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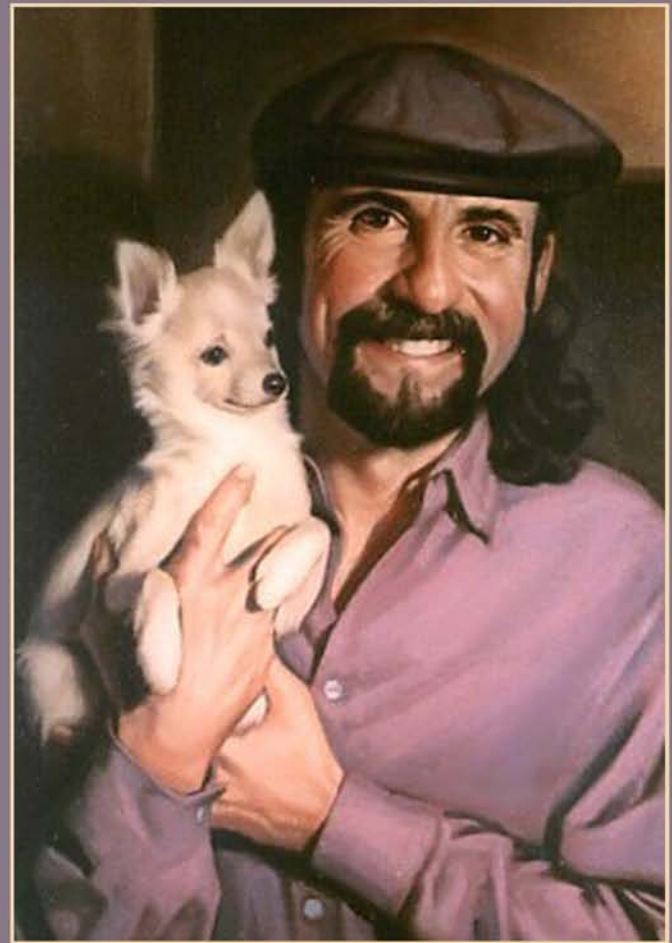


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DEBBIE TRAVIS' HOUSE TO HOME



CHANGE OF FACE BY DEBBIE TRAVIS

The time has come to move outdoors and set up for barbecues, kids playing in the backyard, planting gardens — all the good stuff that spring and summer bring. How does your outdoor furniture look? If you're like me, you're probably a bit discouraged. Without proper storage, the larger pieces remained outside; others have been stuffed under the porch to become a cozy nesting ground for furry animals. But don't despair. With a little elbow grease and some paint, you'll be sitting pretty in no time.

Here are my tips for rescuing outdoor furniture. Whether you have just been to the flea market or you are renewing your own tables and chairs, check first for major flaws. If you do not have the ability to fix broken slats, ripped wicker and wobbly legs, then recycle the piece for someone else to repair. However, chipped paint and rust are not difficult to conquer.

Wicker is resistant to wet weather and is comfortable, making it an ideal choice for the garden, balcony or deck. Clean the wicker with a mild detergent and damp cloth and wipe dry. Gently brush or sand away loose paint flakes. Spray the piece with a coat of white acrylic primer and let dry. Using exterior latex paint, apply your choice of color. When spraying, use a gentle sweeping motion and work from different directions to reach all sides of the wicker. For solid coverage, apply two thin coats to avoid drips.

I wanted the new wicker chair shown here to have an antiqued appearance. After the prime coat, I distressed the wicker by rubbing red paint in random patches into the wicker with a bristle paintbrush, followed by patches of pale green, making sure all the wicker was covered with one of the paint colors. Layering different shades gives the look of years of wear and fading.

Wrought iron, with its stylish lines and solid appearance, is a natural for patio dining, and these pieces endure for decades. To renew metal furniture, first remove any rust with a metal brush and steel wool. Clean with soap and water and wipe dry. Use a metal primer to protect the surface and then paint. New seat cushions add both comfort and life to a single chair or patio set. You can also make seat covers and table toppers with the weather- and mildew-resistant fabrics found at your sewing store.

Wood furniture is an ageless favorite, from Adirondack chairs and cedar benches to pine or barn-board picnic tables. Refresh painted wood by cleaning with soapy water, but don't saturate the wood. Sand to remove paint flakes, and rough up the surface if the old paint has a glossy finish. Then prime and paint.

Choose exterior latex paint with a gloss sheen for a durable finish. If wood has been stained, clean, then sand to open the wood's pores. You have a choice of colored stains as well as the traditional wood tones. Try a combination of purple, blue, red or yellow stain shades to liven up a deck or family seating area.

Even the most common and inexpensive plastic chairs can be stylish and comfy. A can of silver or bronze metal spray paint and sleek, black cushions will produce a modern update quickly.

