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COMPARISON REPORT

## 'Bonus' used to improve education

United Press International

LITTLE, Okla. — The reading lab in a rural school district will have a display of bicycles, watches and saddles — all purchased with state education funds — that students can win if they sufficiently improve their reading skills.

The Strother School is the first in the state to award bonus gifts to students in the seventh through 10th grades as motivation.

Superintendent Boyd Linduff said the gifts for the sweepstake-style approach to education will be purchased with funds from a \$13,000 grant from the state Department of Education.

"They call it reading for profit," he said. "It will give us something to take a look at to see if kids can be motivated."

## Morning-evening people differ

Most people can easily classify themselves as "morning people" or "evening people" based on their daily habits, said Debby Johnson, a family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System.

A recent study was conducted to find out how marriage relationships functioned when spouses were both night or morning people, or when one spouse was a morning person and the other a night person.

The findings of this preliminary study indicate:

(1) Couples are aware of how the morning vs. night orientation affects their marriage.

(2) Morning people like to go to bed by 10 p.m. and get up early, while night people stay up late and have trouble getting up in the

morning.  
(3) Morning people are more physically active and enjoy outdoor activities. Night people are either homebodies and like to stay up late, watch TV, or talk, or they like parties and an active night life.

(4) Morning people value the morning and look forward to sunrise, breakfast, and morning activities. On the other hand, night people do not express a real value for the night hours.

"Matched couples report that this helped stabilize their marriage, making daily routines and preparation easier," Johnson said. "Further, their sexual relations were more compatible, family activities more coordinated and job satisfaction greater."

"Mismatched couples reported more conflict, arguments, and

the need for compromise to settle differences," Johnson said.

Several mismatched spouses noted that they had little time for conversation, irregular sleep habits and a less-than-ideal sexual relationship. They were also more likely to have poor overall marital adjustment, unmanaged conflict and potential for stress.

However, mismatched couples who had satisfying marriages had to be flexible and adaptable in order to work out difficulties. Several said they took steps in order to keep up with the "night" spouses.

Undoubtedly, couples who on different time clocks have realized the strains this can put on a marriage. If they recognize that they can work out their differences in time and still have a satisfying marriage, Johnson said.

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## Autopsy on dead may lead to cure

United Press International

CHICAGO — The scientists probed a needle into the body extracting tiny specimens of bone material.

An analysis of the specimens showed tell-tale chemicals indicating the patient died of ochronosis — a hereditary disease that causes a buildup of acid in the body and agonizing arthritis.

For Dr. Frederick Stenn and a team of Northwestern University scientists, it was no ordinary "autopsy." The patient had been dead for 35 centuries.

He lived and died in ancient Egypt, possibly near Thebes. Markings found with his mummified body indicate he was the caretaker of a grain storehouse.

The scientists believed he died at about the age of 30 in terrible agony.

Stenn said mummies in museums around the world may help 20th Century man battle disease.

He said an increasing number of scientists are practicing paleopathology — the study of ancient man or animal remains to learn about diseases of antiquity. They analyze prehistoric bones and examine mummies with X-rays, three-dimensional scanners, sonar devices and conventional surgery.

Through paleopathology, he said, scientists can learn the medical histories of ancient Egyptian workers as well as the arthritic conditions of ancient bears and crocodiles.

"A German pathologist once we should learn from the dead,"

Stenn, a medical historian and specialist in internal medicine.

Through the study of ancient mummies, scientists can track changes in diseases and their relationship with man throughout history, Stenn said. This could lead to new clues to help man cope with deadly diseases, he said.

For instance, he said, no one has found a mummy with a brain tumor. Stenn said thousands of mummies studied by scientists.

"Now we have such a prevalence of cancer, leukemia and Hodgkin's Disease, but we have no traces of the ancient," he said. Pollution, chemicals could account for the increase, he said.

Stenn said paleopathology also shed more light on the cause of arteriosclerosis — hardening of the arteries. High stress and a heavy diet are often listed as causes of disease. But paleopathologists found arteriosclerosis in ancient Egyptians — who may not have eaten as richly as 20th Century man, Stenn said. That could possibly indicate the condition is hereditary.

Paleopathology has been practiced over the last two centuries by a small group of scientists. Stenn said but it is still considered on the fringe of medicine.

## Americans postponing marriage, study says

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The number of single Americans has grown so fast in the 1970s that more than one in 10 households is now headed by someone who has never been married, says a new Census Bureau study.

Most single Americans belong to the 20 to 34 age group where, the report said, a rapidly growing number of men and women are either postponing marriage or forgetting it entirely.

According to the report, there are now 52.7 million singles between 20 and 34 in the United States, up 25 percent from the 1970 total.

The highest proportion of singles are in the 20-24 age bracket where 66 percent of the men and 48 percent of the women have never married.

Comparatively, 55 percent of the men in that age group and 36 percent of the women were single eight years ago.

"This change is apparently related to an increasing tendency for young

men and women to either marry at later ages, or perhaps not marry at all," the report said.

The report said "most" of the men and women in the 20-24 age group "will probably marry eventually."

However, it said there is a corresponding increase in single households in the 25-29 and 30-34 age brackets, which suggests "more young adults are pursuing alternatives to marriage for longer periods of time."

The increase in the number of singles has "contributed substantially" to the decline in the size of the average American household.

Eight years ago it was 3.14 persons. Now it is 2.81 persons, a decline of 10.5 percent.

"Other factors contributing to the decline in the household size are a period of relatively low birth rates and a comparatively high level of separation and divorce, which had the effect of splitting one household into two smaller ones," the report said.

The report said the proportion of households maintained by a single person who has never married declined from 11 percent in 1970 to 8.5 percent in 1977.

Meanwhile, the number of households headed by married couples declined from 70 percent in 1970 to 68 percent this year.

During the same period, the portion of households maintained by a divorced or separated person climbed from 8 percent to 12 percent.

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