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Project improves Americans' health

The Healthy People 2000 campaign has made progress against heart disease, cancer and stroke.

WASHINGTON (AP) - A program to improve Americans' health is making progress against the killer diseases but is faltering in caring for the poor, reducing teen pregnancy and persuading couch potatoes to

start exercising. At the halfway point in a decade-long campaign called Healthy People 2000, federal of-ficials said Tuesday the project is showing mixed results and may require increased efforts to achieve goals set in 1990.

"We have good news but not good enough," said Dr. J. Michael McGinnis of the U.S. Public Health Service, which is coordinating the national program.

McGinnis said that deaths from heart disease, cancer and stroke are all moving down at a pace that will achieve the target values by 2000. But the rates of

obesity, teen pregnancy, homicides and pneumonia and influenza deaths are actually worse than five years ago. Also getting worse, McGinnis

said at a news conference, are efforts to provide disease preventive medical care for the poor. We are failing to close the accidental injuries, heart

gap between the rich and poor in health care," said McGinnis.

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> ting worse: - Dr. J. Michael McGinnis, -Homicides: U.S. Public Health Service per 100,000 start; 10.5 now, a goal is 7.2.

Financial barriers to preventive rates for young black mal services existed in 16 states at have risen steeply, starting at the beginning of the program and now exist in 17 states, the

Healthy People 2000 is an effort by the PHS, state health departments, professional organizations and voluntary organizations to systematically promote healthful habits and good medical care.

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cess to primary health care du to a lack of health insurance coverage.

Alleged con man dupes Yale

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A student doctored his transcripts, forged recommendations and claimed to be related to Kelsev Grammer of 'Frasier'.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) - Lon Grammer desperately wanted to go to Yale University. As a mediocre student at an obscure community college, that would have seemed a long shot. But Grammer managed to get in anyway.

Two years later, he was a month away from picking up an Ivy League diploma when police picked him up instead.

The 25-year-old man was expelled, and Yale is pressing larceny charges, saying he stole two years' worth of a high-priced education from the school and the government. He owes \$61,475 in grants and loans, authorities said.

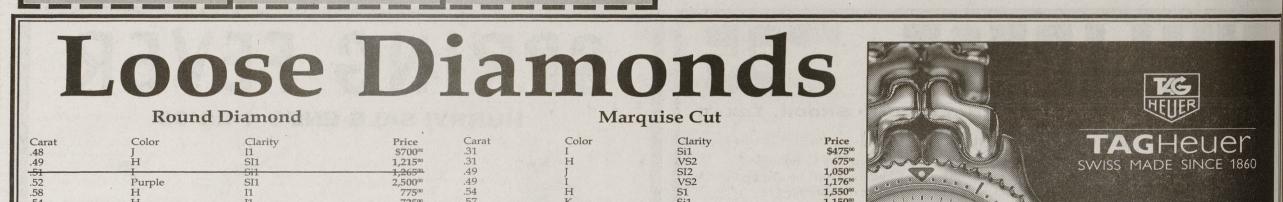
Grammer arrived at Yale in 1993, transferring from Cuesta Community College in San Luis Obispo, Calif., where transcripts showed he had com piled nearly a straight-A average. He also presenta Yale with an outstanding recommendation from Cuesta's dean of students and favorable letters from a political science professor and science instructor.

But the grades were doctored, some of the real ommendations were from people who didn't exist and those who do exist say they never wrot them, according to court papers.

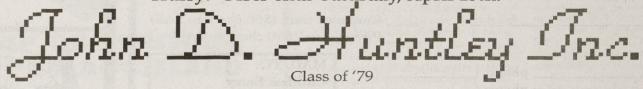
Cuesta's records show his real grade-point a erage was a C, and his high school in Concord Calif., told Yale that his transcripts, test score and letter from the principal were fakes.

Grammer was caught when a detective from the Lebanon, N.H., police department contacts campus police about a forged driver's license and registration on a leased Jeep.

Some students said they weren't surprised b the turn of events, noting Grammer's backgroun seemed shady. Among other things, he claimed h had played minor-league baseball and was related to actor Kelsey Grammer.



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