Debbie Travis' House to Home column is produced by Debbie Travis and Barbara Dingle. Please e-mail your questions to house2home@debbietravis.com. For more ideas, look for Debbie's newest book, "Kitchens and Baths."

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New wicker gets an antiqued paint treatment with layers of red and pale green applied with a brush to reach in and around all the grooves.

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Dr. Stephen H. Wolpo received his dental degree from New York University School of Dentistry, where he graduated from its special honors seven-year Combined Degree Program. Liscensed in both New York State and Connecticut, he began his career as an associate in offices in New York City and Huntington, Connecticut, until opening his private practices in Stamford and New York City in 1990.

In March 2005, Dr. Wolpo received his Masters in Cosmetic Dentistry from the acclaimed Rosenthal Institute's Aesthetic Program. In June 2006, he completed a two-year program in Implantology at New York University, and is a Fellow of the prestigious International Congress of Oral Implantologists. His practice utilizes **Simplant**, the most technologically advanced computer software available for implant treatment.

Dr. Wolpo has served as a clinical instructor at Columbia University and has lectured at Columbia University Presbyterian Hospital on geriatric dentistry. He is a practitioner of the state-of-the-art "Teeth in an Hour" program, allowing many denture wearers to return to better oral health, nutrition and quality of life. he has served the Stamford community as the consulting dentist at the William and Sally Tandet Center and at Edgehill retirement home.

Among his numerous civic affiliations, Dr. Wolpo is a member of the Society for Special Care in Dentistry, Stamford Chamber of Commerce and the Stamford Exchange Club.

Dr. Wolpo contributes a great deal of his professional time to treating patients with special needs through ARI and ARC. If you know of someone who could benefit from his unique abilities and expertise in this area, please bring them to his attention. In addition, Dr. Wolpo's practice specializes in elder care and the unique needs of our older population.

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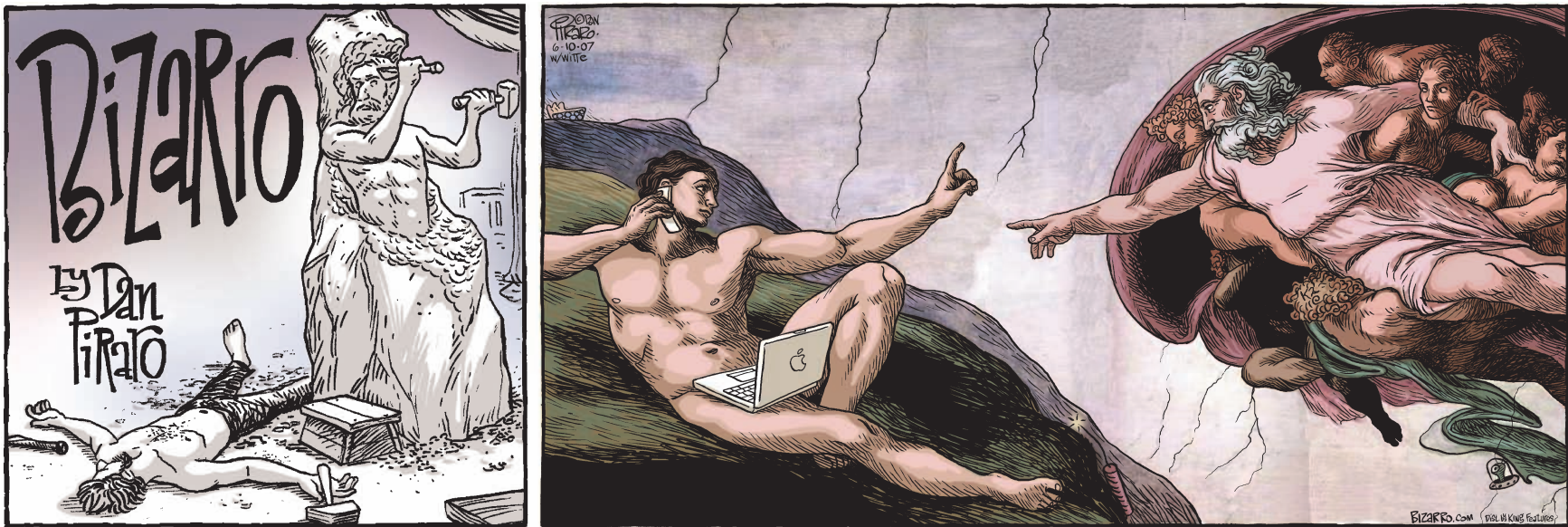
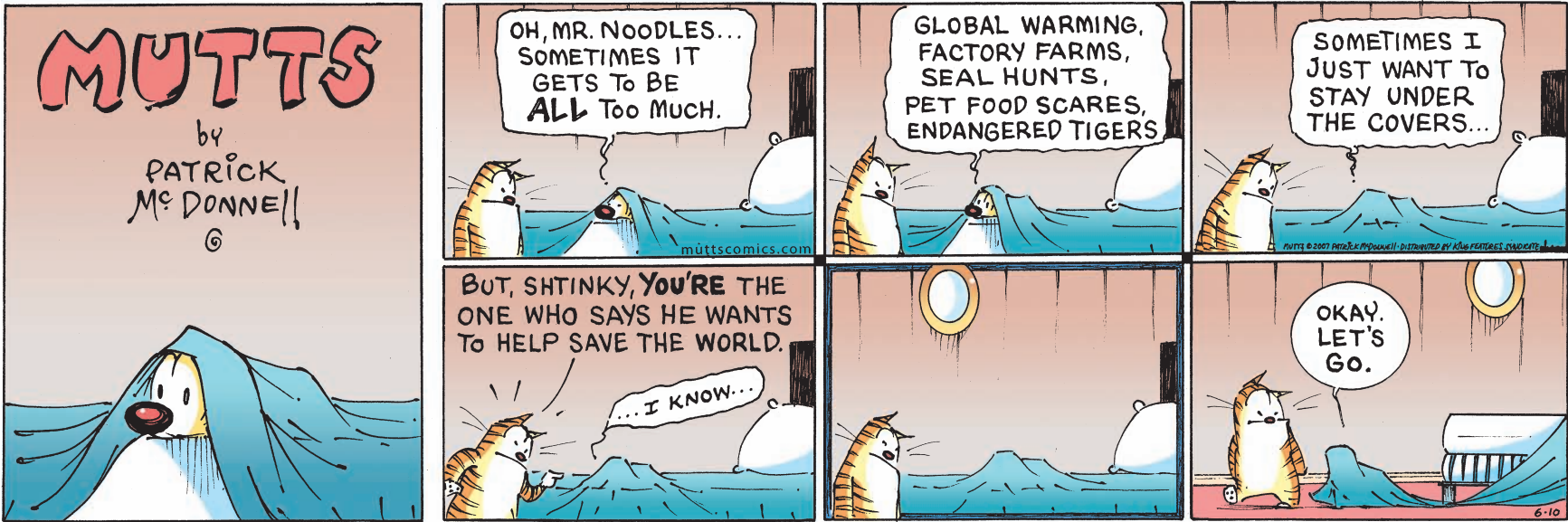
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BIRD SANCTUARY

