages make it an overwhelming favorite to maintain the industry's prosperity. With predictive dialing, labor costs dive as productivity increases. Call center workloads can be increased with same staffing levels, and studies turned around more rapidly in the field. And with innovative PC-based dialers, a much lower price tag cuts the investment "payback" time in half compared to traditional predictive systems - not to mention that it makes a phone center manager's job much easier, and allows the phone center staff to get to bed before midnight!

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# New book on Hispanic market

Marketing consultant M. Isabel Valdes, president of Hispanic Market Connections, a Los Altos, Calif., research firm, has teamed up with demographer and sociologist Dr. Marta H. Seoane to write Hispanic Market Handbook (480 pp., \$69.95, published by Gale Research). The book covers all areas relevant to understanding the Hispanic market, including demographics, culture, trends, subgroups, income and spending, managing acculturation and diversity, the role of language, Hispanic media strategies, women and youth markets, and segmentation. It also features case studies and a listing of sources for further information. For more information, call 800-877-4253.

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Angel On My Shoulder: Fifty-eight percent of Americans in \$50K-plus households say angels are "in." Unable or uninterested in pursuing traditional paths, Americans are taking a road they see as appropriate for their own concerns, Angels, in their roles as guardians, protectors, and keepers of faith, are a fitting symbol. for this typically pragmatic American search for meaning.

Future Grok: Sixty-nine percent of undergrads worry about the future; they'll make society think about it, too. During the next decade, the U.S. teen population will grow at about twice the rate of the total population. The result is likely to make the Eisenhower generation and the Baby Boomers acutely interested in what kind of legacy they are leaving their children, Already, this has begun to influence public debate.

Connections: The rise of the neighborhood watch (21 percent have joined) shows groups are still key, Americans may believe they should be more self-reliant, and technology may be enabling them to be more independent. But they still prize connections with family, friends, colleagues, and their communities.

#### PC games won't kill Nintendo

Home PCs will not eradicate the video game console business, concludes a recent report from Cambridge, Mass,-based Forrester Research's People & Technology Strategies. The report, "Video Game Futures," presents findings from interviews with 50 game developers and publishers. The interviewees told Forrester that their current interest in the PC platform largely results from the awkward transition video game manufacturers are making from 16bit systems like Sega Genesis and Super Nintendo to more advanced systems. Their more extended view is of both game platforms as complementary platforms that each reach different audiences,

"Despite the popularity of games like Doom and Myst, the home PC will not vaporize the video game business," says William Bluestein, research director of People & Technology Strategies and author of the report, "At 30 percent of U.S. households, 16-bit video game penetration exceeds that of home PCs. These prod-



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ucts enjoy an absolute lock on a core consumer market — boys. Unlike PC games, video consoles offer a compelling social experience as players congregate, compete, and converse during gameplay."

A key reason why PCs will not kill video games is that the personal computer is not capable of generating hit titles a la Super Mario Brothers or Sonic the Hedgehog. Super Mario, Mortal Kombat, NBA Jam, and Donkey Kong together have generated well over \$1 billion in retail sales.

"The two markets need to be kept in perspective," adds Bluestein. "Myst, the PC game hit, rang up roughly \$40 million compared to \$400 million for Sonic the Hedgehog. This level of sales makes Sonic an icon of mass culture, Myst, a cult."

The rise of the home PC will create a new game market that will coexist alongside the traditional console business. Says Bluestein, "The important thing about the PC is that it can reach beyond the testosterone-crazed hard core of the video game market. It will support a diverse array of kids' games, adult titles, and offerings for women." The report predicts that due to this more fragmented market, the PC game market will exhibit different dynamics than will the console market. This will include smaller, more frequent hits, a smoother business cycle, and more segmented marketing.

The report, "Video Game Futures," is part of People & Technology Strategies, a Forrester research service that focuses on technology's impact on consumers. For more information, contact Katie Kelley, Forrester Research, One Brattle Square, Cambridge, MA 02138, 617-497-7090.

