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### Prank brings extra business to messengers

HOUSTON (AP) - A few more may be wearing a lot less, thanks to a local high-school student's woes.

Local "stripper-gram" messenger services are crediting a rise in business to publicity from a recent controversy involving Kingwood High School valedictorian Michael Woos-

Woosley, 18, was suspended for the last six days of school, deprived of his honors and barred from commencement exercises for sending a stripper-gram to his physics teacher. The stripper, dressed as a police

officer, was stopped early in her per-formance before the class.

We had just been in our physics teacher's class for two years, and we liked him a lot," Woosley said. "It was just a joke. I think it was taken wrong, and I think it was wrong to do it

Representatives of local messenger services say the publicity from Woosley's stunt has brought an increase in business. Other types of exposure, such as mention in a movie or on television, tend to boost the industry as well, they say.

About 20 different companies deliver singing and stripping telegrams in the Houston area. Greg Jeu, owner of Singing Cavalier Balloons and Tunes, said it is a unique form of entertainment.

'(It) is a different kind of entertainment business, a fast-food enter-tainment business," he said.

Female strippers for Singing Cav-alier are less risqué than those for some competitors, he said, only baring as much as corsets, garters and stockings. Messengers for Captain Telegram, the service which Woos-ley contracted, are more bold and may strip down to bikinis or pasties and G-strings.

Although the "stripper-gram" in-dustry has been in Houston since about 1980, according to Jeu, companies must be careful not to exceed certain taste standards which could damage all types of messenger serv-

"It all started out very modestly with tuxedoed and costumed per-formers, and then belly dancers," he said. "But when you get into the strippers you run the chance of wrecking the whole industry.'

Some businesses will not allow singing telegrams to be delivered on their premises because of past incidents, such as messengers baring almost all in a family restaurant, Jeu

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The recommendations for checkups at least every five years mark a broader approach to the silent dis-eases of heart attacks and strokes, said Dr. J. Alan Herd, a member of the committee that drew up the recommendations.

He said the AHA is urging doc-tors to tell patients about their test results and suggest appropriate diet or lifestyle changes

"What this is doing is putting the responsibility on the individual patient and his physician," association spokesman Howard Lewis said. "Ho-pefully, it will get the physician who's actually seeing the patient more tuned in to practicing prevention at the same time

Herd admitted the recommenda-tions may bother some doctors, cer now,' partly because of the five-year time cian's efforts in suggestin tients that they should a period rather than the traditional one-year time frame think," he said.

"This is not really pitched toward changing physician practices," he said. "There's no question that we're taking a position that (yearly check-ups) may be more than is appropri-

Herd said the AHA took a cost-efficiency point of view on the length of time between checkups, judging that for most healthy adults a five-year checkup is the most efficient schedule

dering that we all expect healthy older years, it's ar The American Medical Association is in accord with the AHA study, personal investment although the five-year guideline cian can help with that.

### Mi **Exotic animal sale near Bastrop** allows people to buy lions, tigen

BASTROP (AP) — Every year, people stand in line to take advan-tage of Ted Wenk's offer to take a baby lion, tiger, leopard or some other exotic animal off his hands during the spring clearance sale at the Wild World Animal Park.

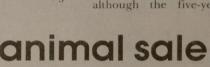
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The park, on Texas Highway 71, near Bastrop, 23 miles east of Austin, has all the animals it needs, so it sells most of the baby animals that are born each year, said Wenk, owner of the park.

According to an advertisement in state newspapers, the park, which breeds and sells wild animals, "will take anything of value" in payment for them.

just got all the big animals we can handle right now," Wenk said. 'We've been selling our babies for the past couple of months."

"We've got four tigers, all 3 weeks old; three leopards, 4 weeks old; four monkeys, who range in age from 8 months to 10 years; two fe-male hybrid wolves, 6 weeks old; and for \$500, the talking parrots for

big animals we can handle. We've been selling our babies for the past couple of months.'

Ted Wenk, owner of Wild World Animal Park

"This is a roadside zoo, and we've than \$2,000.

'You can buy a tiger for \$2,000 or less," Wenk said. "You can buy a leopard for \$1,800 or less. Lions are the cheapest because they breed like housecats. It seems like there's a glut on lions now. I've sold lions for as cheap as \$300, and I think the most I've ever gotten is about \$1,200.'

Ms. Da breeders, Wenk said. Other orn, are dom buy his animals, sin damage to breed their own, hes killed 'Some are bought by w lilborn, i viduals who just want the own pleasure," he added. Buying a baby lion of pet "is a bit foolish and Davis d hich he He test ourt abo ight of th because someday it's going up into a formidable anima er and w said. "But people still buythe

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