BY HELOISE

Dear Readers: Do you want to turn your backyard into an inviting bird sanctuary? With a little effort and a lot of love, before long your yard could be attracting a wide variety of birds. The best way to start is to entice them with appetizing feeders, and the most popular feeder just might be a suet block.

Here's a recipe for making your own suet that so many birds will love, it might only last a day or so. That's why you'll want to make a big batch. You'll need:

- 1 cup lard (rendered fat of hogs, not vegetable oil)
- 1 cup peanut butter (crunchy or plain)
- 1 cup flour
- 2 cups instant oatmeal
- 2 cups cornmeal
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup ground peanuts (unsalted)

Melt the lard and peanut butter, then add the other ingredients. Pour into a pan and put in the fridge overnight to chill, and it will get firm. All you need to do is cut it into blocks to fit a suet feeder. Wrap any leftovers in wax paper or plastic wrap and freeze. You can also reuse the containers that the commercial suet comes in by filling with the homemade suet and freezing.

Wild birds also love fresh water, so add a birdbath or fountain. And for a real treat, cut up an orange. The word will get out that your yard is the place to go! — Heloise

SIMPLY CABBIE

Dear Readers: My miniature schnauzer, Cabbie, loves to play with empty plastic bottles, such as soda bottles. It's a game with

her to see how fast she can get the cap off (no matter how tight we turn it). To give her a treat for a job well done, I put a few pieces of hard, crunchy food inside the bottle so that when she gets it open, she then can have a snack. — Heloise

QUICK CLEANUP

Dear Heloise: Yesterday, I couldn't find a scrub brush to clean an outdoor animal drinking container that had gotten rather scummy with green algae while sitting in the sunlight. I thought of something I'd saved under the kitchen sink — one of those plastic mesh bags that onions and oranges come in. I cut it in half with scissors so my daughter and I could each have a scrubbie for the chore. It worked so well, I thought I'd recommend it to others who save such things. — Ruthie Plum, Fayetteville, Ark.

PET NAMES

Dear Heloise: Another funny pet name: My grandson named his adopted kitten Maybe. Maybe they will keep her, and maybe they won't! — Judith Hayes, Middletown, N.Y.