# Baby Boomers turn to gardening

The baby boomer generation has turned in its picket signs, sit-ins, and tie-dyes for a hoe, lawn mower, and a bag of mulch, according to the new *Organic Gardening* magazine survey "Gardening in America '95." Because the Woodstock generation is becoming the "root stock" generation, gardening is now the most popular American outdoor leisure time activ-

ity, practiced by 78 million adults, an increase of 30 percent since the 1992 "Gardening in America" findings. Baby Boomers, age 35-54, make up the largest segment of the 78 million gardeners with 58 percent falling in that age group.

Responding to the increased interest in gardening, Organic Gardening magazine has taken another, more indepth look at the growing interest in gardening with "Gardening in America '95." The '95 study, expanded since the release of the '92

study, includes psychographics and demographics as well as purchasing history and future purchasing intentions.

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The qualifications of the people in a focus group are crucial to the entire process. If the right participants are not involved, then it will be difficult to place any credence in the information they generate. With the traditional focus group, one has complete control over who is in the group, whereas on the Internet, a respondent could use an alias and false credentials and never be discovered.

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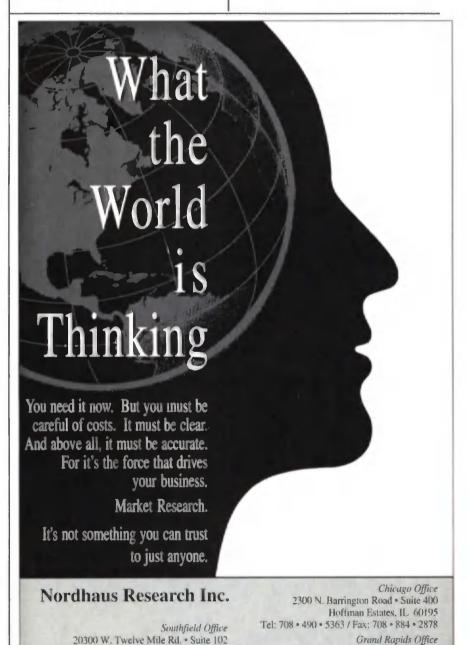
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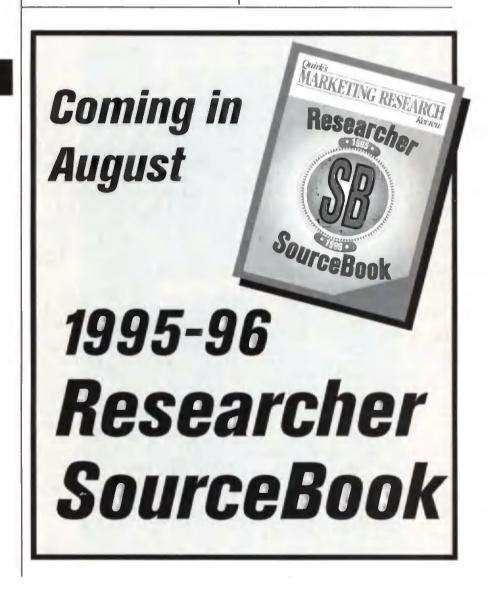
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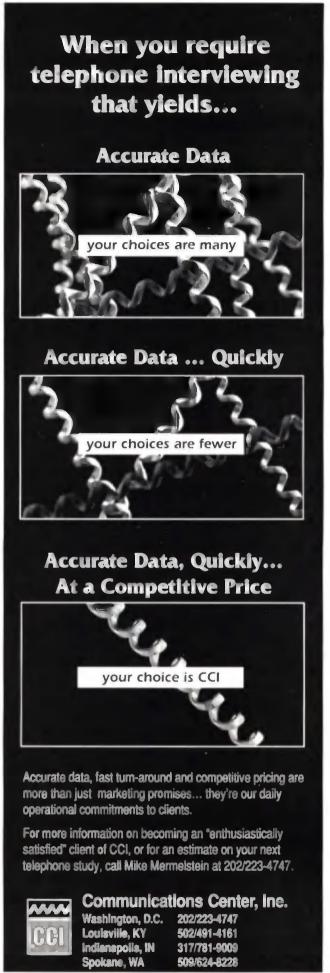
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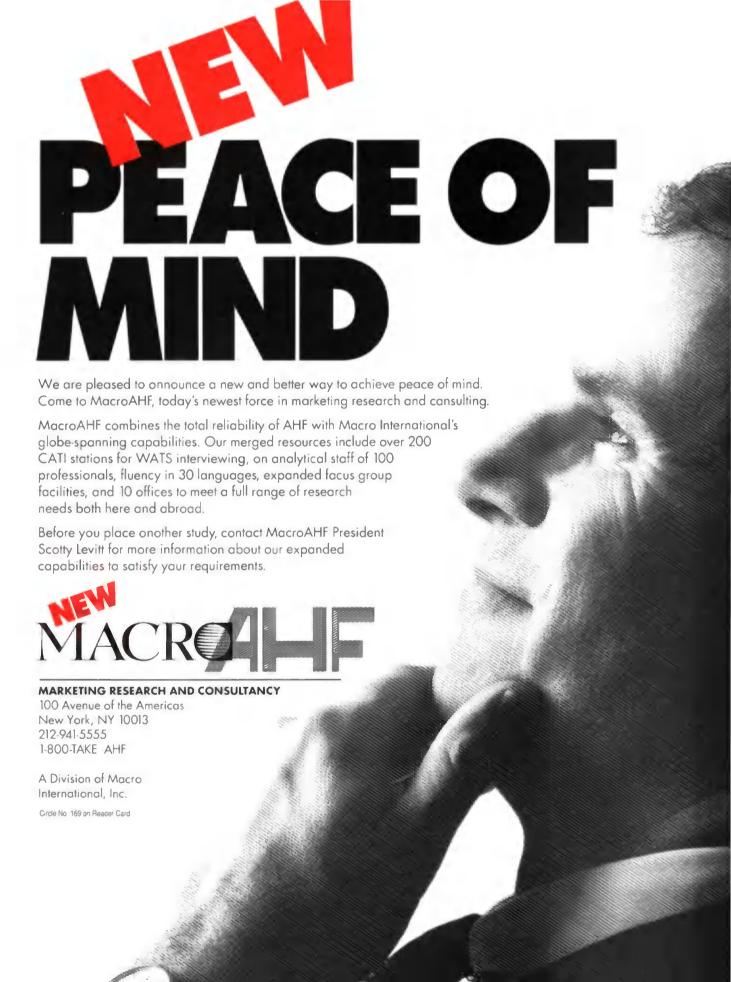
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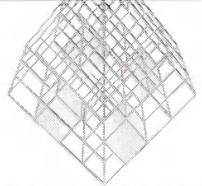
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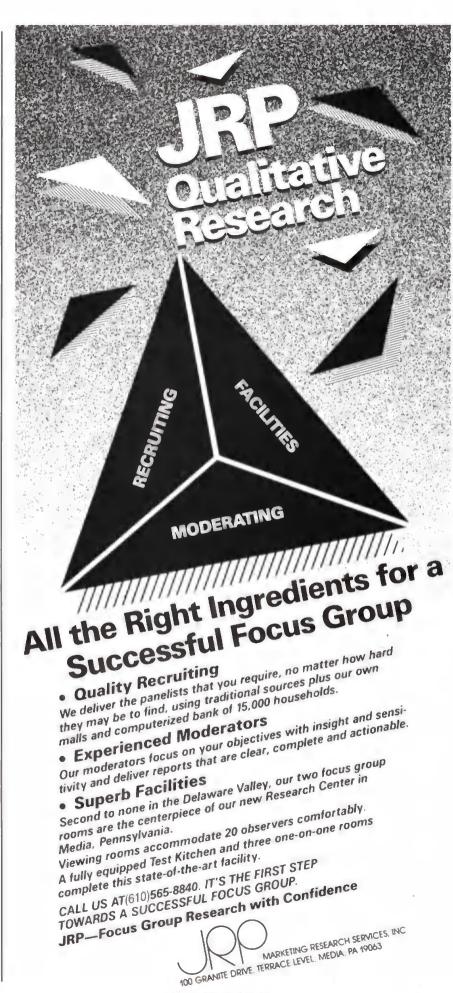
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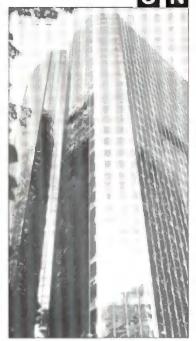
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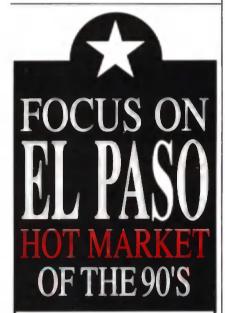
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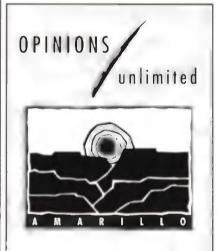
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down gardeners into smaller psychographic segments: Dabblers, Decorators, Cultivators, and Masters. Each of the four segments differs as to their motivations for gardening, gardening interests and liabits, shopping behavior, level of expertise, and their sources for obtaining new gardening information. Factors such as level of commitment, activities, gender, age, and regionality are also broken down statistically to better explore the reasons why gardeners engage in the growing hobby.

