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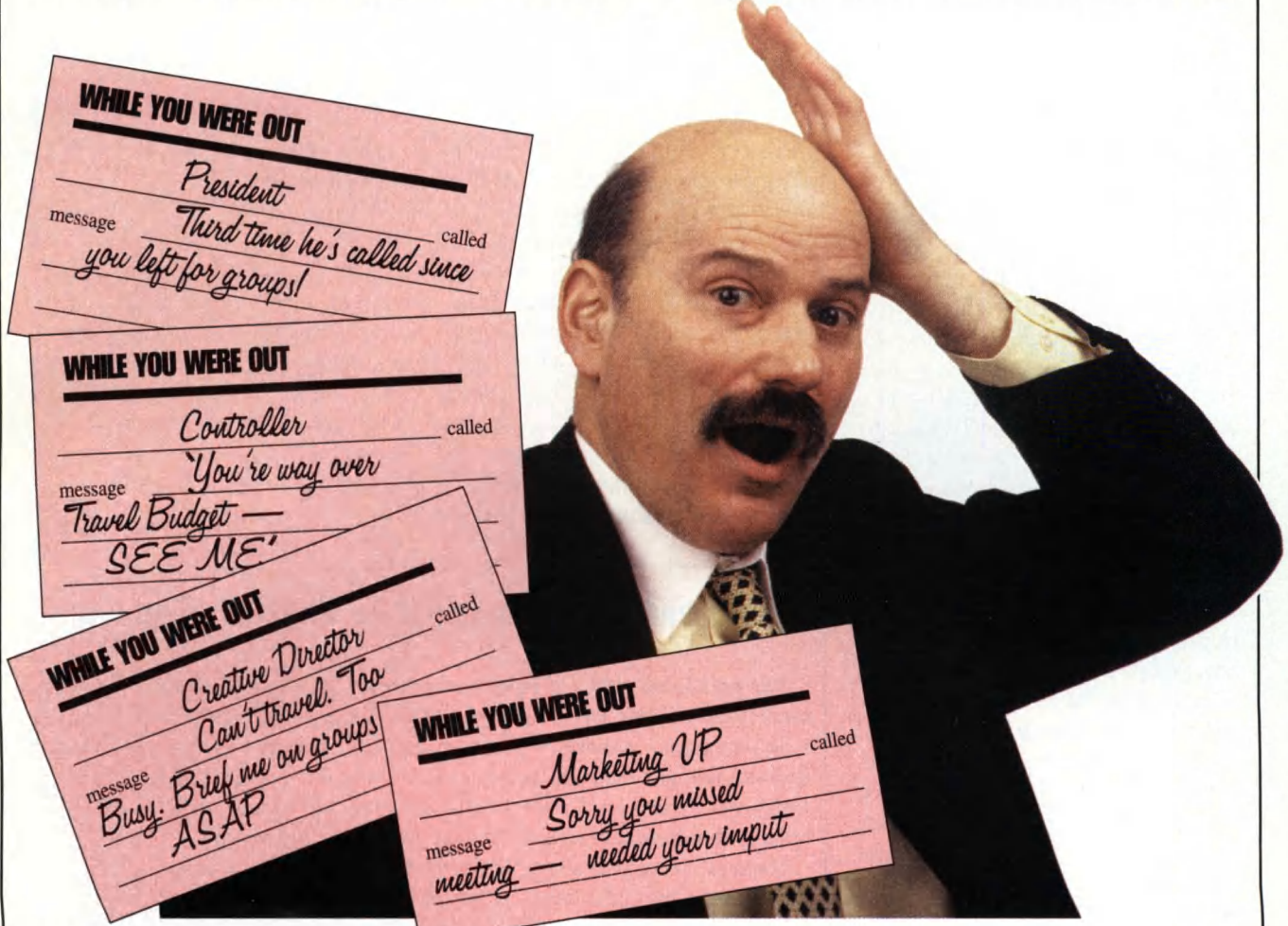
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To coupon or not coupon?

Despite efforts to create a one-size-fits-all couponing model, couponing trends continue to reflect diverse marketing objectives within individual companies, categories and brands, as illustrated by two new studies by Wallace Marx & Associates. "Saying 'coupons are going down' is to



agree that if it is true in one area, it is true in all. But this assumption does not accurately portray what is happening with coupons," says Wally Marx, principal, Wallace Marx & Associates, and spokesperson for the Promotion Marketing Association of America Coupon Council. "The goal of these annual studies is to more clearly define coupon use and to set straight the many negative assertions about coupons as a marketing tool."

According to Marx's "1996 Top 100 Couponers" study, Campbell Soup increased the number of coupons distributed in 1996 across all its independent operating businesses. For other consumer packaged goods companies, increases were noted in various food categories. And, while Procter & Gamble decreased couponing in its Laundry & Cleaning and Paper divisions, increases occurred in the Beauty Care, Health Care and Food & Beverage divisions.

The Top 10 couponers for 1996 were:

1. Phillip Morris
2. Procter & Gamble
3. General Mills
4. Unilever
5. Grand Metropolitan
6. Kellogg
7. Nestle USA
8. Ralston Purina
9. Campbell Soup
10. ConAgra

This list features the consumer marketing companies that distributed the largest number of coupons via free-standing inserts (FSIs), magazines, direct mail and in-store coupon machines throughout 1996. All consumer packaged goods categories were included, such as food, health and beauty aids, and household products. This annual survey tracks the number of coupons distributed into the marketplace, the total value of all coupons distributed by company and the number of coupon

"events" that a company had throughout a given year.

To achieve these numbers, Marx audited all versions of FSI books weekly. The study also included all Actmedia ICM grocery and drug chains, all 164 Carol Wright geographic marketing areas, Publishers Clearinghouse and 100 magazine titles. According to CMS, the North Carolina-based coupon clearinghouse, these vehicles account for over 93 percent of all coupons dropped.

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Today's pediatrician may not be who you think he is

The traditional image of the pediatrician as a middle-aged family man with a satisfying, full-time job in a group practice misses the diversity of modern pediatric physicians, according to a new pediatric specialty survey, "A Profile of Pediatricians and their Practices," conducted by the journal *Contemporary Pediatrics*. The findings reflect the responses of a nationally representative sample of more than 500 pediatricians.

Today, 42 percent of all pediatricians and 58 percent of practicing pediatricians under the age of 45 are women, according to the survey. In 1995, 63 percent of pediatric interns were female. The American Board of Pediatrics forecasts that, if current trends continue, women in active pediatric practice will outnumber men by the year 2004.

"This type of change in the profession is more than just of academic interest," says Thomas Pizor, publisher, *Contemporary Pediatrics*. "Marketers trying to reach the pediatrician through advertising, detailing, direct mail, and or any other form of communication need to have a clear view of the audience for their messages. Marketing strategies and tactics are most effective when they are built on an understanding of the audience and how it will react to the product."

Although it is difficult to predict the impact of this majority shift on the practice of pediatrics, there are differences between male and female pediatricians' personal lives and professional experiences that are worth noting. At any age, the female pediatrician is more likely to be single and childless than her male colleague. Among those under 45, only 6 percent of male pediatricians are single compared to 16 percent of female pediatricians. Only one out of 10 male pediatricians under 45 is childless compared to more than one out of four females under 45. Among pediatricians over 45, 12 percent of female pediatricians are childless versus only 3 percent of the male pediatricians.

In addition to personal characteristics, the survey addresses training, information sources, prescription practices, and practice characteristics, including managed care and patient relationships. For a copy of the study, call Amy Clarke at 201-358-2224.






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supports CfMC's Survent CATI software. Close integration with CfMC's sample manager enables sample requests and dispositions (i.e., busies, no answers, non-working numbers) to be automatically transferred to the Survent sample manager, while delivering contacts directly to interviewers. Features of the outbound telephone research module include capabilities for interviewer/shift management, production management and project management. For more information call 215-653-7100.

Socratic intros new questionnaire design software

Socratic Software, Inc., San Francisco, is offering VISUAL Q, a Win-

dows-compliant market research questionnaire designer which allows running of graphical surveys for CATI, CAPI and disk-by-mail interactive formats, as well as E-mail, fax and paper-and-pencil methods. The product's pre-loaded library of research questions and context-sensitive on-line help function are designed to assist the inexperienced researcher in designing a professional questionnaire. A freely distributable Player Module allows VISUAL Q surveys to run on a respondent's or field service's PC. The product also provides automatic data entry and tracking statistics. Basic descriptive statistics, crosstabulations and data export features are integral to the core product. A downloadable demonstration of

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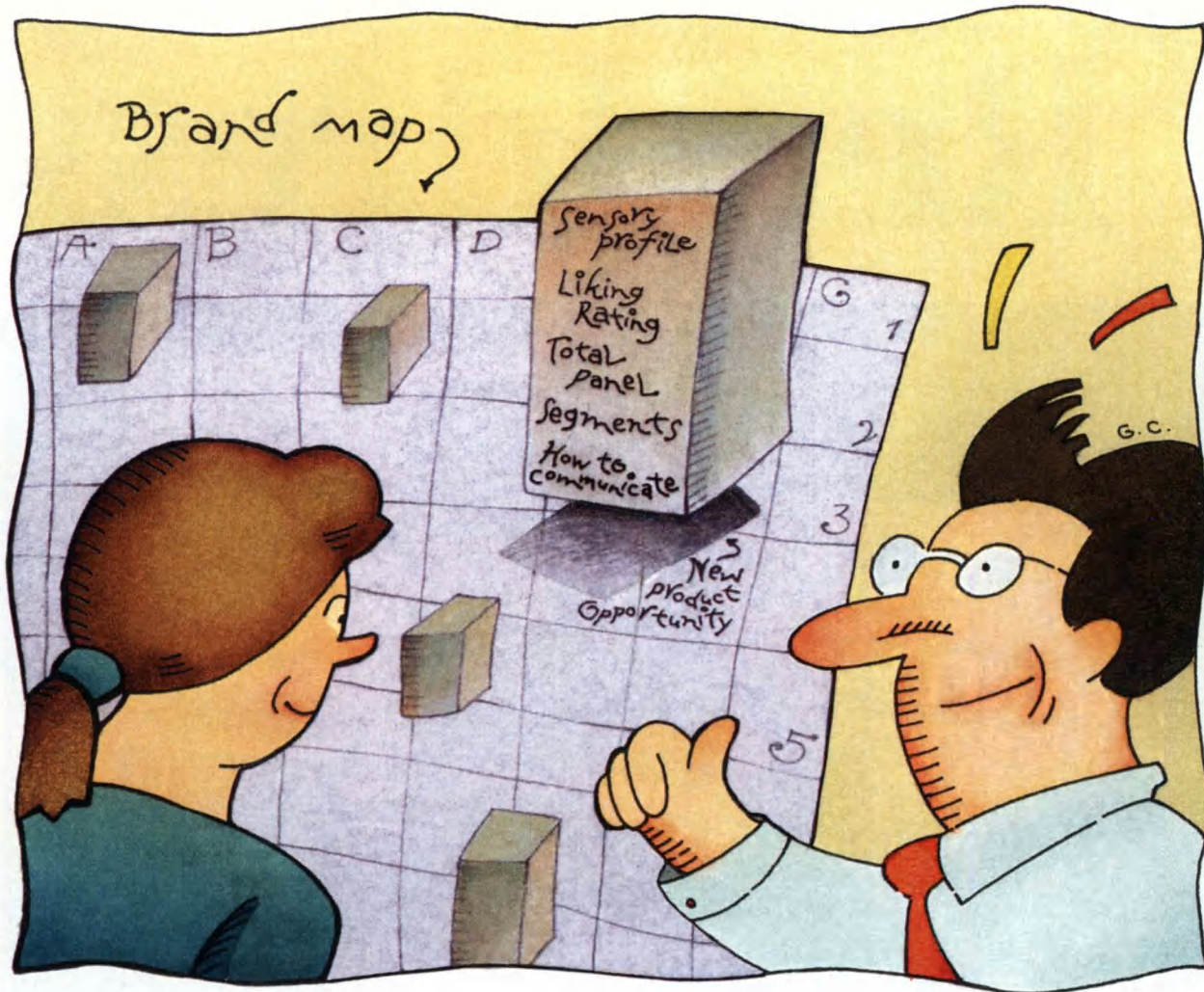
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Maxfli puts a new spi

Perhaps more than any other consumer group, golfers are susceptible to manipulation. As players (some might say victims) of a game where so many things can — and frequently do — go wrong, they are forever searching for the ball, club or swing-perfecting gizmo that will inspire confidence in their abilities and silence the little voice that starts chattering the moment they address the ball.

You actually think you can hit this shot? After that last one? What happened? You must not be cocking your wrist at the right time . . .

For some golfers the answer is a favorite brand of golf ball or a \$500 titanium driver with a grapefruit-sized head. No matter what it is, if it keeps your Inner Golf Devil quiet, it's your most prized piece of equipment. Trouble is, in most cases, the little voice stays quiet only temporarily. And then you have to find another talisman.

Therein lies the foundation for the multimillion-dollar golf industry.

In 1995, to increase the likelihood that its golf balls would capture the interest of golfers looking for a boost to their game, Greenville, S.C.-based Maxfli Golf began a wide ranging project to redesign its logos, packaging and advertising. The company brought in Wallace Church Associates, New York, to handle the design duties and BBDO South, Atlanta, to develop new TV and print ads.

ng the ball



"We needed to develop a market-driven identity for Maxfli based on consumer wants and needs."

Cheryl Swanson, Sr. V.P., Strategic Planning, Wallace Church Associates

n on its golf ball line

"Maxfli's market share was stagnant," says Debra Mager, senior vice president, account director, BBDO South. "They just couldn't seem to distinguish themselves. The golf industry is really very homogeneous in a lot of ways. There may be a few who stand out but when you look at the advertising and packaging it's all fairly similar. So our effort was to create our own niche."

Guiding these efforts were a number of research studies, including segmentation work and a variety of qualitative and quantitative approaches. "We needed to develop a market-driven identity for Maxfli based on consumer wants and needs," says Cheryl Swanson, senior vice president, strategic planning at Wallace Church Associates.

Several layers

The research process started with focus groups to uncover what motivates golf

By Joseph Rydholm
QMRR editor

ball purchases. "We wanted to find out how people talk about golf balls," says Terry Rooke, executive vice president, director of research, BBDO South. "Do they identify a ball by its company, by the brand that's on the ball or by some numeric designation?"

BBDO found that there are sev-

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First impressions are crucial in telephone interviewing

By E.B. Feltser

Editor's note: E.B. Feltser is a freelance writer based in San Diego. She has worked as a marketing research interviewer and survey writer.

Okay, so you're a telephone interviewer at the local friendly marketing research company. You're staring at the first screen of a new survey and waiting for someone to answer the phone. In the briefing, you were strongly reminded of the Golden Rule: Read The Survey Verbatim! And there on the screen is the intro. Is it strong enough for a verbatim reading? Or will you have to make changes in order to get the job done?

[ASK TO SPEAK TO THE MALE/FEMALE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD. WHEN HE/SHE IS ON THE LINE CONTINUE.]

Hello. My name is Perky Interviewer and I'm calling from Hot Shot Surveys, a marketing research company. We're conducting an opinion survey about some topics of interest. We only want your opinions. There is no selling involved. Do you have a few minutes to answer some ques-

tions?

Sounds like a reasonable start, doesn't it? And it, or a close cousin, is certainly common. But in fact it's weak, and since continued employment as an interviewer is directly related to the number of completes, there's a strong, often irresistible, impulse to make changes. After all, a telephone interviewer has maybe 10 seconds to hook the respondent, and the only tools available are the words of the survey and the interviewer's vocal persuasion.

So, what's wrong with the words? Lots. Look at it point by point.

- *Speak to the male/female head of the household*

Anybody who's ever juggled their bill paying knows that phone calls that start out asking for the head of the household are bad-news calls. Predictably, this opening seems to bring on a rash of respondents who claim to be babysitting for people who work erratic schedules 12 hours a day, seven days a week but, "Sure, call back tomorrow and maybe you'll catch them in." Apart from shooting you down before you're barely off the ground, this sort of ini-

tial-refusal-disguised-as-RNA also clutters up the call-back pool. Move this request to the end of the intro.

- *A marketing research company*

Okay, you and I know the difference, and we're proud to be working in the wonderful world of marketing research. But "marketing research" sounds like "telemarketing" to a whole bunch of people out there, and if you're lucky they won't snarl at you before they hang up. One easy fix is to change "marketing research company" to "opinion research company" and thereby nip the problem in the bud. If this is too much like a betrayal of your ideals, use "marketing research" but follow it fast with the disclaimer, "I'm not selling anything. We just do opinion surveys."

- *About some topics of interest*

This sort of vague phrase prompts many a respondent to ask, "What topics?" The interviewer must choose how to respond. Either make up an answer and risk blowing the survey design, or repeat the vague phrase and risk coming across as evasive and even downright sneaky. It's much more helpful when this what-it's-about statement is as specific as pos-



sible within study-design parameters: about household cleaning products, about automobiles. Adding geographic scope is always helpful, because it adds the weight of serious intent: a national survey about...; local issues of education.