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Dick and Dandie Mowery of Plainfield, Pa., sent this photo of their 2-year-old Norwegian Forest cat, Bentley, in his sunglasses looking like "Mr. Cool."



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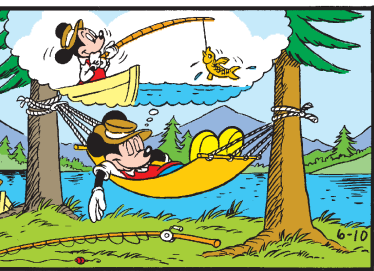
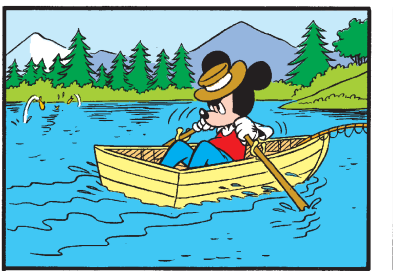
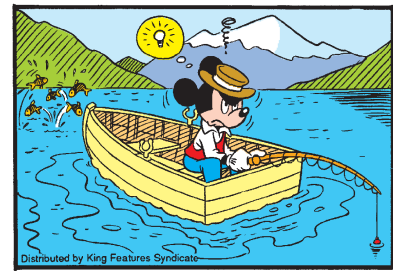
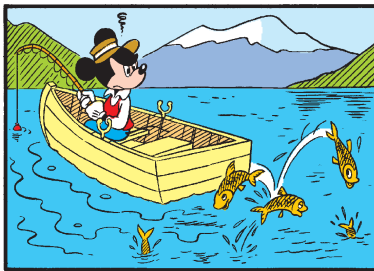
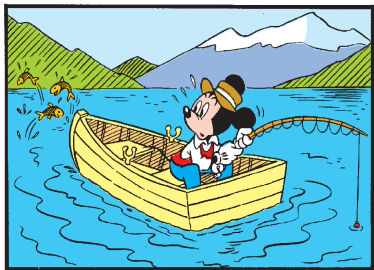
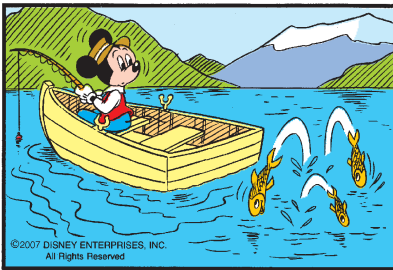
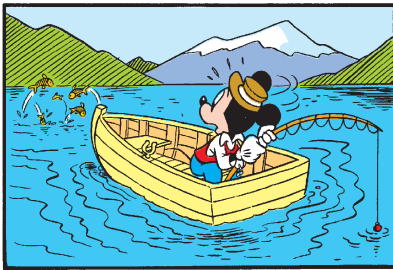
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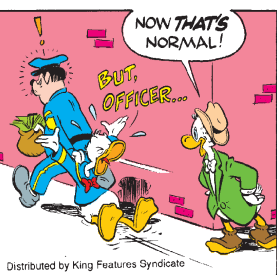
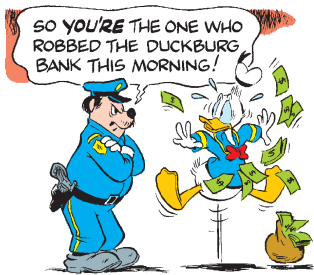
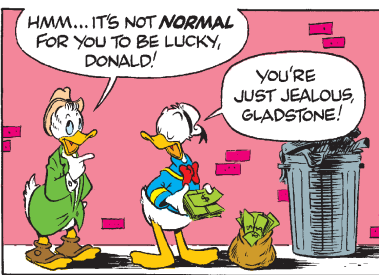
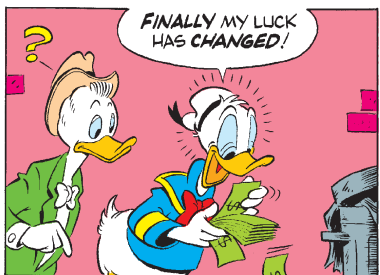
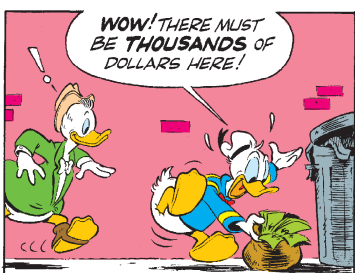
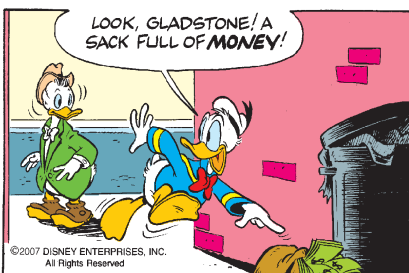
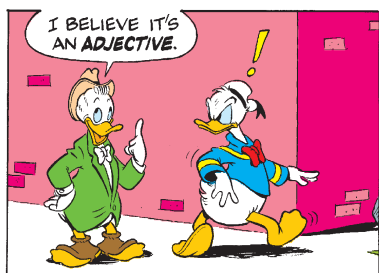
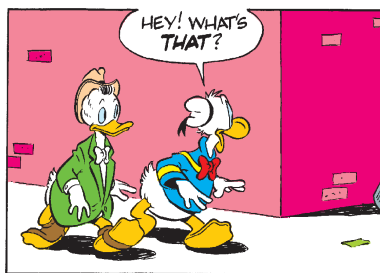
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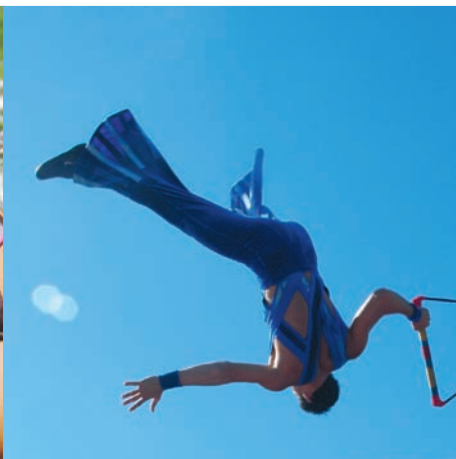
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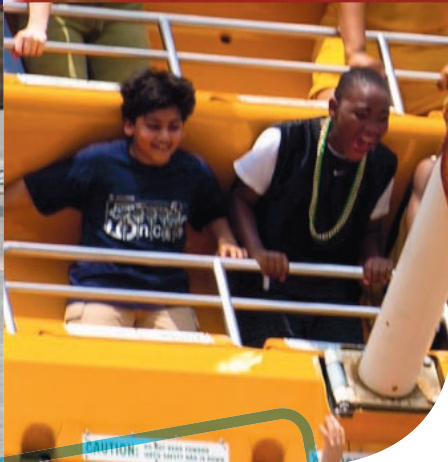
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BY ARTHUR FROMMER

