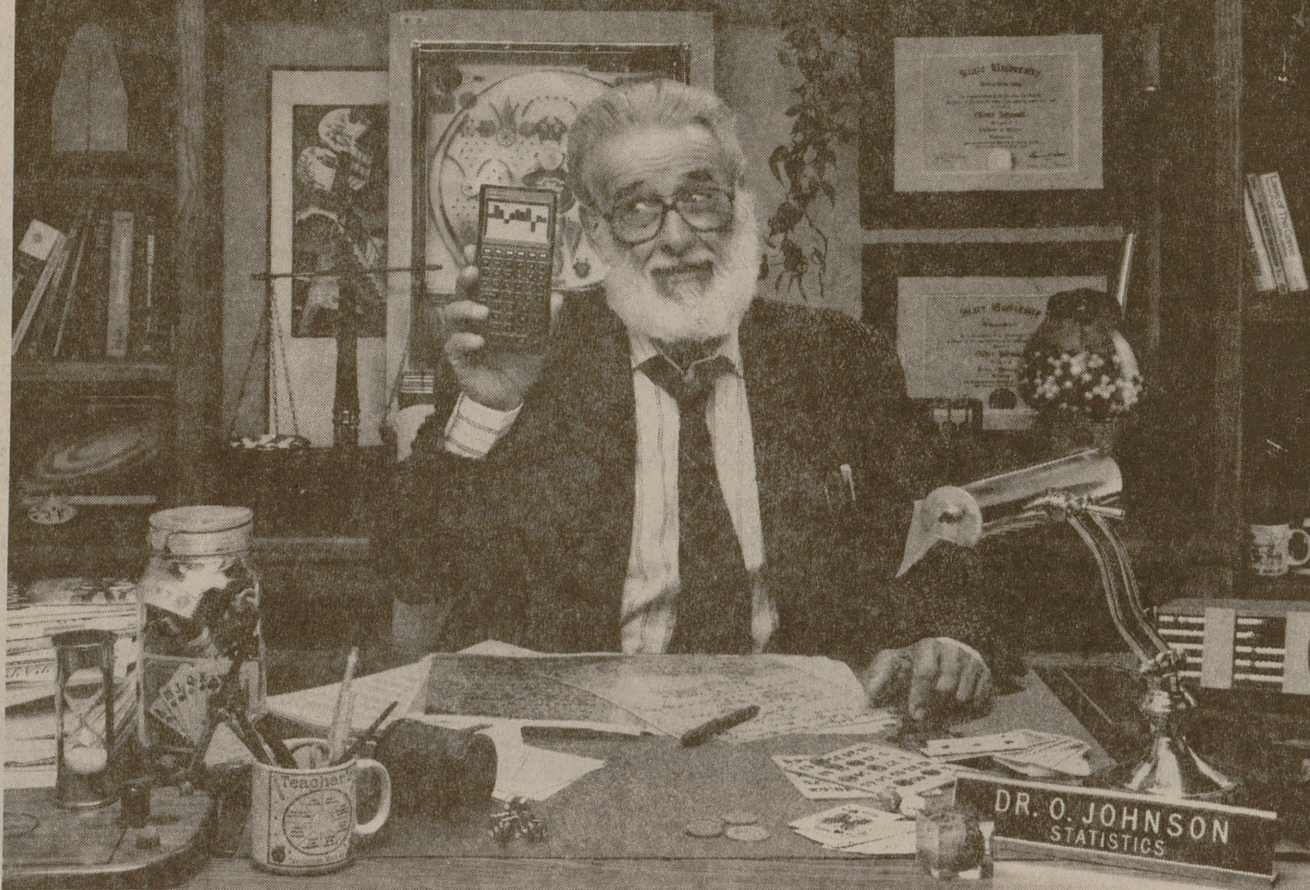


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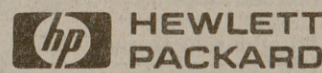
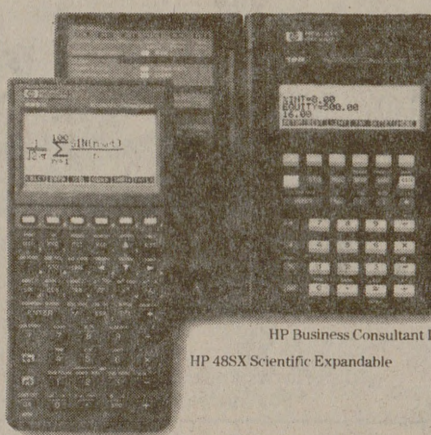
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## What's your news IQ? Current events exam becomes first test of new semester

(AP) How much do you remember about the stories that have been in the news recently? If you score fewer than five correct answers, you have been spending too much time on the crossword puzzle. If you get eight or more right, you might consider desktop publishing. All correct? You would make Joe Pulitzer proud.

1. Soviet President Gorbachev took back control after a short-lived coup founded, with spirited help from Boris Yeltsin — who is: (a) Soviet prime minister; (b) president of the Russian republic; (c) president of the Politburo.

2. The coup was thought to have been triggered because President Gorbachev was on the point of signing: (a) a new law releasing political prisoners; (b) arms reduction treaties with the West; (c) a new Union Treaty ceding more powers to the republics.