• *We only want your opinions. There is no selling involved.*

This disclaimer should be brief, personal and in the active voice. I'm not selling anything, we just do opinion surveys. Consider what it actually says: "I understand your disgust about telephone sales pitches and I wouldn't dream of doing that to you. I just want you to tell me what you think about some stuff." It's the first opportunity to connect with the respondent at a human level and start constructing the bond of trust and tolerance that leads to a completed survey. This holds true whether an interviewer favors the "I am a disinterested computer" camp's no-nonsense

approach or the "I am a warm, trustworthy human being" camp's chatty approach.

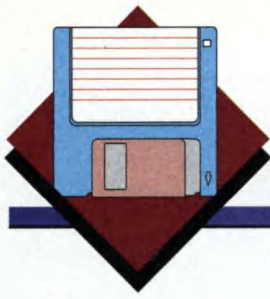
• *Do you have a few minutes?*

In the ongoing debate about whether to ask this, my position is a firm "it depends." If it's mentioned, respondents frequently want to know how many (read: how few) minutes, and the survey language must supply an answer. On short surveys interviewers will often just get on with it and not mention times, although a short time frame can be an asset ("It's really short, only about 10 minutes.") But if you expect respondents to spend an unpaid half hour answering questions, at least warn them so they can turn down the heat under dinner, or whatever. One graceful way to break the news is with words like "detailed" or "comprehensive," as in, "Well, it's pretty comprehensive. But most people finish in about XX minutes," with five minutes knocked off for

every 15 minutes of normal running time. The "most people finish in" phrase is also helpful, since respondents usually figure they'll do it faster and when they don't, the burden's on them.

The bottom line is, if you want your intro to be read verbatim, make sure it's something interviewers will actually read verbatim. Read it aloud, and listen to it. Does it use language that real people use? Are there reasonable answers to predictable respondent questions, such as topic and length? Finally, is the intro interesting enough to tempt you to donate part of your evening to answering the questions?

Take the time to write a strong, winning intro. Those first few seconds are crucial, because if you can't get past the intro, you can't get the complete. Besides, interviewers will instinctively start to "strengthen" a weak intro, and who knows what that might do to your survey design? □



Data Use

Neural networks pt. II: unsupervised learning neural nets

By Mike Fassino

Editor's note: Mike Fassino is president of EnVision Knowledge Products, Media, Pa. This is the second installment of a three-part series on neural networks. The first part, "Understanding back-propagation" appeared in the April issue of QMRR.

In the first article of this series I explored supervised learning neural nets, especially the back-propagating network. To train a supervised learning neural network, one presents both the independent and dependent variables. The network's weights are slowly and systematically adjusted so that whatever the pattern of input variables, the network's output value will be maximally similar to the actual output value. As I described in the previous article, a back-propagating neural network learns a mapping from the input to the output variables. Supervised learning neural networks can only be used when it is appropriate to speak in terms of independent and dependent variables and in those applications where we know the actual value of both. The question naturally arises: what about those situations where there is no right answer, such as market segmentation and perceptual mapping, or situations where we do not know the value of the dependent variable, such as sales forecasting? In these applications, there is no specific mapping to learn and the network must discover the pattern and structure that exists in a database.

This article addresses this question by introducing a

second neural network paradigm: unsupervised learning neural nets. Our focus will be on segmentation and perceptual mapping. Forecasting will be the subject of the third and final article in this series.

Unsupervised learning neural networks are appropriate when there is no uniquely correct answer and the network must learn to recognize patterns within the data, and to then organize the data so that it supports understanding of the structure and relationships among data elements. In this article, we will be especially concerned with a type of neural network known as a Kohonen self-organizing map, named for its developer, the Finnish computer scientist Tuevo Kohonen. The only other significant unsupervised learning neural network is called an ART (adaptive resonance theory) map and will not be discussed here.

The Kohonen self-organizing map (or SOM for short) results in a two-dimensional map showing the location of both respondents and survey items. In assembling the two-dimensional map, the Kohonen SOM performs three functions that make it especially relevant for market researchers. These three functions will be verbalized below and then illustrated with data from a large panel survey of attitudes toward personal investment. The three central functions of the Kohonen SOM are:

1. Topological mapping: Respondents who have a similar pattern of ratings across the set of input items end up being located close to each other in the two-dimensional

map. Obviously, this is a kind of clustering.

2. Emergent co-ordinate system: Different areas of the two-dimensional map become selectively tuned to specific survey items. The selective tuning causes a co-ordinate system of survey items to emerge which defines the two dimensions of the map. By knowing a respondent's location on the map, we can "read off" their pattern of response to the survey items.

3. Optimal discrimination: With a slight modification to the basic SOM, one can design a system in which the underlying co-ordinate system (and, therefore, the clustering of respondents) explains the greatest amount of variation in some outcome variable.

The easiest way to begin understanding these three central properties of the SOM is to dive into an actual example. Once the way to interpret the SOM is clear, I will explain how it works. I will end this article with some brief suggestions and illustrations of the unique strengths and weaknesses of the SOM.

The data

To illustrate the Kohonen self-organizing map, we will analyze a database from a large national panel. Approximately 3,000 respondents rated their level of agreement with 22 statements about personal investment strategies. The 22 statements are shown in Table 1 (see p. 49). For our illustration, we randomly selected 1,000 respondents to develop the SOM. One of the most important steps in

successfully using any neural network, including the self-organizing map, with survey data is appropriately pre-processing the data. Just giving the network raw data is rarely effective.

The results

The SOM finds nine segments in this database of 1,000 respondents and provides two ways to visualize the results. One can look at the center of each of the nine segments, as shown in Figure 1, or at individual respondent points, as shown in Figure 2. Figure 1 shows the location of the center of each of the nine segments, the circles show each segment's relative size. The extreme precision and structure of Figure 1 is no accident or mistake — it is the essence of the Kohonen self-organizing map. Figure 2 shows each of the 1,000 individual respondent points. Since many points completely overlap, clusters appear as areas of greater density of data points. For example, Figure 3 shows all of the Segment 1 respondents' locations. Figure 3 represents a "blow up" of the lower left corner of Figure 2. There are 83 respondents in Segment 1. The fact that all 83 of these respondents fit into such a small area of the two-dimensional grid indicates that they form a compact cluster — all 83 have very similar ratings across the 22 segmenting items. As in a traditional point-vector perceptual map, the closer together

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War Stories

True-life tales in marketing research

By Art Shulman

Editor's note: "War Stories" is a regular feature in which Art Shulman, president of Shulman Research, Van Nuys, Calif., presents humorous stories of life in the research trenches.

Susan Meyer, whose company, National Shopping Service, performs mystery shopping, supplies a list of reasons that her shoppers have given for not completing their shops:

- "I'm glad you called. I've been thinking about becoming a nun and I didn't do the shops."

- "The waiter informed me that the cook has hepatitis."

- "I could not evaluate the facility's cleanliness due to a parade suddenly marching through the lot."

Meyer also tells about one of her dedicated mystery shoppers, who reported, "I'm sorry I didn't call sooner, but my house burned down. I saved my report, though!"

Before starting *Quirk's Marketing Research Review*, Tom Quirk conducted some focus groups for a company making an insect control product. On the evening of the first two groups, the client was late, and Quirk began the meeting without the prototype package. About halfway through the meeting, the prototype package, with the product inside, arrived and was brought in to Quirk.

While the group discussed the package's appearance, Quirk tried to determine how to open the box so he could

get to the actual product. Short of ripping it apart, which he couldn't do because a second group was scheduled for that evening, he just couldn't figure out how the package was supposed to be opened. So he did the logical thing — he asked participants how they would open it — but none of them could figure it out either! Receiving no help from his client in the observation room and running out of time, Quirk thanked the participants and sent them off.

After the session, the client asked Quirk why he had recruited such ignorant people.

Karen Hendersin of Quality Education Data reports that when she first started in market research in the mid-'70s she conducted many door-to-door studies. In one, interviewers asked respondents if they could take a picture of the toilet tank. They'd be paid \$5 and given a sample of an in-tank cleaner (a new idea at that time). Then, later the company would come back, take a new picture, and collect opinions of the product. Some consumers became suspicious and reported her company to the police, who in turn asked local radio stations to announce that her company should not be let in because it was assumed they were casing the houses for robbery. One radio station referred to it as "the crapper caper."

Moderator Margaret Lane tells about an ad agency creative director who'd lost most of his hair. When asked his hair color, upon renewing his driver's license,

he filled in, "Clear."

Speaking of hair, Saul Cohen of Saul Cohen & Associates, whose hair is naturally curly, recalls asking focus group respondents, after the warm up, if they had any questions. One woman had a question Cohen didn't quite expect, "Who's your hairdresser?"

Steve Billig of Billig & Associates tells about the typo in a proposal which a colleague sent to a client in which the ± 10 percent for unanticipated costs was referred to as a "contingency feel." The client quickly called back to find out how he could get one of those.

A marketer who prefers anonymity tells about a series of focus groups he was involved with. After a long day of listening to groups, the advertising director for the client company saw fit to moon the other people in the viewing room.

He might have been making a statement on the value of the groups. The others in the room, though, just called it a case of creative hindsight.

In future issues, we'll report on more quirky, loopy and strange happenings in the world of market research. If you'd like your story to be told — anything related to research is usable, from spilling soup on your client's new suit to cute answers respondents provide on questionnaires — please call me at 818-782-4252 or, better yet, write it up and fax it to me at 818-782-3014 or E-mail me at artshulman@aol.com. □

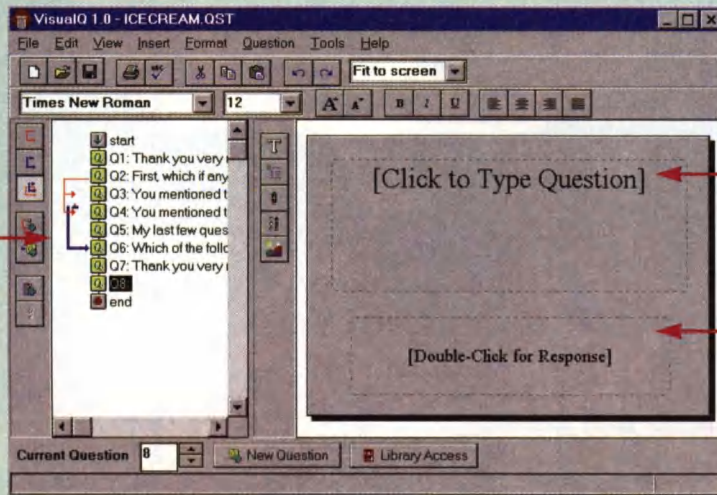
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Asking the right questions in telephone interviews

By Terra Friedrichs

Editor's note: Terra Friedrichs is founder of Product Management Associates, an Acton, Mass., research firm.

Asking the right questions in the right sequence is critical to successful telephone interviewing. Market research data gathered by telephone influences the spending of millions of dollars. Designing an effective

questionnaire is essential to obtaining solid information on which to make investment decisions. It is essential that the person designing the questionnaire knows a client's goal for the project and can determine that the goals are realistic. The designer must also have some product knowledge and experience in what is being researched.

Obtaining accurate data depends on

a combination of designing an effective questionnaire and the attributes of the interviewer. Topics to be covered in this article are: ordering the questions effectively, content of questions, asking both qualitative and quantitative questions, cultural issues, ensuring consistent answers, qualities of an ideal interviewer, appropriate length of questionnaire, use of prompts, and

questionnaire flexibility.

Leverage brain power

The ideal questionnaire will order the questions to leverage a person's brain power and get them in the right mode to obtain the most comprehensive answers. The survey designer must have basic knowledge about the product and industry to insure that questions are asked in the right sequence. I use a technique that I call "tagging" of key questions to allow interviewers flexibility within the interview. There may be two or three ways to conduct an interview without sacrificing consistency. An ideal questionnaire will be flexible enough to allow the interviewer to navigate through it by taking different trails. I use tags to make sure that most critical questions are asked, and to guarantee that the interviewer can use the questionnaire with the greatest ease.

Questions must be probing enough to get to the heart of the client's focus. General questions on market size are good, but it is essential to ask specific questions to find out more specialized information. The smaller the niche being researched, the more critical are the questions.

A good questionnaire has the right mix of qualitative and quantitative questions. Intersperse "yes or no" questions with open-ended questions. Keep multiple choice answers brief enough for the person being interviewed to remember the choices easily. Interviewers must use the open-ended questions and prompts consistently from interview to interview. Interviewers can easily influence the outcome of a survey by how they ask a question. Make sure that the prompts are open-ended and do not provide a lead to the answer that could skew the results.

Effective sequence

One of the most critical aspects of survey is to ask questions in an effective sequence. Depending on the person being interviewed and their culture, it may be appropriate to ask warm-up questions first, leading up to tough questions. This is especially true in the Asia-

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Vaughn Stakes has been appointed branch manager for *Marketeam Associates'* Shaker Heights, Ohio, market research, phone, field and focus group operations.

Kathleen Fischbach has been pro-

moted to branch manager for the Minneapolis office of *Quality Controlled Services*.

Rx Remedy, Inc., Westport, Conn., the parent company of *Remedy Research*, has appointed **Peter Hoover** president and chief operating officer.

Geoffrey Engert, director of business development and market research at *Arbitration Forums, Inc.*, Tampa, Fla., has been elected co-chair of the Property and Casualty Subrogation Work Group within the ASC X12N Insurance Subcommittee.

Tadaaki Funayama and **Brian Heywood**, who work at the *J.D. Power* Japan office, have been promoted to partners with *J.D. Power and Associates*, Agoura Hills, Calif. At the firm's Tor-

rance, Calif., office, **David Letson** has been promoted to partner-in-charge.

Robert L. McCann, Jr. has been named senior vice president-corporate planning and development and a member of Stamford, Conn.-based *ACNielsen Corp.*'s Operations Leadership Committee.

Dan Paul-Heskins has been named partner of *Bozell Worldwide*, Advertising. He has been a strategic planner with *Bozell's* New York office since January 1996.

Ronin Research Services, Princeton, N.J., has named **Jill Polymeropoulos** director and senior vice president.

Migliara/Kaplan Associates, a Baltimore, Md., health care market research firm, has promoted **Gerarda Collins** and **Barry Cerf** to vice president.

Elaine Hanson Cardenas has joined *Chilton Research Services*, Radnor, Pa., as a research consultant for its government/non-profit team.

Erick & Lavidge, Atlanta, has announced a number of staff additions and promotions. In the Atlanta office, **Amy Alford** has been named project director, **Anita Shaffer** has been named moderator, **Jean Gaudreau** has been named project manager, and **Chris Echols** has been named senior accountant. In the Chicago office, **Toni Oster** has been promoted to group leader and **Debbie Sanders** to project manager. In the Kansas City office, **Terri Catlett** has been promoted to account manager and **Elizabeth Oldweiler** to account executive. In the Dallas office, **Michele DeKinder-Smith** has been named account director.

Jeff Ellis has been promoted to director, customer value assessment for *Maritz Marketing Research Inc.*'s Performance Measurement Group. In addition, **Matthew Knain** has joined *Maritz* as director of packaged goods research.

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Shane Farrell, former vice president of international research for Macro International, Inc., and Michael Fodor, former director of Macro International's Eastern Europe Division, have left Macro to form **F-Squared Market Research + Consulting**. The Moscow-based firm will provide research services throughout the Russian Federation. The firm's address is 72 Leningradsky Prospect, 4th fl., Moscow, Russia. Phone 7-095-721-1850. Fax 7-095-721-1848.

Wirthlin Worldwide, McLean, Va., has opened a client service office in Singapore which will be headquarters for the company's operation in the Asia-Pacific region. Wirthlin Worldwide Asia Pte. Ltd. is located at 331 North Bridge Rd, #16-01/04 Odeon Towers, Singapore 188720. Phone 65-331-5280. Fax 65-334-1148. Bruce Blakeman will serve as managing director.

ICT Group, Inc., Langhorne, Pa., a provider of call center teleservices, has opened new call centers in Eddystone, Pa., and Amherst, N.Y. The Amherst call center is part of ICT Marketing Services, the company's division that offers research and fi-

ancial marketing services.

Market Directions, Inc., Pittsburgh/New Castle, Pa., has moved to a new facility, featuring a phone room with 30 CATI stations and a focus group suite. For more information call 800-458-1414.

IntelliQuest, Inc., has moved to new corporate headquarters at 1250 Capital of Texas Hwy. S., Building One, Austin, Texas, 78746. Phone and fax numbers remain the same.

Sun Research Corp., Newtown, Conn., has opened a "creative retreat" at High Ridge Farm for client idea generation, team building and strategic planning. For more information call 203-270-0900.

Ellison Research has opened for business at 14804 North Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, Ariz., 85032. Ron Sellers has been named president. For more information call 602-493-3500.

The M/A/R/C Group, an Irving, Texas, research firm, has made a long-term commitment to fund five \$1,000 scholarships each year for students enrolled in the graduate marketing research program at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Spatial Insights, a Vienna, Va., geographic information services firm, has opened a Web site at www.spatialinsights.com. The site provides detailed information about the company's project consulting services, data products, software offerings and business partnerships.

Management Science Associates, Inc., a Pittsburgh analytical software and information services firm, has signed a letter of intent to acquire Focus Business Systems, Ltd., a U.K.-based media software firm.