SIX WAYS TO OFFSET THE HIGH COST OF ACCOMMODATIONS IN EUROPE

BY ARTHUR FROMMER

How do you overcome the weakness of the U.S. dollar in planning a trip to Europe? One suggestion I made in a recent column was to use private home-stays in place of standard hotels or guesthouses. In even the most expensive European capitals, families wanting to supplement their incomes will charge as little as \$40 per person per night for the one or two rooms they rent in their private homes or apartments.

Though none of our readers challenged that suggestion, a great many of them proposed other steps:

(1) OBTAIN YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS VIA A HOME EXCHANGE: "As an Australian," wrote a reader from Down Under, "my dollar goes even less far than yours. And so I use a home exchange for my lodgings, which I obtained by going to an agency based in London, www.homebase-hols.com. I had a wonderful time in London and also saved money by cooking in a well-equipped kitchen (I liked shopping in the local markets and little shops) and could afford to splurge once in a while on great meals out."

(2) USE PRICELINE TO CUT THE COST OF EUROPEAN HOTELS: "Any discussion of affordable lodging options in the major cities of Europe should include some mention of Priceline.com bidding," wrote an American reader. "Yes, there are drawbacks to not knowing the exact hotel you will be staying at, but you can get rooms at good, international standard hotels in London and (to a slightly lesser extent) Paris for around \$100 or so. Though London has the largest selection and biggest savings, you also can use Priceline for Amsterdam, Brussels, Rome and most other major cities in Europe. As always, the first stop should be to www.biddingfortravel.com and www.betterbidding.com, in order to have enough info to bid intelligently."

(3) GO CAMPING INSTEAD: "In two weeks, my family (husband, myself and three girls, ages 12, 12 and 16) are traveling through Europe. We have rented a new camper to be picked up in Frankfurt, Germany and plan to go through Switzerland, Italy, Austria and back through Germany. We looked at a rental car plus hotel stays versus a motor home plus campsites. Camping is at least \$1,000 cheaper and comes with a kitchen. We can shop markets and travel freely, as campgrounds do not need reservations. And most of them have pools, grocery stores and pizzerias."

(4) CUT DOWN ON THE LENGTH AND COMPLEXITY OF YOUR ITINERARY: "One can reduce the scope of the vacation; in planning for this September, instead of covering more territory

(and countries) in my two weeks' vacation as I've done in the past, I'll simply be at a bungalow southwest of Toulouse and in a great apartment in Barcelona. I've talked three friends into going, which greatly cuts the per-person cost, and we get to explore an area in more depth on a week-long car rental in France. Plus, we'll get a wonderful train ride through the Pyrennees. If it's Tuesday, I'm at my private pool in L'Isle-en-Dodon, not running for a train."