The study also shows that during the last 12 months, only one in five gardeners didn't use any organic gardening techniques. (Organic methods include mulching, composting, using beneficial insects, etc.) Thirty-seven percent of the 78 million gardeners used primarily organic methods with 43 percent of advanced gardeners using organic methods. The main reason why gardeners don't use

organic methods, according to the survey, is that they don't know how to use them. Thirty-five percent of non-users say they don't know how to use organic products, and another 33 percent say they are simply not familiar with the benefits of organic methods. Among present non-users, 17 percent say they plan on using them or minimizing their chemical usage within the next year.

New findings indicate that each year gardeners spend nearly \$13 billion on lawn and garden products, including plants, soil amendments, and pesticides. The study explores buying habits such as: most purchased gardening products, where they're purchased, how much is bought, the loyalty of garden shoppers, and their shopping habits with regard to credit and impulse buying.

"Gardening is the most popular leisure activity in the United States and the passion to garden is growing as the baby boom generation approaches middle age," says *Organic Garden*ing Publisher Barbara Newton, "More and more Americans are also concerned with staying healthy, and the movement to garden, and garden organically, shows no sign of flagging."

With more people digging into gardening, the outlook for sales of lawn and garden supplies is rosy — a fact not lost on the large retail frome centers like Wal-Mart, Target, Kmart, and Home Depot. These retail chains are courting gardeners with new and expanded garden centers within their stores.

"Gardening in America '95" will be distributed in three formats: a descriptive objective summary, a tabulation report consisting of several hundred pages of annotated tables, and as a database for IBM-compatible desktop computers. The executive summary may be purchased separately for \$750. The complete study in hard copy will be available for \$10,000. It will be available on disk with a software package for an additional \$600. For more information, call Barbara Newton at 610-967-8227.

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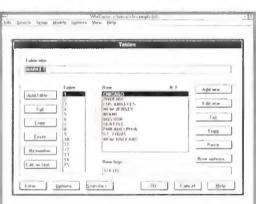
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"Well, yes, but I don't know if it is fully perfected yet. The last test we did went without a hitch but I hope I don't fry myself with this technology. Remember what happened to Bill! I'm sure it will be okay, though, we've made many new improvements since Bill's original test. Let's forget that for a moment because I need to tell you something really important while I'm getting ready for work. Last night I had this really vivid dream. . . .

Dream? Reality? A little of both?

Many of us in the research industry know that technology will affect our professional and personal lives dramatically in the next few years. This article contains information about many software applications that are being used in research and in other business fields. Some of the applications presented here are available only through the author's imagination. But we can never forget that the beauty of technology lies in the fact that it has an infinite life. It can only stop affecting us when there is no more world to be affected. To not embrace or learn about how we can apply technology to our business is shortsighted. Learning to apply it creatively is farsighted.

We need only check our eyesight.

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Here are a few:

- Higher fertility rates mean that by the beginning of the next century, over one-third of the U.S. Hispanic population will be under 20 years old, which translates to tremendous potential for companies that make products and services aimed at families, young parents, mothers and children.
- Years of unstable currencies, high inflation and political unrest in their native countries have made many Hispanies wary of banks and other major institutions, an attitude they carry with them when they come to this country.
- Since Hispanies are typically quite family-oriented and many have relatives in foreign countries, they are big users of long-distance service, more than non-Hispanic whites and African-Americans.