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Ask any focus group moderator: life in front of the one-way mirror can be a solitary existence. While moderators engage in frequent discussions with the client before, after and even during focus groups, most of these conversations are limited to details of the research project at hand. Unless specifically requested to do so, very few clients openly offer feedback about the moderator's skills and techniques or what the qualitative research process looks like and feels like from their perspective.

At the 1996 annual conference held in Montreal this past October, the Profes-

sionalism Committee for the Qualitative Research Consultants Association (QRCA) designed a presentation to encourage feedback from the client side so that focus group moderators can better understand and meet the needs of those who purchase and use their services. The committee staged "Through the Client's Eyes," a 60-minute mini-focus group in which respondents were independent

consultants and QRCA members who recently served on the client side in a decision-making capacity regarding research.

Six respondents were recruited for their unique dual perspective and ability to understand the challenges and opportunities that exist on both sides of the one-way mirror. They were a geographically-diverse group of individuals boasting client-side ex-

perience in marketing, brand management and research management from companies in the packaged goods, financial services, and advertising industries. The moderator for the group discussion was Linda LaScola, a Washington, D.C.-based moderator and co-chair of the Professionalism Committee.

A look at focus group moderators through the client's eyes

By Yvonne Martin Kidd



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Key findings

There were four basic issue areas covered in this discussion. These included:

- the life of a client
- selection of moderators
- qualities of a “great” moderator
- business development

Following are key findings for each of these topical areas.

The life of a client

The client life is viewed by some respondents as “a futile exercise in time management”; these individuals describe fast-paced, hectic and often frustrating environments on the client side. They cite the continual challenge of trying to balance myriad projects and political pressures with the need to keep an eye on the “big picture.” Research, though important, is just one small piece of the pie.

As a result of their experience on the client side, most respondents voice a heightened empathy for their clients. They understand their clients’ situation — including the overload, demands from supervisors and company executives, and, ultimately, the need for flexibility. They feel that part of their current jobs as moderators is to make their clients look good to their internal clients. This often means “grinning and bearing” seemingly unreasonable requests regarding such things as timing or change of venue.

These respondents, based on their own experience, suggest that moderators be prepared to submit a thorough topline of the research within 24 to 48 hours of the last focus group in order to satisfy their clients’ project timelines. For most projects, the preferred format for this report is a four- to five-page executive summary. Oftentimes the client will attach a brief memo for others on the project team and in management and distribute this summary in its entirety. The key piece of advice in writing reports is to be sure to query clients about their needs and preferences and to tailor the style, the length and the tim-

ing of the report accordingly.

Selection of moderators

It appears that the selection of a moderator is often left to the discretion of more junior staffers. The more senior the manager, the more they are focused on larger, strategic issues and the less interested they are in project logistics, such as moderator selection.

In relating their own experience, some of the respondents describe having a list of favorite moderators with whom they were comfortable. Once this list was established, there was little incentive to add new vendors unless this individual offered a new technique or segment specialty. Respondents were occasionally willing to test new vendors on smaller, less expensive projects before considering them for larger jobs.

Although it might provide a foot in the door, some respondents feel that there is a potential danger in establishing a reputation as a specialist — that is, becoming known for a specific technique or audience segment. Unless the moderator makes a point of showing interest in handling other types of projects, there is the possibility that he or she may become pigeon-holed into a particular specialty.

Price does not seem to be a major issue in the selection of moderators. Unless the overall project price is significantly out of line with other bids, the moderator’s fee does not appear to be a motivating factor in deciding which vendor to use.

Qualities of a great moderator

Qualities that these respondents — as clients — considered part of the skill-set of a “great” moderator include:

1. An ability to understand the client’s business in more than just a cursory fashion, to become an integral part of the project team, and to have credibility with senior management.

2. The ability to provide the strategic leadership in both the planning and the execution phases of a project in order to improve the overall re-

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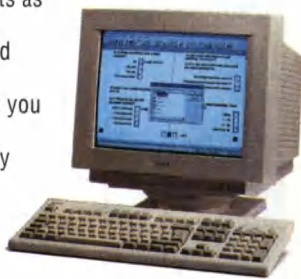
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4. Reliability, responsiveness, trustworthiness, independence, and a dogged determination to remove obstacles in order to get the job done.

5. A personal style that is a comfortable match with the client.

6. Being able to offer and/or use both qualitative and quantitative research in a complementary fashion.

As former clients, these respondents recall observing groups more for the content provided by the focus

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group participants; they tended not to notice or focus on the process or techniques used by the moderator. Exceptions to this seem to be when there

were troublesome respondents and the clients noticed how well (or poorly) the moderator handled them, and when the moderator used new or unusual techniques.

Business development

The respondents suggest the following techniques to enhance a moderator's business development efforts.

1. Consider sales to be an ongoing part of doing business. Regularly identify new prospects and call on them as if you were selling another product or service besides yourself.

2. If appropriate, point out your shared category and industry experience to new business prospects. If you do not have relevant experience, sell yourself on the basis of your strategic skills.

3. Establish a network with clients and former business associates. Seek referrals from these individuals.

4. When presenting your qualifications and capabilities to potential clients, be yourself. Keep in mind that personal style and a personality match are an important part of their decision in selecting moderators.

Next steps

Other QRCA members who observed this focus group agreed that this presentation represented the tip of a communications iceberg and showed that there is much to be learned by increasing meaningful, two-way communication between qualitative researchers and clients. To that end, the QRCA Professionalism Committee is looking at several ways to encourage more dialogue between these two segments. Current plans include developing a QRCA-sponsored workshop to help new and established clients understand and appreciate the value of qualitative research. In addition, additional research with current clients — such as surveys or additional focus groups — are being considered to help QRCA members stay abreast of client trends, needs, and motivations. □

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Grounding attitudes in behavior – working tips for more productive research

By Stephen Turner

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Occasionally when I am conducting focus groups, clients, especially those who are not used to my particular style, will ask me (younger ones tend to *instruct* me) not to spend much time up front regarding respondents' current behavior vis-a-vis the subject category. The usual rationale is something to the effect of, "We have done a ton of work on the category and don't want to waste our time on things we already fully understand."

While I sympathize with my clients' need for efficiency (or escape from boredom), there is an important case to be made for a thorough discussion of respondents' recent behavioral patterns despite the fact that such conversations reveal little "news" for the client and, at least on the surface, relatively few insights regarding the product or concept being considered.

Here is the argument: Let's say we're doing focus groups about a new formulation of frozen pizza. Early on, the following exchange takes place:

Moderator: "Tell me about you and frozen pizza."

Respondent: "Frozen pizza is pretty

grim. It tastes like cardboard."

Moderator: "But you do use it. . ."

Respondent: "Only for emergencies. When I absolutely have no other choice. I would never use it on a regular basis."

Moderator: "So, how many do you have in your freezer right now?"

Respondent: "There are six. You see, we have emergencies every Thursday before soccer practice and again on Saturdays when Bill and I go out to eat and the kids have to fend for themselves."

Clearly, this person doesn't like the idea of frozen pizza. She doesn't like herself for using it. But the truth is she does use it with considerable regularity.

Why is this information so important to gather? My client is far from naive regarding the lackluster image of the category. He has heard the above exchange many times in the past.

The answer comes with a later exchange — one following exposure of the concept being studied:

Moderator: ". . . dessert pizza with ricotta and kiwi."

Respondent: "That's a disgusting idea."

Moderator: "To be used only in emergencies?"

Respondent: "Actually, it wouldn't be so bad for my Tuesday mah-jongg group. I'm always looking for something easy

and different for them."

The truth is that frequently people need to see things in the context of their own behavior before they can react to them realistically. By not accepting the respondent's first, visceral response but, instead, alluding to this individual's known behavior, the moderator has imposed a framework of thought that put consideration of the concept into a perspective reflecting what the person does rather than what she thinks.

We should note it is not sufficient to allude to people's "general" behavior. In many cases, people project an idealized vision of themselves when describing their usual patterns of activity to a group of strangers. They paint a picture having more to do with how they would like to see themselves than what actually transpires in their lives.

"I rarely watch television. When I do, it's the news and National Geographic. And, I hate advertising. It's an insult to my intelligence."

(This last sentence, incidentally, appears to be hard-wired, word-for-word into the psyches of most Americans.)

This is a statement of personal legitimacy. It is posturing — a way of telling others in the group that you are socially aware and adept. If you don't allow people the opportunity to make such

statements as if they were gospel, they will never tell you the real truth about their lives. They will get stuck in the business of documenting the public persona they are trying to establish and carefully screen you from their private one.

But ask the same person what happened yesterday and you will find out that . . .

"Yesterday was unusual. I watched Seinfeld — my favorite — and the Country Music Awards, which only happen once a year. Did you see that Bud Light commercial? It was hysterical."

Here the respondent is dismissing yesterday as an anomaly — not a true reflection of his "usual behavior." He can talk comfortably about his television habits because he has made it seem atypical. He can even disregard his own disdain for advertising. *This is an unusual case. This isn't the real me we are talking about here.*

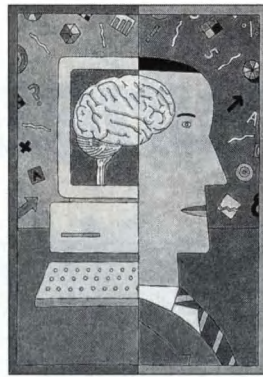
The interesting thing is that yesterday is almost invariably seen as an anomaly. Same thing with the day before yesterday — and the day before that. The fact is, we rarely do what we "usually do."

It's not that we lie about our behavior; it's that our memories get colored by our social aspirations. We replace lost details with good ideas. In the end, assessment of one's "general" behavior is almost always as much an expression of attitude as it is empirical observation.

Attitudinal information is important. Knowing that people have some serious misgivings about frozen pizza gives us some critical insights on how to position our new pizza. At the very least, we know we can't rely on a foundation of goodwill to help sell-in the basic concept.

But the job of a good researcher (qualitative or quantitative) is to put what consumers say into focus by plugging it into what they do, not just what they say. As experts in consumer-speak, we should be able to wade through the posturing of a social discourse to a more realistic interpretation of what it all means.

The only good way I know of doing that is to spend some time up front finding out what these people's lives are like, even if it means we are "wasting our time" getting information that is of limited use in and of itself. So, eat some more M&Ms and relax. Your patience will pay off in a better final report. Guaranteed. □



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Comment cards and rating scales: Who are we fooling?

By Joseph Duket

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As a marketing researcher, I have acquired a hobby of collecting comment cards whenever and wherever I find them. These innocuous little cards come in every size and shape imaginable, from official-looking trifolds addressed to "Chief Executive Officer" to simple index cards with a few lines for open-ended feedback. The one thing which almost all cards have in common, however, is that they paint a distorted picture of customer satisfaction.

Studies have shown that 26 out of 27 dissatisfied customers — 96 percent — never voluntarily

complain. Yet companies from mom-and-pop to Fortune 100 still rely heavily on these cards for measuring customer satisfaction. Compounding the dubious reliability of comment cards, companies create further bias in the design of their rating scales. As shown in the chart below, one must wonder how confused customers are with this semantic hodgepodge.

With the exception of one company that didn't think highly enough of itself to warrant an *excellent* score (*very good* was its top rating) and another that chose to deceive itself by assigning *below average* as its lowest score, the only terms which seem to be universally accepted are *excellent* and *poor*. All other terms and ratings points in between are nebulous

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Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor			
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A=Outstanding	B	C	D	F=Failing			
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5 (Excellent)	4	3 (Average)	2	1 (Poor)			
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Great	Good	Fair	Poor				
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to say the least.

According to Funk & Wagnalls, the term *excellent* means “being of the very best quality.” As a superlative term, it requires no qualifier or adjective to increase its impact. One person or company can not be more excellent than another. If you’re doing the best job or providing the best quality, no one can do better.

For the word *poor*, however, Funk & Wagnalls uses the synonyms *inferior* and *unsatisfactory* in its definition. Confusion arises when the word *inferior* is described as “lower in quality, worth or adequacy; mediocre; ordinary.” *Mediocre* is then defined as “of only average quality.” So, taking this exercise in interpretation to the extreme, poor performance could actually mean an average rating.

Good is perhaps the most misunderstood term used in rating scales. What exactly is good performance when it comes to customer satisfaction? As clearly shown in the examples, some companies consider good to be synonymous with above average while others consider good to be the same as average.

Average, the term many firms use as their mid-point in the scale, can be misconstrued, as well. Average can be defined as the arithmetic mean (as in batting average) or a synonym for ordinary or mediocre. If used as the mean, who determines what average performance is? According to many people, the average customer service for Ritz

Carlton hotels or Nordstrom department stores is excellent. And, on the other hand, the average (mean) service level for many fast food restaurants is poor.

Depending on which scale you’re using, words can have far different meanings. On a three-point scale, *fair* can be synonymous with acceptable or satisfactory while on a four- or five-point scale it’s comparable to *below average* or *needs improvement*. There is danger in using the term *needs improvement* for a “D” rating since employees and managers can look upon a “C” as good enough to not warrant improvement. Does the company only need to improve when it has reached the point where customers are defecting in droves? In the real world of customer service, any score other than excellent needs improvement.

Many companies, either consciously or unconsciously, stack the deck in their favor by employing rating scales skewed to the positive side. Such scales as:

Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Excellent	Good	Average	Below average	
Very good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory		
Excellent	Okay	Poor		
Excellent	Good	Poor		

will obviously produce much higher positive scores than if more equitable scales were given or more relevant terms used. Companies can also lull themselves into a false sense of se-

name selection process — and the one which has the most detrimental effect on business — involves the middle-of-the-road satisfaction score. Whether it’s called average, good, fair, okay, acceptable or satisfactory, the fact remains that no business should accept such a rating as positive. At best, a “C” means the company is providing the bare basics of quality or service. Just as it means in the scholastic arena, a “C” student is doing just enough to get by — nothing more and nothing less. It’s a marginal passing score that should not be considered acceptable if the business expects to retain customers and prevent defections. And, most certainly it should never be misconstrued to be a good score.

I don’t know too many parents with high aspirations of their child attending a good college who would look at a report card of all Cs and say, “You’re doing okay!” or “Good job!” And I can’t imagine any proud parent telling a child with a D that he or she did “fair.” Yet companies continue to pat themselves on the back for mediocre performance by attaching such words to their rating scales.

The bottom line for measuring customer satisfaction in the first place is the impact it has on retaining a customer’s business. One suggested scale that provides not only more relevant meanings but their possible impact upon customer loyalty is shown here.

Grade:	Name:	Definition:	Impact on Customer Loyalty:
A	Outstanding	Highest achievement	Very strong loyalty; positive referrals likely.
B	Good	Making an effort	Happy customer for the most part.
C	Marginal	Barely getting by	Riding the fence; could possibly defect.
D	Poor	Falling short	Disappointed; will probably defect.
F	Failing	Flunking	Definitely will defect; negative word-of-mouth very likely.

curity as in the example of the company above which used below average as its lowest rating.

I can hear the customer service manager explaining to the CEO now, “Well, our customer satisfaction scores are below average but at least we’re not failing.”

The most disturbing aspect of this

Companies should realize that customer satisfaction ratings can be easily biased by not only the methodology of data collection but semantics, as well. It’s time we begin to inform our customers and employees what the ratings mean and how they are to be interpreted. □

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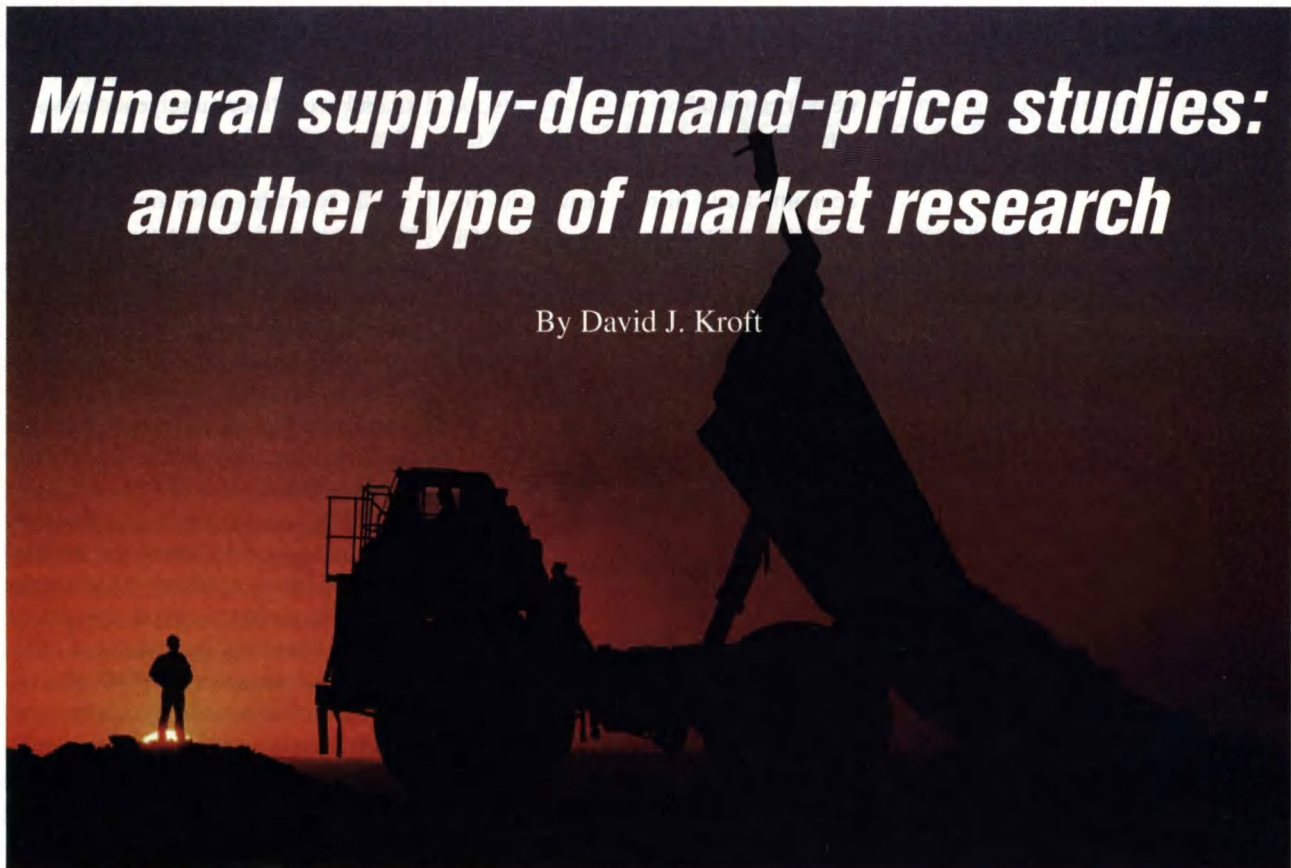
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Mineral supply-demand-price studies: another type of market research

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Virtually every consumer product contains or is manufactured, processed or grown using minerals. The paper on which this article is printed, the light bulbs and computers in your home or office, the streets and sidewalks you use every day, the fertilizer you apply to your garden and even many of the foods you eat contain or were processed using products which have been mined.