(5) TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE LARGE EUROPEAN CITIES: Wrote a British reader: "Prices in London are expensive for us Brits, too. It's not the dollar's fault. Go to any capital city in Europe, and you're paying double. I have the same problem when I stop over in New York and face those ridiculous prices in that giant place. Your effort should be to visit the smaller, secondary locations where prices are always lower. One city (London or Paris) is not an example of how far your money goes in any country."

(6) VACATION IN PLACES OTHER THAN EUROPE: "What we do," wrote still another reader, "is wait it out by exploring travel possibilities in other parts of the world where the dollar is still strong. I am writing this from Buenos Aires, Argentina, where I am spending two months in a luxury duplex apartment in an upscale area for less than \$30 per day. I have floor-to-ceiling windows with a wraparound terrace with views in several directions, 24-hour security, maid service, two bathrooms, a beautiful gym and pool on the premises, cable TV, fine audio equipment, Internet, etc. I couldn't even buy a pizza and beer in Europe for that money these days. Who needs Europe?!"

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The U.S. dollar is still very strong in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



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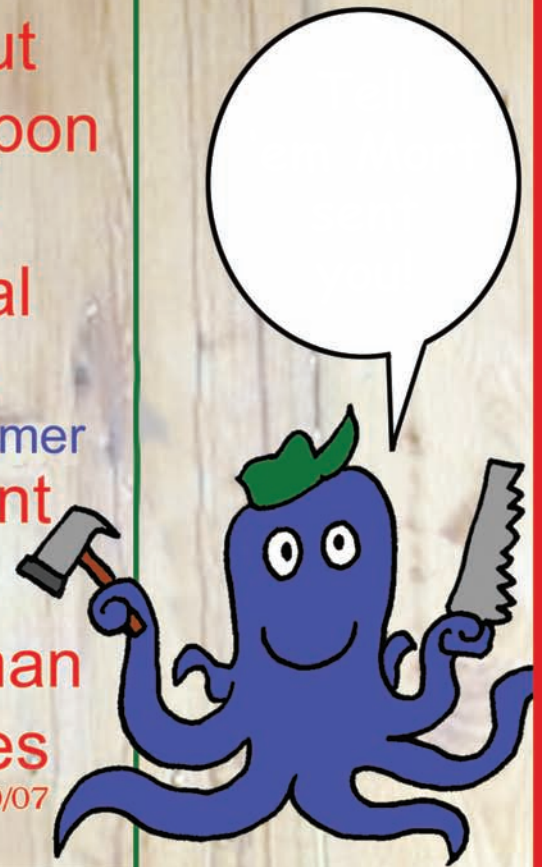
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TAKE BEFORE TOWN
BY AL AND KELLY CARRELL

We're sure you're looking forward to a family vacation about this time of year, but before you go away, you might want to think about protecting your home. Here are some things you should do when planning to be away from home for any length of time.

If you have a monitored alarm system, make sure your contact information is up-to-date, and test your system.

Make sure to stop your mail and newspapers, and have a neighbor double-check to make sure mail or flyers don't pile up on your front porch.

Tell other neighbors that you are leaving, too, so they will know that you are gone if they see something going on there.

If they park in the street, they might want to park in your driveway instead. It's a win-win situation.

Set timers for lamps and radios so that it looks like someone is around. Try to follow the same light schedule you are on before you leave in order to appear normal.

Turn your phone ringer off so that it doesn't sound like you are gone. Some thieves call the house to see if you will answer. Transfer your calls, or let the machine get it.

If you have valuables around, stash them in a hiding place, or take them to a friend's house for a vacation of their own.

Turn off your water heater to prevent accidents, and set your thermostats up high to save energy.

Have a friend or neighbor stop in and check things out every few days just to be on the safe side.

Have fun and relax. It will be a lot easier knowing that you have taken a few extra precautions to protect your home and belongings!

Q: Every summer, we seem to have a moisture problem in our attic. I don't see much of a problem during the winter. What can we do to cut down on some of this? — A.L.

A: You probably need to add more ventilation to the attic. Check your soffet vents to make sure they are not

blocked, and make sure that your overhead vents are open in order to create a steady airflow through your attic space. This will help remove the hot, moist air from the area. This will benefit you year-round. Check air-conditioning ductwork to make sure it is sealed, too. If there are leaks, that might explain why you only have the problem in the summer.