3. Hurricane Bob hurtled up the Eastern Seaboard and then was gone, but not before doing enough damage to cause a state of emergency to be declared by the governor of: (a) N. Carolina; (b) Massachusetts; (c) New Hampshire.

4. In its fifth annual survey of the nation's largest 300 metropolitan areas, Money magazine rated as the best place to live in America the metropolitan area around: (a) Provo and Orem, Utah; (b) Waterbury, Conn.; (c) Terre Haute, Ind.

5. In elections in Mexico, amid complaints of fraud, the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party: (a) was roundly trounced by an opposition coalition; (b) lurched to shaky victory and seemed unlikely to stay in power; (c) won an

overwhelming victory.

6. Congressional investigators studying a \$4 billion federal job training program found that: (a) women and blacks are more likely to be channeled into low-paying jobs; (b) black men are offered opportunities equal to those offered white men; (c) there are no discriminatory patterns.

7. Janel Bishop was in the news — she is: (a) Miss Teen New Hampshire, and she won the Miss Teen USA pageant; (b) associate professor of political science at Stanford and she became Soviet specialist on President Bush's National Security Council; (c) the Palm Beach Circuit Court judge who was appointed to take the William I. Smith rape case.

8. California and Texas growers said they'd been losing thousands of dollars a day since federal inspectors linked a nationwide food poisoning outbreak to contaminated: (a) tomatoes; (b) cantaloupes; (c) peaches.

9. The rich improved their lot a little this year despite the global economic slowdown, Fortune magazine reported in its annual ranking of the world's wealthiest billionaires that ranked as the richest of them all: (a) Britain's Queen Elizabeth II; (b) Wal-Mart's founder Sam M. Walton; (c) the Sultan of Brunei.

10. A 5-year contract extension estimated to be worth \$25 million was given to this 8-year veteran National Football League player, making him probably the highest paid player in the league — he is: (a) the San Francisco 49ers' Joe Montana; (b) the Cincinnati Bengals' Boomer Esiason; (c) the Miami Dolphins' Dan Marino. ANSWERS: 1.b 2.c 3.b 4.a 5.c 6.a 7.a 8.b 9.c 10.c.

## Latest television craze focuses on reality

LOS ANGELES (AP) — They're popular with the audience, they're cheap to make and they could be the future of television.

Reality shows, such as CBS' "Rescue 911" and "60 Minutes," NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" and ABC's "20-20" and "America's Funniest Home Videos," have grown steadily in recent years, and in the fall season they seized a significant portion of the network schedules.

The growth has been accelerated by the network squeeze between declining revenues and rising production costs.

"What started out to be a financial consideration has also developed into a creative consideration because there does seem to be an audience for these kinds of shows," says Ted Harbart, executive vice president, ABC Entertainment.

It goes deeper than merely the fact that the shows cost less to make. Many of the shows, beginning with CBS' "60 Minutes," have become hits. Reality shows touch viewers' feelings in a way that fiction can't.

The most popular network miniseries this past season was NBC's "Switched at Birth," which struck an emotional response with the audience because it was based on a real story. The PBS documentary series "The Civil War" was a runaway hit.

This coming season ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox will offer 17 shows, for a total of 13.5 hours, of reality programming.

Reality programs are not new to television, but the proliferation is. Among the earliest were "You Asked For It" and "You Are There" in the 1950s. "60 Minutes" has been on the air since 1968. "Real People" was a popular show of a decade ago — and NBC is bringing it back in the fall as a special which could begin a new round.

A major reason for the growth of reality programming has been the economy, which has had a devastating effect on the networks.

"There's a possibility of none of us making any money this year," says John J. Agoglia, president of NBC Enterprises.

The six-month writers strike in 1988 may have played a role in launching the current trend. It caused the networks to look for alternative programming that didn't rely heavily on writers.

The launching of the Fox network also helped spur the growth of reality shows. Fox, looking for less-expensive alternative programming, found success with such shows as "America's Most Wanted" and "Cops."

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and Dominic Appleton doing the best Ziggy Stardust/Bowie impression I've heard since Peter Murphy's last album.

As a complete surprise, you had to pick me up off the floor when I heard the first notes of Syd Barrett's "Late Night" come on. The founder of Pink Floyd's solo material had always been kind of an eccentric favorite of mine, but it takes a special touch to cover his material. One listen to R.E.M.'s version of "Dark Globe" was enough to prove that to me.

On Blood, however, Caroline Crawley does a beautiful rendition that actually expands and improves the original.

As usual on 4AD releases, the photography of Vaughan Oliver is something to marvel. Oliver has been up for British music awards more than once for his stunning artwork and designs, and he was nominated for a Grammy last year

for the Pixies Bossanova.

For those that buy 4AD albums for Oliver's designs alone (and I have met such people), Blood's black and white and color shots will not disappoint.

Unfortunately, the price of Blood may be a limitation for most listeners. It's available as an import only and prices in College Station are in the \$24-25 territory.

In spite of all this though, the album clocks in at an incredible 76 minutes long, making the album price a little more reasonable when you compare it to similarly priced imports half as long.

In any case, Blood shows This Mortal Coil as changing from a basic formula 4AD compilation project, to a tightly focused band discovering their own sound.

You might not consider yourself part of the label's black candles and incense crowd, but for an introduction both to one of the more unique bands around today and the 4AD label in general, Blood is the answer.

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