Certainly many people have heard the names of a number of the more commonly used minerals and metals required in these and other consumer products. For example, clay is used in paper; tungsten, aluminum and copper in light bulbs; cobalt, silver and gold in computers; sand and gravel in sidewalks; phosphate, potash and sulfur in fertilizers; and salt in many foods. However, few consumers of these products are aware of where these minerals come from, how they are produced, in what forms they are used and whether substitutes exist for them. Even less well understood by consumers are the problems encountered by manufacturers in obtaining the minerals they required and mining companies in meeting demand for their production.

This article discusses a little-known type of market research used by many types of companies and organizations to forecast the future supply of, demand for and price of mineral commodities. It considers not only how such studies are con-

ducted, but also the difficulties involved in undertaking such analyses.

Who uses mineral market research studies?

Many types of users exist for mineral market research studies. Nearly every mining company relies on mineral market research studies to determine the types of mineral deposits to explore for or acquire, whether a mineral discovery can be profitably mined, the competitive position of a mine, as well as the best way to market the product. Mineral purchasers often rely on such studies to obtain information concerning the projected availability and future price of the minerals they use. Mining equipment manufacturers consult this type of research to forecast the demand for various types of mining and mineral processing equipment, and major land owners to determine the value of mineral deposits on their holdings. Financial institutions and brokerage firms incorporate the results of mineral market studies to decide whether to lend money on mining projects and to evaluate mining companies, stocks and bonds. And lastly, governments often commission mineral commodity studies to use in developing domestic and foreign policy.

To obtain mineral market research, many mining companies and governments employ minerals economists. Other organizations requiring mineral supply-demand-price data often purchase such studies from consulting firms specializing in this discipline. Studies conducted by consulting firms may either be multi-client or proprietary. Their cost can vary

markedly depending on the experience of the firm, number of minerals considered, size of the geographic area in which the minerals are produced and/or used, complexity of the market, depth of information required by the client and availability of reliable information.

The nature of mineral market research

Mineral market research is characterized by what are often long forecast periods, a lack of reliable market data, complex supply-demand-price interre-

lationships, regional economic uncertainties and the unpredictability of government and corporate actions. In many ways, developing a mineral market research forecast is as much an art as a science. To be successful in this endeavor, an analyst must have a good understanding of geology, mineral extraction and processing methods, world economics and history, new technologies and geopolitics. It is also critical that s/he have the ability to collect and analyze what is often disparate, fragmentary and/or unsubstantiated infor-

mation.

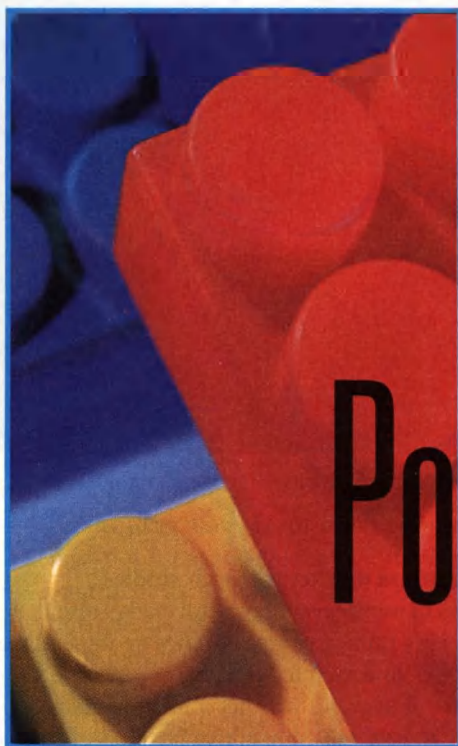
Long-term forecasts: Many forecasts of mineral supply, demand and price attempt to project market conditions under a variety of economic and technological scenarios for periods of 10, 15 and even 20 or more years forward. There are several reasons that such long-term forecasts are necessary:

- It typically takes many years to bring a mineral discovery into production. Once a discovery is made, considerable time and money must often be spent conducting geological, engineering, environmental and project feasibility studies, as well as obtaining required permits and project financing. If this preliminary work indicates that the deposit can be economically mined, many additional years and millions of dollars are then required to bring the mineral discovery into production. For example, BHP's Escondida copper deposit in northern Chile was discovered in 1981. However, it was not until 1990, after an expenditure of over \$836 million, that the first copper concentrate was produced from the mine.

A major mine will have reserves sufficient to operate for decades. Additionally, payback periods for project loans may also extend for many years. Therefore, to determine, for example, the competitiveness of a mine over its operating life, such long-term supply-demand-price analyses are required.

Data availability: It is often difficult to obtain even the most basic mineral production, consumption, or price data for many countries, much less information concerning, for example, the operating and capital costs for individual mines. Because many minerals are internationally traded, determining where the output of a mine is processed or ultimately used is frequently subject to considerable speculation. Even when supply or demand data are available, they may be out of date, inadvertently or intentionally misleading, or presented in a way which requires considerable analysis in order to "extract" the requisite information.

Complexity of markets: The complexity of the market for a mineral depends on many factors, among which include the size of the market area, the number of producers and consumers and the variety of end uses. Some min-



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erals, such as sand and gravel, are typically produced by a limited number of producers and consumed by many end-users, all within a relatively small market area. Conversely, other minerals such as gold are produced by many mining operations throughout the world and are internationally traded. Numerous other variations exist in market complexity. In general, as the size of the market area and number of producers and consumers increase, so also does the complexity of the study.

Similarly, the number of uses for and form(s) in which a mineral is consumed also impact the complexity of a mineral market analysis. Many minerals are required in a variety of forms by often thousands of primary consumers and even more secondary users. To forecast demand for a mineral, an analyst must understand what forms of the mineral are required in various uses and whether other minerals may be readily substituted for the mineral under study. Often, a consumer may switch from one mineral or form of that mineral to another, or to a different material completely. It is therefore necessary to understand not only the reasons for and point in time when such a change is likely, but also the impacts such a substitution can/will have on the market balance.

Coproduct-by-product relationships: A factor complicating a mineral market analysis is that one mineral may frequently occur as a coproduct or byproduct of another mineral. For example, many deposits of copper contain associated lead, zinc, molybdenum, gold and/or silver. Similarly, rutile and ilmenite (titanium-bearing minerals) are often found together with zircon in the same deposit. Many other examples exist.

Because of these geologic relationships, the production and price of the mineral under study may be contingent on the supply of or demand for the other associated mineral(s). When this is the case, market research studies may also have to be conducted for each of the associated minerals as well.

Recycling: Some minerals are consumed fully in their principal end use, for example, petroleum when used in the manufacture of gasoline, or potash in fertilizer. However, many other min-

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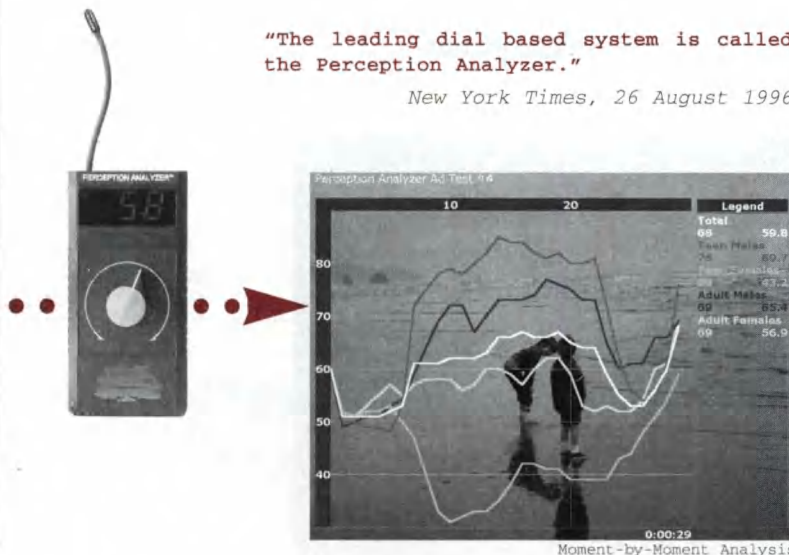
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erals are typically recycled such as glass, lead, copper, silver and aluminum. The amount of a mineral recoverable for reuse during or after the manufacture of a product can be a significant factor impacting global availability of that mineral. The markets for aluminum and silver illustrate this point. As much as 25 percent of United States demand for aluminum is derived from recycled scrap. Similarly, recycled silver satisfies about one-half of this nation's demand for this metal.

To determine the amount of recycling which can occur, estimates must be made of the useful life of each of the major products containing the mineral, as well as the ease and cost(s) of recovering it. Additionally, the projected price of the mineral and the rate of introduction of new technologies also effect scrap availability. Typically, as the price of a mineral increases, so also does the amount of effort placed on recovering the mineral from products for recycling. It is no coincidence that thefts of copper wire from utility poles increase markedly when the price of that metal reaches new highs.

Economic trends: Critical to determining demand for a mineral is obtaining reliable information concerning economic trends within the study area. For many regions, economic forecasts may not exist or be reliable. Even when such forecasts have been developed, they are generally for a very short term, seldom exceeding five to 10 years. Therefore, analysts must often develop a range of regional economic forecasts to use to drive mineral supply and demand forecasts.

Exogenous factors: Mineral markets can be substantially impacted by unpredictable events. Among these occurrences are labor strikes, perceptions of shortages in supply, wars, energy crises, natural or other disasters and the formation of cartels. Similarly, changes in government policies concerning tariffs, import restrictions, self-sufficiency goals and stockpiling can dramatically affect world markets.

The actions of speculators in the market(s) for a mineral can also dramatically change market dynamics. Such an example occurred in the silver market in late 1970s and early 1980s when the price of the metal sharply increased from around \$5 to \$48 per troy ounce. This rapid price escalation was due to an attempt by some investors to "corner" the market for silver, an event which could not have been predicted but which had a major impact on the supply of and demand for this metal.

Forecasting methods

As already indicated, conducting mineral market studies is a challenging endeavor. Critical to the preparation of such studies is obtaining and developing reliable production and consumption data, understanding the dynamics of the marketplace and selecting a model which reflects market behavior.

Data collection - marketplace analysis: Because mineral supply and demand data are often not available or may be unreliable, the analyst must frequently develop this information from scratch. One way to do this, and to gain an understanding of market interrelationships, is to conduct extensive reviews of industry trade journals, financial reports and government documents and databases. Another method is to interview mineral producers, consumers and trade organizations. To augment this information, visits to observe, for example, the operations and types of equipment used at a mine, or to transport the mineral to a shipping point or end user can also prove valuable.

In many instances, mining engineers and geologists are asked by an analyst to determine the capital and operating costs, as well as production capability of selected mining operations. With such information, the analyst can determine how much output various mines

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Model selection - development: Numerous types of models and modeling techniques have been developed to forecast mineral supply, demand and price, and to test market sensitivities. The choice of which model to use depends on the nature of the mineral commodity, purpose of the study, length of the forecast period, availability of reliable data and the analyst's understanding of market dynamics.

Unfortunately, given the often unique characteristics inherent in the market(s) for many minerals, no single all-purpose model exists to develop forecasts of mineral supply, demand and price. Although many mineral market supply-demand-price projections are publicly available, most of the models used to develop these forecasts are proprietary. Without a good understanding of how the model used to generate a forecast is constructed, reliance on such projections in a market analysis is risky. Therefore, unless an analyst has previously conducted a market study for the mineral, it will usually be necessary for him/her to create a new model.

When conducting a market study, analysts often combine and/or hybridize various models and modeling techniques to develop the model of the subject mineral market. A model may be very simple, comparing only projected supply and demand, or extremely complex, employing an econometric approach. A relatively simple supply-demand model would typically be used in an analysis of the market for sand and gravel. For this commodity, the most significant factors establishing market area dynamics and competitiveness are the ownership, degree of vertical product integration, transportation costs and relative distance from centers of demand of the aggregate producers. Conversely, a model of the copper market would be much more complex and likely contain a number of interlinked sub-models, the results of which serve to drive the larger model.

Forecasting caveats

Because the market for any mineral is dynamic, any supply-demand-price forecast is subject to change. As new deposits are discovered and brought into

production, older mines exhaust their reserves, changes in use occur and government policies are adopted, the conclusions of a market research analysis may not longer be appropriate. Therefore, before any person uses the results of a mineral market research study, s/he must consider how long ago the effort was conducted and whether it is appropriate to commission an update of the analysis.

As in the case of any research analysis, it is important that the person us-

ing the results of a mineral market study fully understand how it was prepared and the methodologies and assumptions used. Ideally, the person commissioning a mineral market study should maintain close contact with the analyst during the entire research effort. By so doing, both the analyst and the user benefit: the analyst by being able to ensure that the research provides the results needed by the user; the user by knowing the study's limitations. □

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"A major issue facing manufacturers is the required 55-cent+ face values in markets with retailers that double coupons to attract customers," Marx says. "When most or all retailers double coupons (usually to a 50-cent limit) the competitive balance is back to where it started — only with higher costs to retailers."

Because retailers can't seem to end this high-cost practice by themselves,

they pressure manufacturers not to use 20- to 50-cent coupons (which could be doubled), according to Marx, but to use 55-cent values. These higher value coupons cost more for the manufacturer, not the retailer.

The Marx analysis shows, however, that not all consumer product companies and their coupon companies abide by the "55-cent+ rule." Companies with strong brands, such as Procter & Gamble and Lever, use whatever values suit their brands, even if the retailer has to double the coupons. Other com-

panies, however, agree to only place coupons with values of 55 cents+ and incur the higher costs on each coupon redeemed.

"If manufacturers employed the practices of companies such as P&G and Lever for example in valuing coupons," Marx says, "they could eliminate the incremental costs of 55-cent+ coupons in most markets. This savings will positively impact a company's bottom line." For more information call Lynn Liddle at 313-591-3000.

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Consumers draw line between on-line information and privacy invasion

A new study by Cyber Dialogue, a New York firm specializing in on-line research, titled "Capturing Visitor Feedback: An Investigation Into Business's Need for Information vs. the Consumer's Need for Privacy" identifies ways for corporations to gather consumer feedback on-line without turning away valuable customers.

While concerns about privacy and receiving unwanted solicitations are barriers to interaction, the survey reveals that for most "netizens" (76 percent), submitting personal information on-line is seen as a positive way for companies to learn about customers.

Ninety-two percent of respondents are willing to indicate hobbies and special interests on-line in exchange for customized content; and a strong majority are also willing to participate in short surveys (77 percent) and fill out demographic information about themselves (73 percent) in order to have on-line services tailor content to their specified needs.

Willingness to interact with sites is high, the survey reveals, but drops significantly as information requested becomes more personal. Nine in 10 on-line consumers surveyed report openness to submit information about their interests and attitudes, even their age and education (89 and 90 percent respectively). However, likelihood to share drops off significantly for more personal information such as name (67 percent), salary (29 percent) and par-

ticularly credit card numbers (4 percent).

According to the survey, site registration can play an important role in profiling site traffic, if used constructively and non-intrusively. Roughly one-third of on-line users feel registration forms are a waste of time (including 10 percent who feel it is a direct invasion of privacy). However, more netizens (38 percent) surveyed consider the sign-up process to be a positive way for the site to interact with customers or a mechanism for identifying and delivering relevant customized content (34 percent). "Customers willingly appreciate the need for gathering visitor feedback if they receive something of value in exchange for their efforts," says Kevin Mabley, Cyber Dialogue's director of research. "To avoid leaving visitors with a bad taste, incorporating registration forms on a site should be optional, non-intrusive and positioned as a way for customers to receive added value from the site on their next visit."