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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

	6					2	
		1	8			5	4
		7			6	9	
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5				7			2
		9					
	5		2			4	
9		3			1	7	
	4						3

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 6/10

Sudoku number game

Instructions
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

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Solution in this edition



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Cover Artist Johnny Gruelle

Johnny Gruelle (December 24, 1880 - January 8, 1938) was an artist, political cartoonist, and writer of children's books. He is best known as the creator of Raggedy Ann. He also provided colour illustrations for a 1914 edition of Grimm's Fairy Tales.

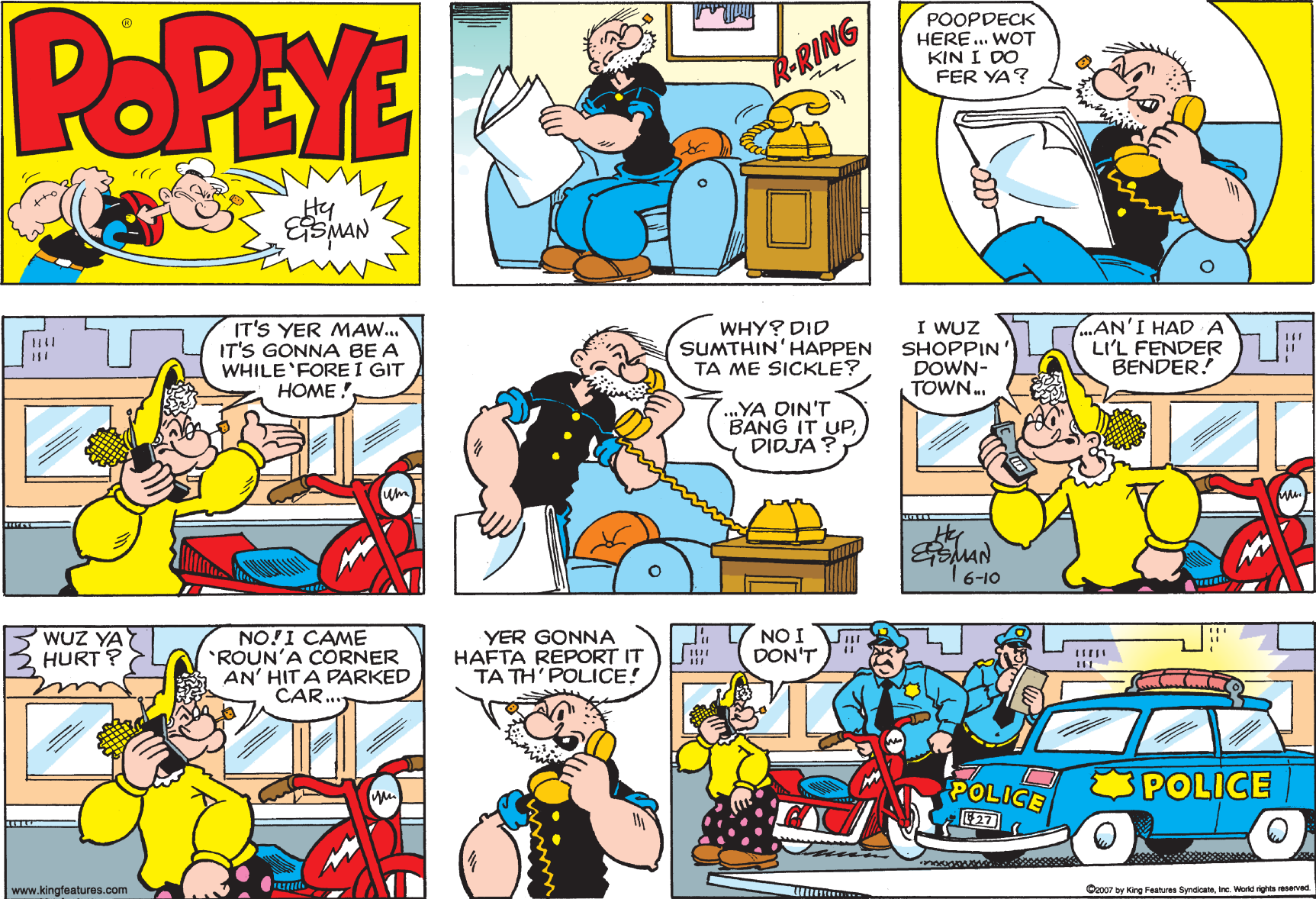
He was born John Barton Gruelle in Arcola, Illinois. His first well known cartooning work was Mr. Twee Deedle which Gruelle created after he beat out 1,500 other entrants in a cartooning contest sponsored in 1911 by The New York Herald. Mr. Twee Deedle was in print from 1911 to 1914.

One day, Johnny gave his daughter Marcella a dusty, faceless rag doll found in the attic. Johnny drew a face on the doll and named her Raggedy Ann. Marcella played with the doll so much, Raggedy Ann became like a sister to her. Gruelle wanted other little girls to have such dolls. Gruelle's Raggedy Ann doll Patent # 47789 was dated September 7, 1915. In 1918, the PF Volland Company published Raggedy Ann Stories. Gruelle then created a following series of popular Raggedy Ann books and dolls.

