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# One runner among the crowd

the long-distance runner is a lot of bunk, Texas A&M University graduate student Bob Fennessy will tell you.

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next to 799 other people.

The 43-year-old doctoral student will be running his first marathon with some 800 entrants in the sec-

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The adage about the loneliness of ond annual Aggie Marathon here

I've been working up to this that helped my body. Runn thing for about the last three months," said Fennessy, a Califor-nia native. "Tve never run a full 26-mile marathon in my life. People just don't run out on the West Coast

like they do around here. There are students at Texas A&M up and running on this cam-pus at 2 a.m. If you tried that in Southern California, you'd probably

get mugged. Fennessy, a former trainer for Los Angeles State College, Univeronce drinking an average of 25 cups of coffee and smoking up to four packs of cigarettes a day, he said.

"When I came here 1" create markedly, he said. Its so much the running of marathon itself, it's the months preparation a person goes through that adds years to his life. sity of Southern California and

When I came here, I quit smoking and drinking all that coffee and took up running," he added. "When you're at Texas A&M University, I learned, running is just what you do. It's a very social thing."

Another reason Fennessy began running is a personal one. His

I decided I'd find a way to relie now my stress reliever. I don'te

watch TV much anymore."
Fennessy, currently on a leave absence from California State complete his doctorate in health ence and safety, will return this fall. He said that running a like the Aggie Marathon can crease a person's life span by

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years.
"Doctors have found that when person runs a marathon race, chances of living a longer liferrease markedly," he said. "It

"That's one of the things I about Texas A&M, not only is ning the 'in' thing to do socially also good for you. It has to bea cial thing or people won't partie

'I guess that's why the Ag Marathon is so successful. Pe around here just love to run, "There's a high incidence of heart disease in my family," he explained.

## Captured solar energ may offer future power Despite the estimate that the fi

Houston, Dallas or New York could be powered with solar energy captured from 12-mile-long, super-satellites by the mid-1990s, a top space agency official said here.

Clark Covington, deputy chief of systems design for the spacecraft di-vision at Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, told a Texas A&M audience that one of the 40-square-mile satellites could be in orbit and functional, supplying the power equivalent of 10 nuclear plants, by 1995 if the program moved ahead at the same pace as the Apollo moon

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satellite would cost about \$18 lion to build, Covington expla that it would pay for itself in than 18 months because of power savings supplied and the upkeep required. By 2010, he said, solar e

from these satellites 22,000 from Earth, would be cheaper oil, coal or gas, and 45 satellicould supply all the energy need today in the United States. your

It will be an expensive pr Covington said. Research an velopment will run \$60 bill.
Shuttle flights of equipment personnel to build the satellite orbit will run about \$8 mill. apiece, but the attraction is still the long-run cost recover Covington said. The satellites in orbit far en

out to be in sunlight 99 percent the time, would transmit the po to Earth where it would be by "rectennas" more than six

Construction of the satellite planned for outer space because can't be done on the ground Covington said. Two people, automatic beam builders, could together a structure the size Seattle Space Needle in about hours, he said.

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to a year to finish one of the si satellites in orbit, he said.

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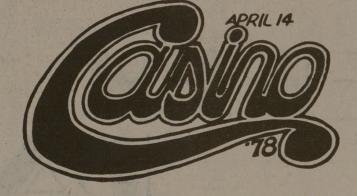
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