The majority of on-line consumers surveyed revealed what they desire in return for taking time to register at a Web site is not what they believe they actually get. Rewards such as enhanced access (77 percent), customized content (68 percent) and ability to chat (53 percent) are what people want from a site, but visitors perceive their information is really being used for solicitations and distribution lists (51 percent) and junk mail at home (49 percent).

The research was conducted on-line monthly from August through December of 1996. The report represents a compilation of findings from each of the five monthly studies, in which between 300 and 500 respondents participated. These respondents were selected from within the Cyber Dialogue network of on-line consumers. For more information call 212-804-1170 or visit the company's Web site at <http://www.cyberdialogue.com>.

Global study finds most believe in environment/health link

A majority of people in all but one of 17 countries studied believe that environmental problems now affect their

health. In most countries with comparative data, these health concerns are significantly deeper than was the case five years ago. The results would seem to contradict the belief among many policy-makers that the environment is fading as a concern for their citizens.

These are the findings from a ques-



tion fielded to representative national samples of average citizens in 17 countries during the fall of 1996. The research was conducted by International Research institutes (IriS), a global network of independent market research and consulting firms. IriS member companies asked over 15,000 citizens in participating countries the following question: "Please tell me how much, if at all, you believe environmental problems now affect your health — a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or

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not at all?" In all but one of the countries surveyed (the Netherlands being the sole exception), a majority of citizens responded that their health was affected "a great deal" or "a fair amount" by environmental problems.

People living in developing countries and southern Europe are by far the most likely to believe that their health has been affected by environmental problems. In fact, Greece and Cyprus are the two countries where there is an almost unanimous belief among citizens that this is the case. In Cyprus 90 percent believe that their health has been affected a great deal (64 percent) or a fair amount (26 percent) and in Greece the corresponding percentages are 66 and 23, respectively. Other countries which are at the top of the list in terms of people believing that their personal health has been affected by environmental problems include Chile (84 percent, a great deal or fair amount), Peru (80 percent) and Portugal (80 percent).

In wealthier and more developed countries, this belief by residents that

their own health has been affected by environmental problems is also very high. These include Finland (75 percent), Germany (69 percent), the United States (69 percent), Spain (65 percent) and Australia (63 percent). Majorities also feel that their health has been affected in Great Britain (60 percent), Canada (59 percent), Sweden (55 percent), Belgium (54 percent) and Japan (51 percent). The only exception is the Netherlands where only four in 10 residents believe that their own health has been affected by environmental problems.

In general, women and younger people are most likely to believe that their health has been affected, although in most countries a majority of men and older people also believe this to be the case.

The extent to which people believe that their health has been affected by environmental problems has increased over the last five years in almost every country for which tracking data is available. In nine of the 17 countries surveyed by IriS companies, the same question had been

posed in 1992 in the Health of the Planet Survey conducted by the Gallup International Institute. In seven of these cases, the proportions show a significant increase: Switzerland (up 31 points since 1992), Chile (up 28 points), Japan (up 28 points), Portugal (up seven points), Great Britain (up seven points), Canada (up seven points) and the Netherlands (up five points). In Germany, while overall health concerns have gone down two points since 1992, those believing their health has been affected "a great deal" has increased by 10 points. In the United States (up two points), there has been no significant change in health concerns over the last five years.

International Research Institutes (IriS), with offices in Brussels, currently includes 23 member companies covering North and South America, Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia.

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Sprint offers the right price, but AT&T is still consumers' choice

As telecommunication giants battle for more customers, a new study by Aragon Consulting Group's Research Division in St. Louis reveals that 34.8 percent of adults in the United States, who were not lured by AT&T's 15-cent flat-rate offer would make the change if offered a nine or 10-cent-per-minute rate for toll calls.

Still, Aragon, a management and marketing consulting firm that specializes in telecommunications, reports that 19.7 percent of non-AT&T customers are not interested in switching to AT&T at any price.

"However, if all long distance carriers were to offer the same flat rate pricing option and consumers were then asked to pick their provider, AT&T then becomes their top choice," says Gary Miller, president of Aragon Consulting Group. "Nearly 51 percent of people we interviewed would select AT&T in this situation, while the next most frequently given response (15.5 percent) was the local telephone company."

Approximately 41 percent of AT&T's customers say they are aware of the company's 15 cent flat rate; however, only 6.4 percent of those who are aware report that they made the switch to AT&T as a result of the 15-cent offer. Nearly 85 percent of these people were already AT&T customers.

"There doesn't appear to be an advertising effectiveness problem. People understand that they have

flat-rate options available to them via various carriers," Miller says. "In fact, more than half (50.4 percent) of the people we surveyed tell us that they have heard about flat-rate services."

When the consumers who say they are aware of flat-rate offers are asked to identify companies with flat-rate programs, most mention AT&T (52.0 percent); 27.7 percent say Sprint; 24.8 percent say MCI; and 6.9 percent say LDDS, WorldCom or WilTel.

"Since most consumers are famil-

iar with current flat rate programs, the phone companies need to employ another strategy to win the telecommunications turf war," says Miller, who suggests bundling other services with flat-rates.

"To use the AT&T 15-cent offer as an example: Nearly three-fourths (73.7 percent) of non-AT&T consumers say they are not interested in that offer while 14.7 percent express at least some interest," says Miller. "However, the pendulum swings in the



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	Very Good	Good	OK	Poor	Very Poor
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other direction if a phone company starts to sweeten the pot with additional services.”

Aragon’s research shows that cellular and mobile service customers express more interest in a 15-cent offer when the cellular service is added to the package. Interest climbs to 49.5 percent among these consumers while the percentage of those who are not interested declines to 39.7 percent.

Likewise, consumers who have PCs at home are more interested in the 15-cent rate for toll calls when the deal

includes free Internet access, according to the Aragon study. Interest increased to 53.9 percent among home computer users while the not interested group shrunk to 40.4 percent.

“When you offer consumers who use a PC at home a package that includes 15-cents-a minute flat-rate for toll calls and cellular/mobile service, and free Internet access, 50.0 percent say they’re interested,” says Miller. “And on the flip side of this equation, 42.3 percent say they’re not interested.”

“The message for the local and long-distance phone companies is: Bundle your services under a fixed flat-rate that includes cellular, long-distance and Internet access,” says Miller.

A national random sample of 401 was drawn to complete Aragon’s research, which produced results within a ± 5 percent margin of error. For more information call 314-726-3403.

FDA too slow in approving drugs

American consumers think that the FDA takes too long to approve prescription drugs for over-the-counter use, according to a recent survey conducted by CDB Research & Consulting, Inc., the research subsidiary of the public relations agency Creamer Dickson Basford, New York.

“The buying public wants access to medications formerly available only by prescription because they are perceived as being more powerful than existing over-the-counter products,” says Dr. Larry Chiagouris, executive vice president and managing director of CDB Research & Consulting, Inc.

In fact, these disgruntled consumers are nearly twice as likely as those satisfied with the FDA’s approval process to believe that over-the-counter products once dispersed only through prescription are safer than other over-the-counter products (50 percent vs. 27 percent).

More members of dollar-conscious HMOs believe the FDA simply takes too long to authorize prescription drugs for over-the-counter use (42 percent critical vs. 32 percent understanding). Those served by HMOs dominated the survey sample (74 percent of the insured participants belong to an HMO).

Although both sexes were almost equally impatient with the FDA (62 percent men, 69 percent women), age seems to play a role with Americans’ tolerance of the FDA process. Those respondents aged 18-34 and 55+ were more critical than not of the FDA pro-



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cess (age 18-34, 31 percent critical vs. 26 percent understanding; age 55+, 34 percent critical vs. 24 percent understanding). However, respondents aged 34-54 were more accepting of the FDA process (35 percent critical vs. 50 percent understanding). Education also influenced survey results. People with a high school education or less are more likely than those college educated to be critical of the FDA (73 percent vs. 60 percent).

Telephone interviews were conducted the last week of November 1996. The sample consisted of a national cross-section of 250 adults, ages 18 years or older. The margin of error is ± 6 percentage points. For more information call 212-367-6800.



"Do you or your spouse/partner have the most say in household consumer decision-making?"

(Asked of women living with spouse/partner)

	Women age 18-29			Women age 30-49		
	Me	Spouse/partner	Both equally	Me	Spouse/partner	Both equally
Make of new car	10%	27%	58%	6%	24%	68%
Computer products	13	19	20	11	17	35
Make of home electronics	15	37	44	12	31	56
Household saving/investments	16	17	66	10	17	71
Vacation plans	15	11	68	10	7	81
Brand of non-prescription drugs	67	4	28	51	7	39
Selection of home/residence	13	9	75	4	6	87
Home furnishings	45	5	50	33	8	58
Interior design of home	50	4	40	44	6	48
New kitchen appliances	23	24	50	20	10	66
Brands of grocery products	53	5	40	61	6	32
Type of food for household	51	9	41	57	4	39

Source Roper Starch Worldwide, Inc., 1996 report. Base: 1,045 women nationwide

Twentysomething women declare themselves primary purchasers

Although millions of baby-boomer women rejected the June Cleaver role model, the majority are still locked into

traditional roles when making purchasing decisions. Today, while most household purchasing decisions are made jointly, the latest MilleMeter report from *Mademoiselle* magazine and Roper Starch Worldwide finds that twentysomething women are more

likely than their baby-boomer counterpart to declare themselves the primary decision-makers for cars, computers, electronics — everything except grocery products. For more information call Kathryn McManus at 914-833-0232.

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Burke develops Web measurement tools

Burke, Inc., Cincinnati, has developed a series of Internet research tools designed to provide companies with information about their Web sites and about visitors to their sites that was previously difficult to obtain or considered unreliable. The tools include an approach for measuring the impact of a company's Internet activities on its overall brand image and positioning; and an application that resides in a company's Web site, randomly selecting every Nth visitor and routing them to participate in research surveys. For more information call 513-241-5663 or visit the company's Web site at <http://www.burke.com>.

Cardiff updates TELEform

Cardiff Software, San Marcos, Calif., has upgraded its TELEform family of products. The upgraded product line, Version 5.2, is optimized to create, distribute and read information from paper-based and electronic forms. TELEform Standard Version 5.2 is a single user, Windows 95/NT data collection application. TELEform Elite Version 5.2 is a production-level forms processing system. New features in TELEform 5.2 include TELEform Stats, support for Optika and Watermark document management solutions, Castelle FaxPress fax server support, enhanced NCS recognition and Thumbnail Scan Display. The company has also introduced the TELEform Internet Solution as an add-on to TELEform Elite. Optimized for Windows 95 and Windows NT, the product automates the process of creating, distributing and reading information from HTML-based forms. For more information call 800-659-8755.

Updated county projections from W&P

Woods & Poole Economics, Inc., Washington, D.C., has released its updated county economic and demographic projections through the year 2000. The new database contains historical data from 1969 and projections to 2020 of more than 500 variables for every county, state, metropolitan area (MSA/PMSA), and designated market area (DMA) in the U.S. The variables include population by race, sex and single year of age, employment and earnings by industry, personal income, households by income, and retail sales by kind of business. The new projections are based on historical county data through 1994. The projections include the regional impact of the current economic expansion. The regional economic impact of current cuts in military spending is also included in the new projections. The projections are available in printed reports as well as on disk or CD-ROM. The data on disk or CD-ROM can be used in GIS software, desktop marketing systems and in Lotus, Excel, dBASE, Paradox, ArcView and other software on IBM-compatible and Macintosh computers. For more information call 800-786-1915.

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Web site guide from FIND/SVP

FIND/SVP, New York, is now offering a new report, "Competing in Cyberspace: Guidelines for Market-Driven Web Site Planning and Design," that offers Web site planners criteria for analyzing, evaluating and designing a site. The report identifies four criteria for analyzing and planning a Web site: substance, navigation, activity and presentation, or SNAP. SNAP was designed jointly by the company's Emerging Technologies Research Group (ETRG). The report offers case studies of some 25 different Web sites, from MTV to Microsoft, using the SNAP method to rate how well each site achieves its objectives. For more information call 800-965-4636 or visit the ETRG Web site at: <http://etrg.findsvp.com>.

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Pacific region and in Latin America. On the other extreme, an American might say to an interviewer, "I have three minutes. What do you need to know?" In this case, it is essential to get right to the heart of the interview. Experience with the client's product helps an interviewer find that place.

The interviewer must be familiar with cultural customs. It is important to know which phrases to use and which not to use in the questionnaire. In every country, interviewers must trust their intuition and have a sense of the person they are interviewing.

The best-designed survey can be sabotaged by an untrained interviewer. An ideal interviewer must be able to maximize the productivity of time spent during an interview, and also use the questionnaire to custom fit their interviewee. Ask the most important questions in three different ways to guarantee getting the same answer. The military calls this "triangulation." Strategists learn to set up an attack from three different angles to enhance consistency. Likewise, asking key questions from three different perspectives insures the answer is the same each time.

A typical consumer questionnaire should last between two and five minutes. The more specialized the niche, the longer the interview can be. Take the example of a study that interviewed network engineers who were planning to use ATM switches. The goal was to determine what features they wanted to have on ATM switches. Since the design will directly influence their work, the engineers would talk for up to 90 minutes. When research has a direct impact on a person's job and the design of future products, the interviewee will tolerate a 30- to 90-minute interview.

When seeking a telephone research provider, make sure the firm designing the questionnaire has an understanding of these issues and is able to design a consistent and provocative questionnaire. A properly designed questionnaire obtains valuable information. Following these simple guidelines can insure quality results. □

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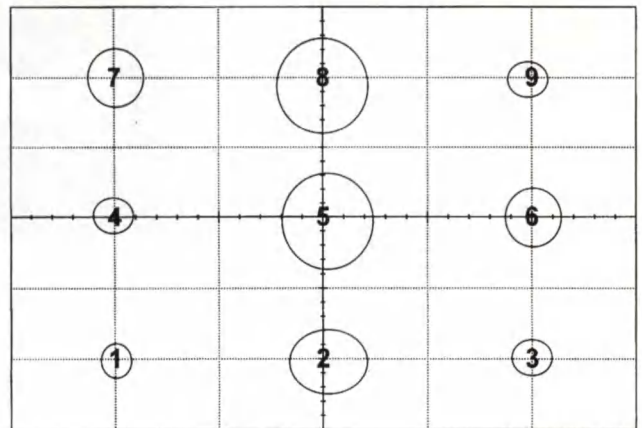
two or more respondent points lie to each other, the more similar their ratings across all 22 items. Figure 4 shows a comparable “blow-up” for Segment 9. There are 116 respondents in this segment; again, all are tightly clustered together. It is evident that Segment 9 is not as highly compact as Segment 1, for reasons that will become clear later.

The following table shows how an individual item from our pool of 22 items works in the self-organizing map.

Deviation Scores: I enjoy managing my own savings and investments.					
SEGMENT			DEVIATION SCORE		
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4	5	6	0.49	0.06	0.04
1	2	3	1.04	0.65	0.57

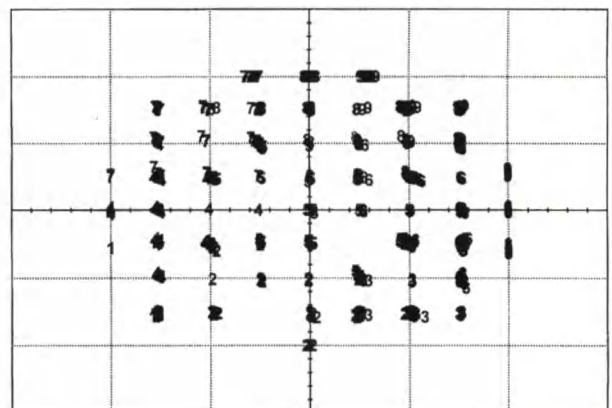
The left panel of the table helps you orient by showing the location of the nine segment centers as in Figure 1. The right panel shows the deviation score for each segment on the first item, “I enjoy managing my own savings and investments.” The deviation score is calculated by simply subtracting each segment’s average rating from the overall grand average calculated from all 1,000 re-

FIGURE 1: SEGMENT CENTERS



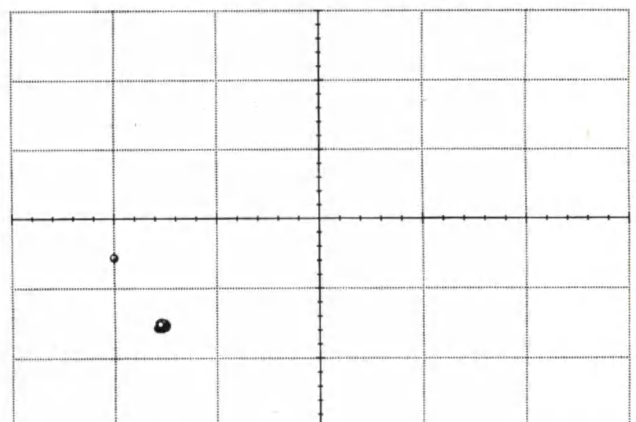
spondents. The structure of the co-ordinate system is now apparent. As you move vertically across the grid, from Segment 1, 2 or 3 toward Segment 7, 8 or 9, agreement with this item decreases. This characteristic of ratings to

FIGURE 2: INDIVIDUAL POINTS



change smoothly as one moves across the two-dimensional grid is what is meant by a co-ordinate system. The fact that the neural network builds this co-ordinate system from the data rather than having it imposed on the

FIGURE 3: SEGMENT 1 DATA POINTS



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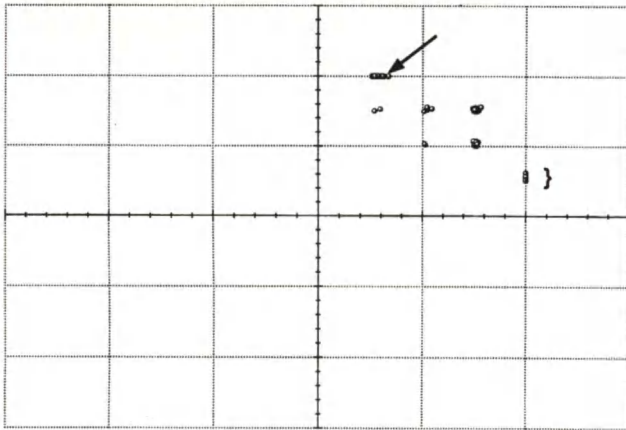
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FIGURE 4: SEGMENT 9 DATA POINTS



data is what is meant by emergent. Thus, one of the characteristics of a Segment 1 respondent is a very high level of agreement with "I enjoy managing my own savings and investments."