### Start from scratch

How can marketers avoid making huge mistakes in efforts to reach the Hispanic market?

"The only safe way is to get close to the Hispanic consumer," Valdés and Seoane advise. "Start from scratch — gather as much background information as possible on the sociocultural aspects of the group you are targeting. Some Hispanics have lived in the United States for many generations, others for a few years, and others are recent arrivals. Learn about their origins. Learn about the culture of each segment of the Hispanic market. Learn about people's motivations for coming to the United States. Become knowledgeable about your audience's political, religious, and social background."

Sounds like an excellent job for marketing research.

Hispanic Market Handbook (\$69.95, hardcover, 480 pages) by M. Isabel Valdés and Marta Seoane, is published by Gale Research Inc., Detroit. For information call 800-877-4253.

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# Trade Talk

by Joseph Rydbolm OMRR editor

# They wrote the book on the Hispanic market

hile many firms are rushing into overseas markets to take advantage of the opportunities they hold, some are realizing that there's a market with huge potential right in their own backyard. Growing by more than 15 million between 1960 and 1990, the U.S. Hispanic market is projected to grow to over 30 million by the year 2000.

But for as many opportunities as the U.S. Hispanic market presents, it's also full of potential pitfalls. It can't be approached as a single, homogenous entity that differs from the U.S. consumer market only in its native language. The Hispanics who have come to the U.S. represent many countries and cultures, each with its own nuances. If you want to reach them, you can't just translate your marketing efforts into Spanish.

Helping marketers avoid these pitfalls is the aim of a new book, *Hispanic Market Handbook*, by M. Isabel Valdés, president of Hispanic Market Connections, a Los Altos, Calif., research firm, and Marta H. Seoane, a demographer and sociologist. For companies considering going after this market, this book is a good way to start the learning process.

Valdés and Seoane address just about every aspect of reaching the Hispanic market. They explain why Hispanics have come to the U.S., where they live, their habits as consumers, the importance of understanding culture and language, Hispanic media usage and how it's measured, and general strategies and guidelines for reaching Hispanic consumers. The book features several case studies of successful efforts to market everything from banking services to avocados. It also offers a directory of Hispanic market consultants, electronic resources, magazines, organizations and media firms.

At 488 pages, the book isn't a quick read. (With a market as large and diverse as this one, each segment almost merits its own book.) But the authors avoid information overload by keeping the chapters and their subsections fairly brief. And instead of incorporating the text and accompanying charts and graphs, they separate them.

The data comes from many sources and runs the spectrum from standard population data to interesting tables such as "Broad Cultural Differences between Hispanics and the American Middle Class."

### Unique aspects

Marketing to Hispanics is really like trying to reach any other segment in the market. You have to know their spending and lifestyle habits and how to communicate with them. But as the book makes clear, like any consumer segment, the Hispanic market has many unique aspects that marketers must consider.

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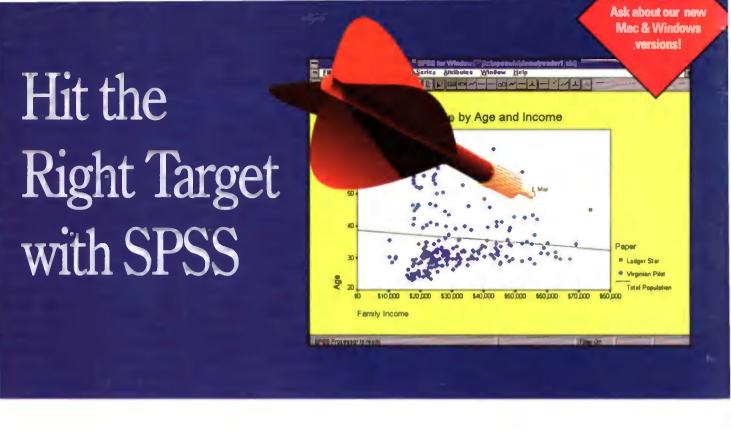
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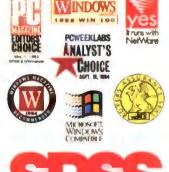
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