

**ECONOMY:** Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan tells Senate Banking Committee that he doesn't see any signs of inflation in the booming economy but might press for higher interest rates anyway. 1B.

**TODAY'S DEBATE:** China and Taiwan. In USA TODAY's opinion, "Foolish Chinese threat invites even more foolish reaction." 14A.

► "The U.S. can step in to help create necessary stability in the region," says Rep. Peter Deutch, D-Fla. 14A.

**MONEY:** Interactive TV shaking up industry. 1B.

► Day-trading firms prey on clients, study says. 1B.

► Internet sports company shows Olympic vision. 3B.

► Citigroup CFO heading to Priceline.com. 6B.

**SPORTS:** Boston's Marty McSorley suspended for season in attack on Vancouver's Donald Brashear. NHL. 1,6C.

► UConn women trounce W. Virginia 100-28. Hoops. 9,11C.

**LIFE:** Gaydar, or gay radar, is a gadget soon expected to take the guesswork out of meeting a match. 1D.

► Hunting, fishing sports site blazing a new trail online. 3D.

► *First Wives Club* author strikes again. Books. 6-7D.

**CORRECTION:** A wireless Web phone in a photo Friday was misidentified. It is a NeoPoint product.

Written by John O. Buckley

## Coming Friday



Chevrolet's Monte Carlo SS

### Hello Monte

Chevrolet's new Monte Carlo is coupe with style, love it or hate it. Which is better, the LS model or the SS? Test Drive with James R. Healey

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## USA SNAPSHOTS®

A look at statistics that shape the nation

### Fewer hold two jobs

The percentage of employed Americans who held more than one job declined in 1999. The change:



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

By Alejandro Gonzalez, USA TODAY

By Nanci Hellmich  
USA TODAY

It'll be pork vs. pasta in Washington today when the authors of the nation's top-selling diet books face off in a verbal food fight.

The Great Nutrition Debate, which is sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and hosted by Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, is designed to allow popular diet book authors to explain their programs and talk about the long-term health implications.

On one side of the table: cardiologist Robert Atkins, whose wildly popular and highly controversial program outlined in *Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution* encourages dieters to eat bacon, pork, steak, butter, cheese, olives, nuts and other high-fat, high-protein foods and to avoid carbohydrates, including pasta, sweets, some starchy vegetables and many fruits.

On the other side: Dean Ornish, an internist

## COVER STORY

Low fat or low carbs? Red meat or carrots? Popular diet book gurus make their cases today in Washington.

McDougall, author of *The McDougall Program*.

Medical and nutrition experts have tackled the diet books for several reasons.

Atkins' diet, they say, is high in saturated fat, which can increase the risk of heart disease.

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who wrote *Eat More, Weigh Less*. He promotes the use of a very low-fat diet for the prevention of heart disease — fruits and vegetables, brown rice, whole-grain pasta, soy products and salmon. He advises limiting meat, poultry, egg yolks, high-fat cheese and simple carbohydrates such as sweets and white bread.

Also joining the lineup: cardiac surgeon Morris Bethea, one of the authors of *Sugar Busters*; biochemist Barry Sears, co-author of *The Zone*; and internist Jo

# New attack bug hits Web

## Aggressive software hides in home users' PCs

By M.J. Zuckerman  
USA TODAY

An insidious new version of the online attack software that brought down major e-commerce sites earlier this month is circulating the Web and is aimed squarely at users of Windows-based PCs.

Several Midwestern universities already are reporting infections of students' PCs.

"Home users definitely need to be aware that it's out there," said Jed Pickel of Carnegie Mellon University's Computer Emergency Response Team.

Ninety percent of computer users worldwide use Windows-based PCs.

These new software tools, which have been identified in recent days by FBI investiga-

tors, are being examined by the response team for similarities to the tool used this month to cripple eBay, Amazon.com, Yahoo and others. In those incidents, now the subject of an international manhunt, vandals used the Internet to introduce bugs into large computers at universities or corporations operating on Unix or Sun Microsystems computers.

On the command of a "master" computer, the machines became unwitting "zombies" and used their superior bandwidth or pipeline to drown the target in worthless messages.

"What this opens up is every user of a DSL, every user of a cable modem line, everything with high bandwidth is exposed," said Mike Higgins of the security firm Para-Protect.

Authorities say the threat should reinforce a message they have been repeating since the Melissa virus damaged millions of computers worldwide last year: open a file from an unknown, untrustworthy source; frequently update anti-virus software; and use a home firewall.

Even downloaded MP3 files or other seemingly trustworthy sources of files should be scanned for hidden attachments, experts say.

Why should home users care? Small businesses care. They become the unwitting prey of an attack? "This opens a new dimension of negligence," said Richard Forno, co-author of *The Art of Information Warfare*. "It's only a matter of time until the lawsuits start."

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