The following table shows another example, this time for "Although I am interested in some growth, my primary goal is to preserve the principle of my assets."

Deviation Scores: Although I am interested in some growth, my primary goal is to preserve the principle of my assets.

SEGMENT			DEVIATION SCORE		
7	8	9	-0.76	0.39	0.79
4	5	6	-0.87	-0.62	0.99
1	2	3	-1.15	0.16	1.08

Again, the co-ordinate system is quite clear. As you move horizontally across the grid, agreement with this statement systematically increases. There is virtually no systematic relationship between agreement and vertical movement.

The impact matrix

As these two examples illustrate, the emergent co-ordinate system defines smooth patterns of change in agreement as one moves across the SOM grid. Even with only two dimensions, the number of patterns that the SOM is able to capture is quite large. The impact matrix shows in a single glance the relationship between variables and grid orientation:

The impact matrix provides two pieces of information for interpreting the self-organizing map:

1. The size of the coefficient shows the degree to which an axis is defined by the attribute, just as in factor analysis. Thus, "I enjoy managing my own savings and investments" has a strong definitional weight on the vertical

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axis as we saw in the previous illustration.

2. The sign of the coefficient shows the direction of

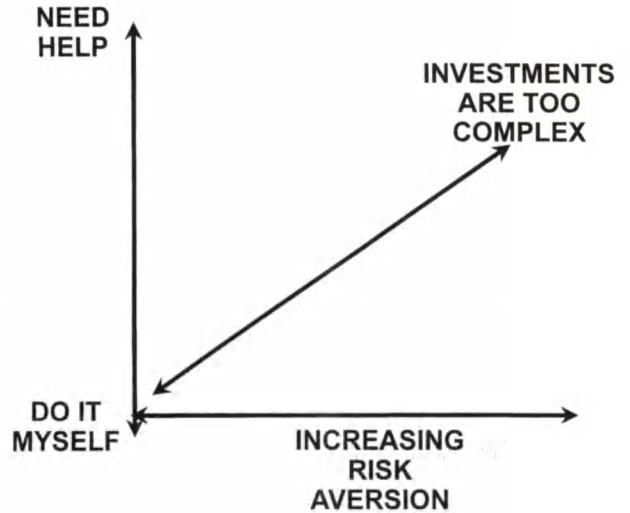
IMPACT MATRIX		
Item	Vertical	Horizontal
I enjoy managing my own savings and investments	-0.94	-0.23
Many investments are too complicated and difficult to understand	0.63	0.67
I stay informed about the types of investments on the market today	-0.9	-0.29
I like to divide my savings between several different types of investments rather than keep all of my money together	-0.64	-0.41
The small investor has a hard time making a decent return on his investments	0.43	0.82
I prefer to conduct most of my financial business in person rather than by phone or mail	-0.03	0.82
I usually shop around before making any investment decisions	-0.83	-0.17
I want professional advice on which specific investments will best meet my needs	0.63	0.59
I don't have time to watch over my investments as closely as I would like	0.83	0.14
I prefer investments that require me to be somewhat involved and make decisions every so often	-0.66	0.14
I can make good decisions myself about when to buy and sell investments to maximize my gains	-0.96	-0.13
I am willing to tolerate a short-term decline in the value of my investments if that's what it takes to achieve higher long-term returns	-0.29	-0.78
I would like to have one investment manager I can trust to oversee my entire portfolio	0.74	0.59
I hesitate to make investments because I am not sure what the market or the economy is going to do next	0.64	0.71
I would be interested in investment programs that focus on a life stage approach to investment management	0.54	0.24
Although I am interested in some growth, my primary goal is to preserve the principal of my assets	0.04	0.94
The interest rate environment has a substantial influence on my mutual fund investment decisions	-0.12	0.85
I think of myself as more of a saver than an investor	0.38	0.85
Over the past several years, I have become much more knowledgeable about savings and investments	-0.82	-0.2
I would never pay a fee, commission, or load to buy a mutual fund	-0.56	0.56
I would only pay a fee, commission or load if the returns on a load fund were equal to, or greater than, the returns on a no-load fund	-0.01	-0.17
I am willing to conduct mutual fund transactions using an automated telephone system as opposed to speaking personally with a representative	-0.32	-0.84

movement. A large negative weight on the horizontal axis means that as one moves from left to right, agreement decreases. Conversely, a large positive weight on the horizontal axis implies that as you move from left to right, agreement increases. Large negative weights on the vertical axis mean that agreement declines as you move down-

ward on the grid while large positive weights imply that agreement increases as you move upward.

Some items will have relatively high weights on both axes, representing important compound or diagonal movements like that shown for "I would never pay a fee, commission, or load to buy a mutual fund" (20), where Segments 2, 3 and 6

FIGURE 5



are the most willing to pay. Interestingly, these segments are predominately risk averse and cover the spectrum of comfort in managing their own investments.

It is a simple thing to translate the incidence matrix into a single, simple picture that shows what's going on, as shown in Figure 5. Table 1 shows the deviation scores for all 22 items.

The vertical axis of the self-organizing map differentiates between people who feel they need help in managing their personal investments and those who feel personally up to the challenge. The horizontal axis provides a scaling of risk aversiveness. The segments to the far right (e.g., 3, 6 and 9) are more averse to risk than the segments to the left.

Segments 1 and 3 both prefer to manage their own investments, but Segment 3 is going to have a lower tolerance for risk than Segment 1, as indicated by their substantially lower

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TABLE 1: SEGMENT DEVIATION SCORES

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
I enjoy managing my own savings and investments	1.04	0.49	-0.85	0.65	0.06	-0.79	0.57	0.04	-1.21
Many investments are too complicated and difficult to understand	-1.28	-0.16	-0.03	-0.88	-0.13	0.74	0.42	0.68	0.65
I stay informed about the types of investments on the market today	1.01	0.48	-0.89	0.65	0.15	-0.44	0.27	0.03	-1.26
I like to divide my savings between several different types of investments rather than keep all of my money together	0.39	0.39	-0.37	0.19	0.20	0.13	0.07	0.07	-1.07
The small investor has a hard time making a decent return on his investments	-1.46	-0.91	-0.11	0.05	-0.06	0.67	0.29	0.84	0.70
I prefer to conduct most of my financial business in person rather than by phone or mail	-1.03	-0.88	-0.54	-0.46	1.04	-0.89	1.10	0.74	0.92
I usually shop around before making any investment decisions	0.39	0.27	-0.56	0.43	0.38	-0.43	0.12	0.27	-0.88
I want professional advice on which specific investments will best meet my needs	-1.33	-0.08	-0.06	-0.80	0.42	0.65	0.20	0.58	0.41
I don't have time to watch over my investments as closely as I would like	-1.11	0.36	0.43	-0.81	0.29	0.47	-1.04	0.91	0.50
I prefer investments that require me to be somewhat involved and make decisions every so often	0.28	0.11	-0.57	0.13	0.38	-0.59	0.02	0.75	-0.51
I can make good decisions myself about when to buy and sell investments to maximize my gains	1.04	0.06	-0.71	0.89	0.11	-1.10	0.47	0.25	-1.02
I am willing to tolerate a short-term decline in the value of my investments if that's what it takes to achieve higher long-term returns	0.48	0.44	0.09	-0.15	0.12	-0.14	-0.30	0.02	-0.55
I would like to have one investment manager I can trust to oversee my entire portfolio	-1.62	-0.53	0.14	-0.90	0.45	0.90	-0.14	0.85	0.85
I hesitate to make investments because I am not sure what the market or the economy is going to do next	-1.38	-0.81	0.24	-0.16	-0.36	0.54	-0.11	0.89	1.15
I would be interested in investment programs that focus on a life stage approach to investment management	-0.80	0.31	0.00	-0.12	0.19	0.26	-0.33	0.51	-0.03
Although I am interested in some growth, my primary goal is to preserve the principal of my assets	-1.15	-0.87	-0.76	0.16	-0.62	0.39	1.08	0.99	0.79
The interest rate environment has a substantial influence on my mutual fund investment decisions	-0.96	-0.28	-0.57	0.37	0.08	0.04	0.52	0.73	0.07
I think of myself as more of a saver than an investor	-1.56	-1.02	0.06	-0.12	-0.19	0.42	0.77	0.62	0.83
Over the past several years, I have become much more knowledgeable about savings and investments	0.48	0.30	-0.52	0.24	0.23	-0.26	0.24	0.27	-0.98
I would never pay a fee, commission, or load to buy a mutual fund	0.07	-0.39	-0.32	0.61	-0.42	-0.44	0.33	0.34	0.23
I would only pay a fee, commission or load if the returns on a load fund were equal to, or greater than, the returns on a no-load fund	0.11	0.05	0.05	0.05	-0.09	-0.07	-0.30	0.36	-0.18
I am willing to conduct mutual fund transactions using an automated telephone system as opposed to speaking personally with a representative	0.92	0.85	0.82	0.71	-0.66	-0.77	-0.66	-0.34	-0.87

levels of agreement with:

- "I am willing to tolerate a short-term decline in the value of my investments if that's what it takes to achieve higher long-term returns."

- "I prefer investments that require me to be somewhat involved and make decisions every so often."

And higher agreement with:

- "Although I am interested in some growth, my primary goal is to preserve the principal of my assets."

Moreover, as tolerance for risk decreases, there is a tendency for respondents to see themselves more as savers than investors. Similarly, as tolerance for risk decreases and a feeling of needing help with personal investments increases, there is a tendency to view investment products as overly complicated, as illustrated by the diagonal line in Figure 5.

Notice that a potential new product concept, "An investment program that focuses on a life stage approach to in-

vestment management," is attractive to the middle tier of segments (4, 5 and 6). Using the other interpretive features of the map, it would be easy to position this product concept selectively to each of these segments: targeting Segment 4 requires that the life cycle program provide the opportunity for substantial growth with acceptable levels of risk, while targeting Segment 6 requires a low risk savings positioning. Positioning in terms of personal vs. professional management will not meaningfully differentiate the segments.

Summarizing, as one moves from segment to segment, things change smoothly. The great discontinuities you are probably used to with cluster-based segmentation are not present in the SOM. This probably jibes more with your own introspection that, as a person, we are more or less like, say a VALS Belonger or Achiever, rather than having all of the attributes of a Belonger and none of those associated with an Achiever.

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It is easy to interpret any individual point in the SOM. For instance, Figure 4 showed all of the Segment 9 points and while they clearly cluster around the center, there is a subset of points (indicated with an arrow) that are apparently more open to risk than the majority of Segment 9. Similarly, there is a second subset (indicated with a bracket) that desires more personal involvement in their investments.

We turn now to a very brief overview of how the self-organizing map works. Some of the mathematical detail is very complex and, for that, the interested reader is referred to Kohonen's recent book, *Self-Organizing Maps* (Springer-Verlag, 1995). A self-organizing map consists of at least three layers:

1. An input layer where the network obtains information about the data (the 22 rating statements in our example).

2. An output layer where the network reports its results — in this case, the horizontal and vertical co-ordinates of each respondent's location in the two-dimensional grid. As I suggested previously, there may be additional layers, in which case the output of the SOM serves as an input to a back-propagating neural network or a traditional statistical procedure like linear regression. This is how my company's NeuroSeg program works.

3. A grid-like hidden layer, frequently referred to as a Kohonen layer.

I will describe how the hidden Kohonen layer works. There are three important features of the Kohonen layer: lateral interconnections, competitive learning and selective tuning.

Lateral interconnections

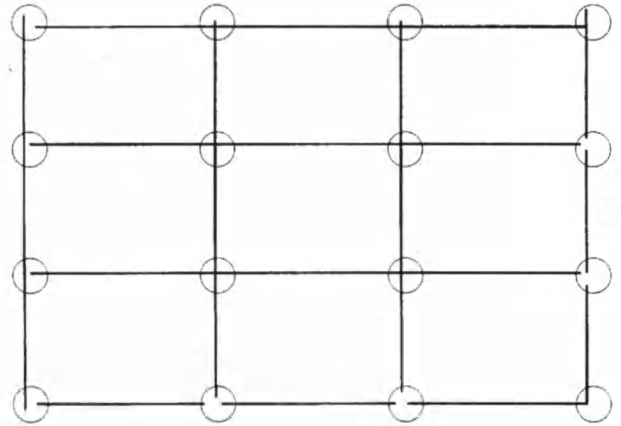
A small Kohonen layer is shown in Figure 6. The figure shows 16 processing units arrayed in four rows of four units per row indicated by the circles. Notice that each of the 16 processing units is connected to all of its surrounding neighbors, indicated by the lines. These lateral interconnections are very important. The processing unit in the Kohonen layer works like the processing units described in my previous article. In an SOM, however, each unit's activity influences its neighbors activity and is influenced by the activity of its neighbors. Since each unit has a neighbor and is in turn a neighbor, each unit's activity influences the activity of all other processing units via the lateral interconnections. Of course, a unit influences its closest neighbors more strongly than those far away. A processing unit's activity can be either positive (excitatory) or negative (inhibitory). If a processing unit having a negative connection with its neighbor becomes activated, it makes it more difficult for its neighbor to become activated. Conversely, if the unit has an excitatory connection with its neighbor, its activity makes it easier for its neighbor to become activated. Activation means responding to a certain pattern in the input data.

Selective tuning

Training the SOM begins with presenting a line of data to the Kohonen layer. In our example case, this line of data consists of 22 variables. On the very first presentation, the processing units randomly respond to the 22 variables, some becoming activated by particular elements (questions), others being inhibited. Each time a processing unit becomes

activated by a given input variable, its connection to that variable is strengthened. The next time it sees the particular variable, it is more likely to become activated. By becoming activated by a given variable, a processing unit will also inhibit other processing units from becoming activated by the same

FIGURE 6



variable. After only a few presentations of data, small local neighborhoods of processing units become activated to particular patterns within the input data.

Beginning with a random seed, the Kohonen layer quickly builds an internal representation of the data wherein specific processing units become selectively tuned to specific data elements. If a processing unit elsewhere in the grid tries to become activated by these items, they are suppressed through lateral inhibition. This combination of suppressing other neurons while strengthening their own association with a given input pattern leads to the formation of the smooth co-ordinate system; neural network researchers refer to this as competitive learning since, in a very real sense, all of the processing units compete with each other for the chance to become activated by a data element and thereby have their connection to this element strengthened.

In our example, the processing units located in the lower left of the grid became selectively tuned to:

- "I enjoy managing my own savings and investments"
- "I stay informed about the types of investments on the market today"
- "I can make good decisions myself about when to buy and sell investments to maximize my gains"

The selective tuning to these elements means that a respondent having very strong agreement with these items would map onto the lower right of the grid. As agreement with these items decreases, the respondent maps away from the lower right, with a high level of disagreement mapping onto the upper right of the grid. Because of the lateral inhibition and excitation, respondents with similar patterns of ratings across all 22 items are pushed and pulled into a common area of the grid, while respondents with different patterns are pushed and pulled into different areas of the grid. All the pushing and pulling that goes on during training results in clusters that represent the central tendencies of the

data. In fact, the Kohonen layer maps the probability density function of each response pattern.

This is a technical, but very important, point. Response patterns that are very rare occupy a very small proportion of the Kohonen layer while patterns that are relatively frequent take up a large proportion. Within this large proportion, the Kohonen layer is able to stretch itself to localize even small differences within groups of people whose central tendency is similar. This elasticity of the Kohonen layer (which comes about through the lateral excitation and inhibition and competitive learning) is what accounts for the easily observed clustering in Figures 1 and 2.

In Figure 2, there are nine segments and all of the respondents plot near one of the segments. The gaps of open space indicate response patterns where very few respondents fall. (These, as I mentioned, are respondents whose pattern of rating across the 22 items is very rare. These might be incorrectly coded or keypunched data, people who failed to understand the scale, people who intentionally gave inconsistent responses, or people who are just by nature contradictory, like those few in this study who felt they needed help with their investments but didn't want anyone to help them).

Applications and extensions

I will now address four very exciting and important things about applying the Kohonen SOM to segmentation data:

1. The segments appear to be very stable. Have you ever done a segmentation study on the same universe of respondents using the same questions at two different points in time

and found that the proportion of respondents falling in each segment had shifted? This shifting reflects instability in the underlying segmentation scheme.

The Kohonen self-organizing map is extremely stable. This is a very important feature for segmentation analysis. It means that a particular respondent's data, measured at two different points in time, has to just be similar at both points to map the respondent into the same segment. This test-retest stability issue is a frequent problem with Q-factor analysis and discriminant analysis, which pay particular attention to global aspects of the database, like the pattern of covariation among items. The SOM, while it certainly pays attention to the entire database, turns out to care more about the interrelationship of items within a respondent. We can illustrate this with our large mutual fund database. Remember that we randomly chose about 1,000 of the almost 3,000 respondents available.

To give some illustration of stability, we carefully selected five of the 22 items and trained a supervised learning neural net like that described in my first article with our original 1,000 respondents. Here we satisfy the criteria for a supervised learning neural net: we knew the value of the independent variables (in this case, the ratings on five of the 22 items) and the value of the dependent variable (the segment the SOM put people in using all 22 items). A back-propagating neural network quickly learns the highly nonlinear mapping from the five items to segment code. We then took 1,000 new respondents from the database — 1,000 respondents not used in our original SOM — and used our back-propagating neu-

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ral network to determine in which segment a person fell based on the five items.

Finally, we ran these new 1,000 respondents through our trained SOM using all 22 items. If the SOM segmentation is stable, then the segment codes we derive using only five items should line up with what we get using all 22 items. The results are shown in the following table. Along the top we show the segment our fresh 1,000 respondents went into with the full 22 items on the trained SOM. Along the side we show the segment they went into with the five-item short form and a supervised learning neural network. The entries on the diagonal show the percentage of respondents that landed in the same segment with both schemes:

LONG FORM (SOM)									
SEGMENT									
Short-Form	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	100	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	96	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	3	0	94	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	96	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	97	0	0	3
7	0	0	0	4	0	0	100	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	3
9	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	94

Even with only five of the 22 items, we are able to correctly classify over 97 percent of our new sample of respon-

dents. (Again I emphasize that we very, very carefully selected the five items and we very, very carefully preprocessed all the data.) Anyone who isn't impressed with this finding should ask their favorite market research statistician how they think they would do on this same task using Q-factor analysis or K-means clustering to form the segments and multiple linear discriminant analysis to test the five item short form. On this database, we achieved 41 percent correct prediction using these traditional methods.

Of course, the best way to establish the test-retest reliability is to measure the same people at different points in time. Unfortunately, we do not have this kind of data available and so we must settle for the simulation outlined above.

2. The SOM can be easily modified so that the segments are always managerially relevant. Have you ever done a segmentation that told a nice story only to look at a cross-tab of market share by segment and find absolutely no difference between segments? Our NeuroSeg product adds a supervised learning neural network to the output of the Kohonen layer. This has some benefits for market researchers. For instance, you might want to do a segmentation and have the segments relate to customer satisfaction. In this case, you input the segmenting items to the Kohonen layer and the satisfaction rating (or ratings) to an output layer. NeuroSeg has an additional layer analogous to the back-propagation layer I described in the previous article sitting between the Kohonen and output layers. The errors in predicting satisfaction then feed back to the Kohonen layer, causing adjustments of all the lateral inhibition and excitation. After a moderate amount of training, the Kohonen layer becomes selectively tuned in such a way that the clustering of respondents maximally predicts overall satisfaction. In fact, the resulting SOM will have a co-ordinate system on satisfaction so that as you move across the grid, satisfaction systematically changes.

Any data can be used in the output layer to ensure that the resulting segmentation is relevant. For example, respondents in the investment database we have been examining were asked to identify the company with which they would make their next mutual fund investment. If we sent this question to the output layer of NeuroSeg, the database would not only be segmented, but the resulting segments would maximally differentiate between companies. Think of it as a simultaneous cluster and discriminant analysis where the results of the discriminant analysis are fed back to the clustering so that the resulting clusters give the best possible discrimination.

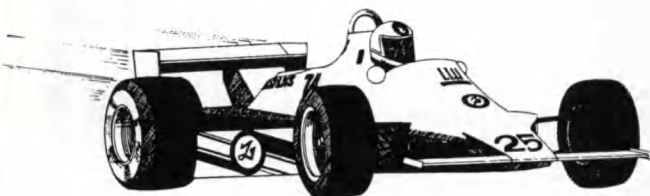
3. It is easy to determine the number of clusters that should be retained. Although I will not explain it in any detail here, there is a measure of how well the two-dimensional grid in the Kohonen layer is working. This measure is called the quantization error, or QE. The lower the QE, the better the segmentation.

Sometimes, of course, there is a trade-off. You might want six segments even though 12 have a much better QE. Generally, because of the self-organizing co-ordinate system, solutions with a large number of segments represent finer gradations of solutions with a smaller number of segments. In these cases, deviation charts like those shown earlier change much more slowly and smoothly as you move across the

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grid. In other words, a 12-segment solution is a lot like a six-segment solution, only each segment is much more compact and homogenous. In other cases, however, the added segments allow for entirely new patterns of interrelationships to emerge.

4. The SOM works very well for perceptual mapping data where you have a sample of respondents evaluating two or more products on three or more attributes. In this case, products with similar perceptual structure map close to each other and the attributes form a smoothly varying self-emerging co-ordinate system. The impact matrix and deviation scores show how respondents structure the marketplace and you can then easily read off the position each product occupies within this structure. Space prohibits us from showing examples of a neural network-based perceptual map, but I will be glad to send an example to anyone who is interested.

There are also some serious disadvantages and limitations of the Kohonen self-organizing map, including:

1. The SOM cannot be used with categorical data and doesn't do very well with ordinal data. With this kind of data, one will get better results with correspondence analysis than a self-organizing map. The more robust the measurement, the better the SOM works.

2. If you are using a large number of items as the basis of the segmentation, you will need a large number of respondents. This is due to the competitive learning paradigm which requires many observations in order to accurately tune the weights.

3. The Kohonen self-organizing map frequently finds a lot of segments. With interactive presentation technology, this may or may not be a serious problem since, as I suggested above, solutions with a large number of segments usually find very fine gradations which, for the purposes of marketing strategy development, can be combined.

4. If you are used to the non-overlapping, highly discontinuous kinds of segments that cluster analysis finds, the idea of smooth transitions and overlapping segments might be awkward. □

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Louis, has opened a Web site at www.qcs.com. The site features the QCS Facility Guide, which includes information about QCS facilities around the country, including photos, directions to the facility, recruitment data, area demographics, hotel and restaurant data and more.

Hewlett-Packard has selected **Cardiff Software**, a San Marcos, Calif., data collection software and services firm, as its premier forms processing partner. The two firms are working toward the launch and marketing of the HP ScanJet 5 and its integration with Cardiff's TELEform automated forms processing software.

Technological changes, particularly the explosive growth of cellular and mobile phones, paging

New Area Codes for 1997

New Area Code	Old Area Code	State/Province	Effective Date	Grace Period
561	407	FL	13-May-96	13-Apr-97
972	214	TX	14-Sep-96	3-May-97
250	604	BC, Canada	19-Oct-96	6-Apr-97
937	513	OH	28-Sep-96	14-Jun-97
281	713	TX	2-Nov-96	3-May-97
562	310	CA	25-Jan-97	25-Jul-97
765	317	IN	1-Feb-97	27-Jun-97
760	619	CA	22-Mar-97	27-Sep-97
870	501	AR	14-Apr-97	6-Oct-97
425	206	WA	27-Apr-97	16-Nov-97
253	206	WA	27-Apr-97	16-Nov-97
724	412	PA	1-May-97	OVERLAY
248	810	MI	10-May-97	13-Sep-97
940	817	TX	25-May-97	24-Aug-97
254	817	TX	25-May-97	24-Aug-97
949	714	CA	31-May-97	30-Jun-98
850	904	FL	30-Jun-97	30-Jun-98
N/A	904	Fl.	30-Jun-97	30-Jun-98
340	809	US Virgin Is.	1-Jun-97	30-Jun-98
973	201	NJ	1-Jun-97	6-Dec-97
732	908	NJ	1-Jun-97	6-Dec-97
240	301	MD	1-Jun-97	OVERLAY
443	410	MD	1-Jun-97	OVERLAY
626	818	CA	14-Jun-97	21-Feb-98
435	801	UT	22-Jun-97	1-Feb-98
440	216	OH	28-Jun-97	1-Jan-98
671	New	Guam	1-Jul-97	N/A
670	New	N. Marianas	1-Jul-97	N/A
830	210	TX	7-Jul-97	6-Oct-97
956	210	TX	7-Jul-97	6-Oct-97
785	913	KS	20-Jul-97	1-Oct-98
920	414	WI	26-Jul-97	25-Oct-97
650	415	CA	2-Aug-97	1-Feb-98
867	403/819	NT, Canada	21-Oct-97	26-Apr-98
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equipment, modems and fax machines, have dramatically increased the demand for telephone numbers. In many areas of the country, this demand has exceeded existing capacities, which forced the introduction of the interchangeable area code in 1995, and subsequently, many new area codes. Since the beginning of 1995, 18 new area codes have been introduced. Over 30 more are scheduled for introduction in 1997, according to information from Survey Sampling, Inc., Fairfield, Conn. (See chart.)

Focuscope, Inc., Oak Park, Ill., has joined FocusVision Network for videoconferencing of focus groups. The facility features four large rooms and is managed by Kevin Rooney. In addition, four FocusVision members made the Top Ten list in the new 1997 Impulse Survey of Focus Facilities: Focuscope; Fieldwork Phoenix; Trotta Associates, Irvine, Calif.; and Superior Research, Tampa.

Cambridge Focus, a new focus group facility, has opened at 600 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, Mass. It features three focus group suites, one traditional style, one flexible modular style and one living-room style. For more information call 508-263-6617.

Survey Sampling, Inc., Fairfield, Conn., has introduced telephone sampling coverage for the United Kingdom and plans to expand coverage into Western European markets this year. For more information call Terrence Coen at 203-255-4200, ext. 323.

Students in Indiana University's undergraduate marketing program will learn marketing applications of geographic information systems (GIS) through a new course using cartographic information from **Geographic Data Technology, Inc.**, Lebanon, N.H. Beginning this fall, students seeking an undergraduate marketing degree will be required to take a database marketing class that will focus on the use of scanner data, catalog purchase data and GIS. The class will include typical GIS applications, such as distribution and site selection, and less traditional applications like customer profiling and media planning. "The emphasis will be on decisions that are not commonly thought of as geographic or spatial to show students the breadth of GIS possibilities," says Indiana University Professor David McKay.

Field Facts International has opened two new European offices. Field Facts International, Germany, is located at Schillerstrasse 5, 60313 Frankfurt-Am-Main. Phone 49-69-299873-0. Fax 49-69-299873-10. Field Facts International, France, is located at 25 rue de Ponthieu, 75008 Paris. Phone 33-0-1-53-96-02-10. Fax 33-0-1-53-96-02-50.

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eral layers to awareness in the golf ball category. There's the ball manufacturer, the ball brand name, and then some kind of number or letter identifier ("the GoFar X1, made by Behemoth Industries"). "As a result, we had to take a very close look at how awareness was being driven. Was it being driven by the company manufacturing the product, the brand it was being marketed under or by the ball type? The research helped us understand the inner workings of that and identify the audience," Rooke says.

"We found was that every ball needs an identifier, something that allows one golfer to tell another,

confusion over the Maxfli ball line, and golf balls in general, Mager says. "Consumers said that they couldn't understand differences between the balls, the attributes, what they were designed to do. They recognized the balls by the color of the box. They didn't know the nomenclature. They'd say, 'I play the green box versus or the yellow box.' There was a need to better organize the hierarchy of the balls and make their benefits easier to understand and also to distinguish our packaging and our brand from everybody else's."

National panel

After the focus groups, BBDO used a Market Facts national panel as a cost-effective way to generate

a representative sample of golfers to contact by telephone. "The golf category is a low incidence one," Rooke says. "Total golfers only represent about 10 percent of the population and heavy golfers are a small

subset of that so it's not something that you typically would survey for randomly because the costs would be prohibitive. "The sample was broken down by where they buy balls, where they play golf, etc. So out of the sample we had a great variety of subsets, which is critical because in golf if you represent subset A but don't represent subset B, you're deluding yourself. The guy who belongs to the country club is very different from the guy who plays at the local public course. Their attitudes are different even if they play the same level of game," Rooke says. The research showed that while many golfers are quality oriented,

there is an even bigger segment that could be called the fashion crowd of golf. "They want to play the right brand and the right ball because it's stylish to do so, not because they're committed to the game of golf. These are often the country club or corporate golfers, the wannabes who want to play with excellent golfers, none of whom might be committed to becoming a par golfer but who want to use the products that par golfers use. Armed with that information we wanted to find out whether the Maxfli brand was meeting the needs of any of the segments we had identified," Rooke says.



'Well, I play the HT90,' and make it appear that they know a lot about the game, even if that isn't the case. That signaled to us that we needed to not only to get the Maxfli brand into people's minds but also to give them this nomenclature hook that allows them to be inside the game," Rooke says.

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Brand imagery

BBDO also conducted a Brand Fitness Study on Maxfli, a proprietary approach that seeks to identify the type of person associated with a brand (user imagery), the product-based imagery (what does the product do for you?) and the personal

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--Tim R. *October 27, 1996*



I conducted a mail survey and got a 30 percent response rate. Is that a good return?
--Sandy A. *November 1, 1996*

Sandy: That seems pretty good. Without an incentive, we usually expect to get 20 or 25 percent.

--Dave P. *November 5, 1996*



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drives imagery (the underlying motivating factors). "We map the three dimensions of imagery for our brands as well as all competing brands and by using correspondence mapping we're able to find both important and unique space as well as where brands overlap with competitors," Rooke says.

Meanwhile, on the design front, the people at Wallace Church Associates were busy developing options for a new look for Maxfli packaging and products. Swanson used the company's proprietary Visual Exploratory Process to identify symbolism that would capture the essence of the new Maxfli brand positioning. This

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process, in conjunction with BBDO research, came up with key words to communicate Maxfli's new position, such as "energy and momentum," "vitality" and "enthusiasm."

"After the segmentation and image work, we went back and explored how we might talk about this brand called Maxfli. We tested multiple positionings so we could get a better handle on how each of them would be responded to. We took that infor-

mation and used it to refine the positioning," Rooke says.

After design options were created, triads and diads were conducted with respondents who said they were heavy golfers. "We showed packaging and ball design alternatives including logos, and took them through a sequence of how the logo looked on ball sleeves, on the balls themselves, etc. We weren't comparing version A with version B but rather we wanted to see how different ones hit different people, what kinds of words they used to play back their impressions," Rooke says.

Color-coded

Based on the research findings and the insights of Wallace Church and BBDO, the new positioning for Maxfli projected a youthful attitude, but one that treated the game of golf with respect. "We went with the design that best signaled the positioning we had chosen, that Maxfli stood for winning and a youthful approach, not in terms of years but in a way of living life," Rooke says.

As part of the redesign, the Maxfli line was reorganized into good, better and best levels, with packaging color-coded white, black and gold, respectively. "The new packaging ensured that each product offering fit neatly into the overall brand architecture, yet was distinguished by its own proprietary color," Swanson says.

"Average to good golfers really don't understand all the technical gobbledygook that manufacturers keep telling them. They really just want to know the basic benefits so they can choose. We tried to make the packaging and advertising very compelling," Mager says.

"We were trying to appeal to a more contemporary, aggressive golfer, one who would take more risks, who knew what they wanted and would be more assertive in their approach. A lot of golfers buy on image. Whatever they feel good about they pick. It's almost like apparel or cosmetics. The ball you choose says a lot about you." □

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Traci Sinnwell has been appointed research coordinator at *Aragon Consulting Group (ACG)* in St. Louis. The firm also appointed **Lawrence A. Felix Jr.** vice president and senior consultant. Felix will work out of the firm's San Francisco-area office. In addition, **Robert Souders** has been appointed ACG's assistant controller and **John W. Adams** has been named vice president and senior consultant.

David L. Edgell has been appointed executive director of the Tourism Division of *Ruf Strategic Solutions*, Olathe, Kan.

Survey Sampling, Inc., Fairfield, Conn., has named **Christopher DeAngelis** to the newly created position of national sales manager. **Larry Chavis** has joined the firm's sales department as client service specialist. And **Peter Brownstein** has been promoted to account executive.

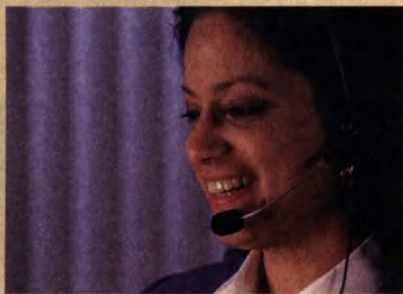
ICT Group, Langhorne, Pa., has appointed **James Shannon** president of ICT International Sales; **Dorothy O'Byrne** business development group manager of ICT Europe; and **Carlos Teruel** vice president of ICT Spantel.

ACNielsen Corp., Stamford, Conn., has reorganized its Asia-Pacific region and named a new leadership team. Asia-Pacific Chairman **K.N. Tang** will oversee the area of strategic business units. **Malcolm Spry** has been promoted to the new position of group chief executive—Pacific, encompassing all of the firm's Australia and New Zealand businesses. **William Pulver** has been promoted to managing director—Pacific. **Bienvenido Niles Jr.** will serve as managing director of the Southeast Asia sub region.

Diana Nicholls has been appointed senior project manager with *Market Directions, Inc.*, New Castle, Pa., and will oversee the firm's expansion into a new facility.

Steven McFadden has been named president and COO of ICR, Media, Pa. With the move, **Fred Soulas** will become chairman and CEO. New senior vice presidents include **Lynn Spitzer** and **Patricia McCue**. New vice presidents include **Daniel Soulas** and **Jane Cutler**.

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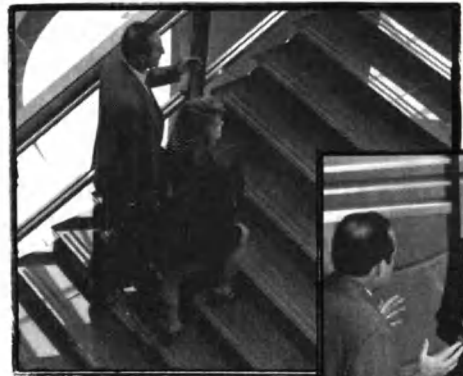
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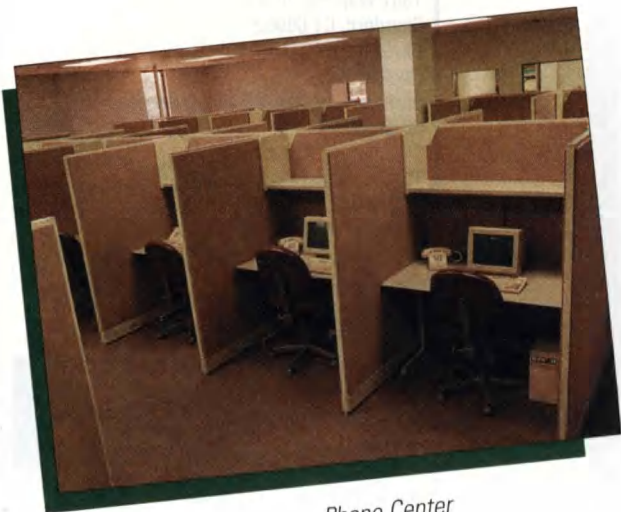
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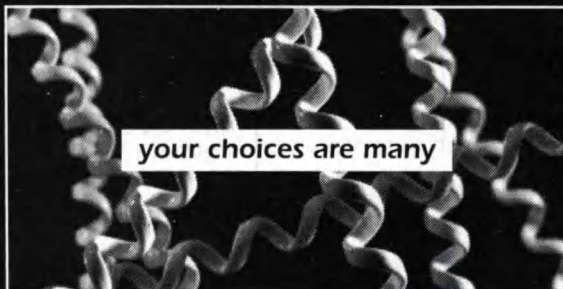
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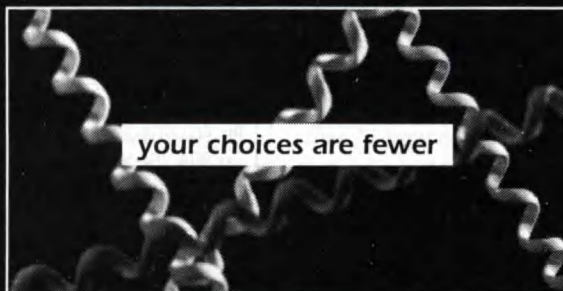
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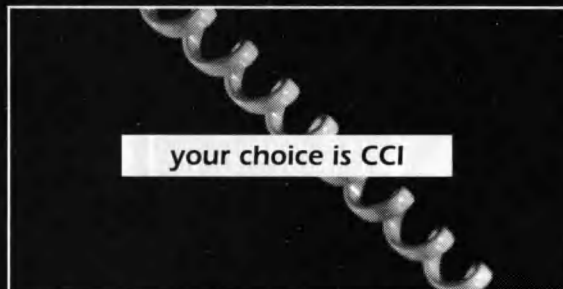
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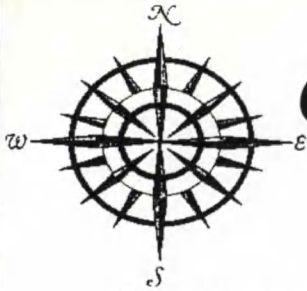
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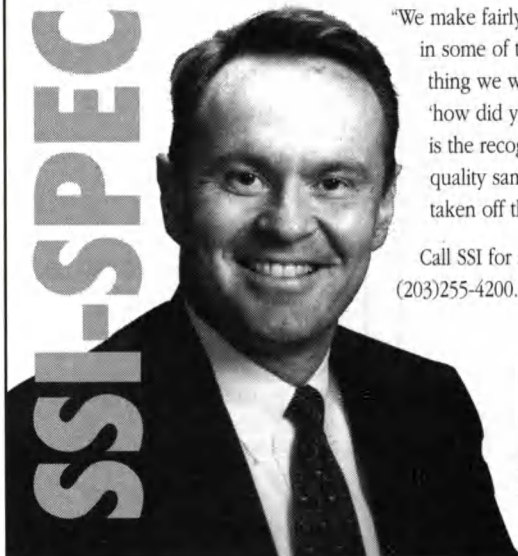
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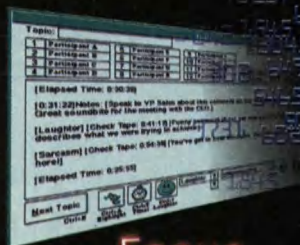
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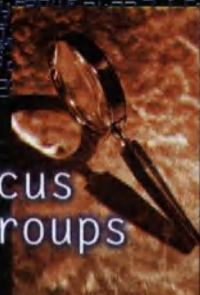
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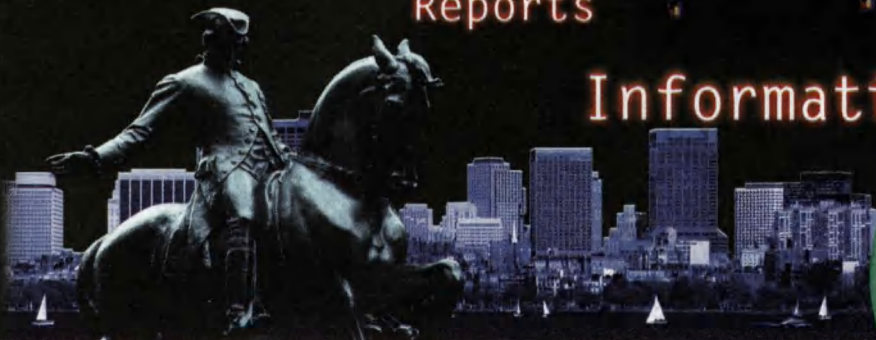


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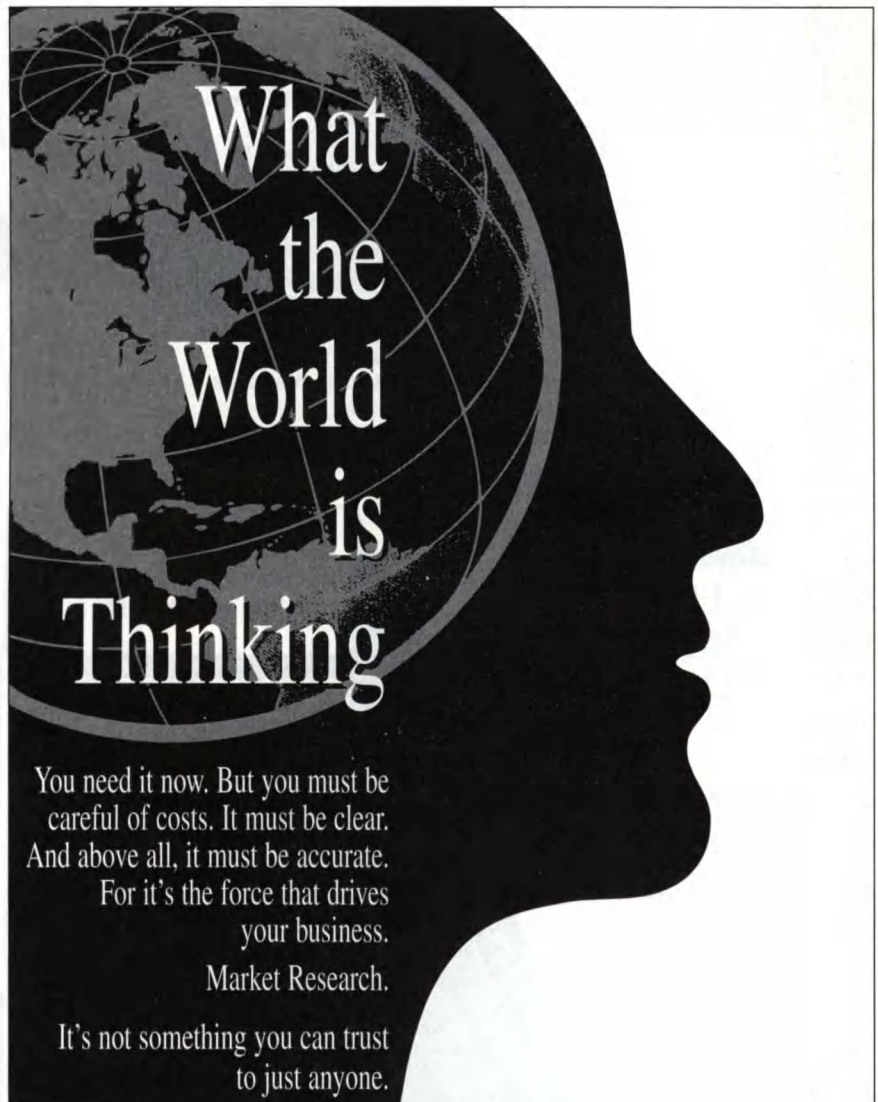
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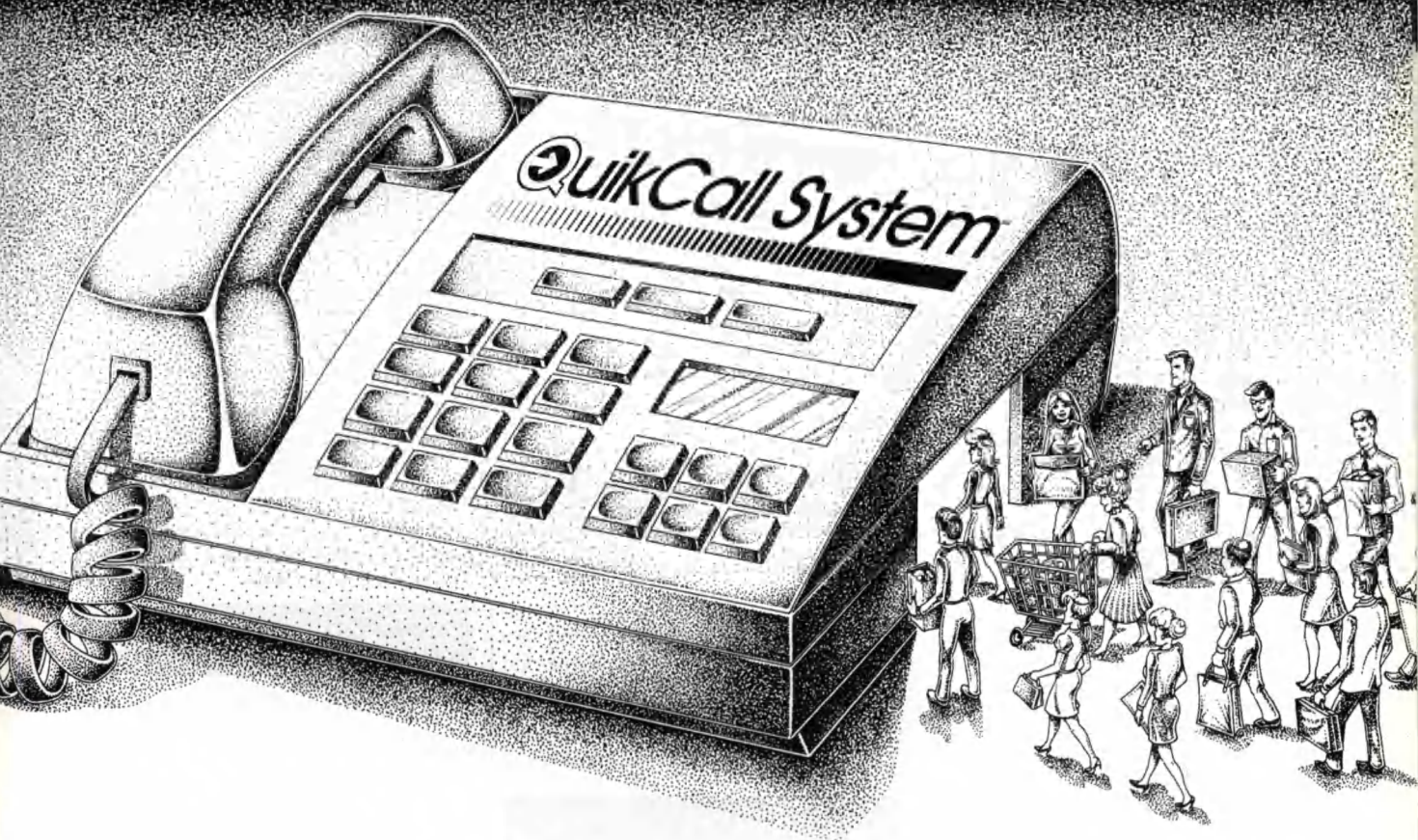
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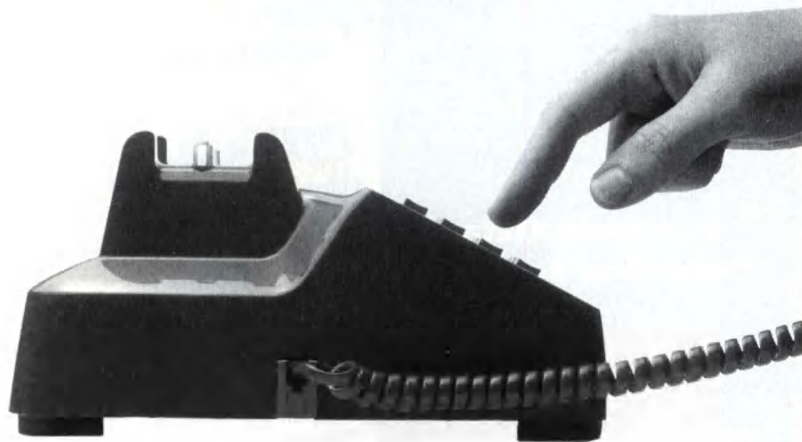
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I am a long-time SPSS user and I liked Steven Struhl's review of the package in the February 1997 issue of QMRR. There is, however, one clarification that should be made to your readers.

Mr. Struhl states that SPSS cannot perform multinomial logit analysis as usually used for DCM. This is incorrect. SPSS can perform a multinomial logit through the use of the Cox-Regression procedure. The Cox-Regression is a special form of a proportional hazards model which accommodates censored observations. If the user creates a constant time variable (COMPUTE TIME=1), "folds" the data by choice set (for four choices each respondent has four records), and indicates respondent choice as the STATUS, then they will obtain a multinomial model. There is also a STRATA subcommand that should indicate choice set and design blocks. This is exactly

how SAS users perform this same procedure (PROC PHREG).

I hope that this will help your readers and prevent any unnecessary headaches.

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Jerry Thomas has written a good, thorough article on tracking research to assess advertising ("A measured response," QMRR, March 1997). I was struck by one particular aspect of the article as a whole: it demonstrated that the advertising community is still stuck in the same tunnel vision that I remember from the early 1960s, when I worked as a research executive for the Marplan division of Interpublic.

Pride of authorship is a major reason for this. The advertising agency views itself as a creative agent, and likes to use that term. It looks at research in part the way an author looks at reviews of his work. Did the public notice this clever device or turn of phrase? Unfortunately, survey research cannot tell us that. It can tell us only whether people remember noticing it. And there is little convincing evidence that advertising recall is a prerequisite for advertising effectiveness. Conversely, virtually everyone can probably recall scores of advertising messages for brands they have never purchased and never will purchase.

Another reason, which led me to the term "tunnel vision," is the complete disregard for whatever else was going on at the time the ad campaign was running. Competitors' advertising and promotions, and even general news, can be powerful distractions that impact the effectiveness of your message. The ever-growing clutter of commercials may aggravate the risk of having your advertising message confused with another, and therefore being associated with the wrong brand. An interesting way to test that is to ask advertising awareness two different ways: one with the brand name alone as the question stimulus, and one with commercial description (without the brand name) as the stimulus.

Before research is planned, it's important to determine its primary purpose. Is it intended primarily as a diagnostic tool, to help the agency improve the advertising? Or is it primarily intended to prove to the client how good the advertising is?

Thomas clearly assumes it is the former, which is as it should be. In reality, I often am not so sure.

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