Gruelle lived in the Silvermine section of Norwalk, Connecticut, where the dolls were first mass produced, and later moved his home and company to neighboring Wilton, Connecticut.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia





SOLUTIONS

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3	9	1	8	2	7	5	6	4
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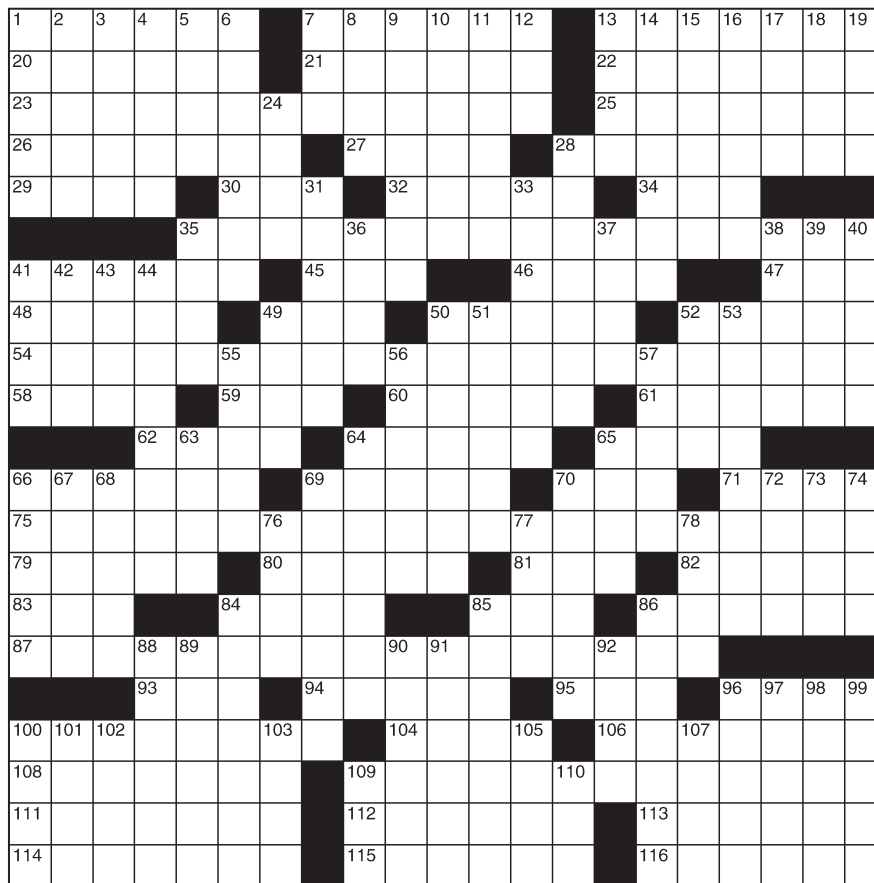
PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

SO-SO SEWING ACROSS

- 1 Mail again, as a package
 7 The "SA" of ASAP
 13 Old Chrysler model
 20 Iron on, e.g.
 21 Sub-detecting systems
 22 With ice cream
 23 Start of a riddle
 25 Penmen
 26 Longtime fitness guru Jack
 27 Tar's mop
 28 Trainees
 29 Tizzy
 30 Table leftover
 32 "— far far better thing I do ...": Dickens
 34 "O Sole —"
 35 Riddle, part 2
 41 Primitive calculator
 45 "Well, how obvious!"
 46 Canyon call
 47 Tokyo sash
 48 Of the sun
 49 3, on some clocks
 50 Abigail Van —, a.k.a. "Dear Abby"
 52 Of the Vatican
 54 Riddle, part 3
 58 Web page standard
 59 Young fellow
 60 Former Montreal team

- 61 Extremists
 62 Fifty-fifty
 64 Smartens (up)
 65 Is apt
 66 Old salt
 69 More vile
 70 Crony
 71 Mary's pet
 75 End of the riddle
 79 Beef cuts
 80 Painter Max
 81 Long groove
 82 Go rollerblading
 83 Citrus cooler
 84 Atlas datum
 85 Ardennes article
 86 Semi engine
 87 Start of the riddle's answer
 93 With 96-Across, food seasoning brand
 94 Dallas denizen
 95 Gershwin or Glass
 96 See 93-Across
 100 Preliminary drafts
 104 Gargantuan
 106 Short opera solo
 108 Film critic Kael



- 111 Motives
 112 Star chef on the Food Network
 113 Polynesian skirt
 114 Exam takers
 115 More succinct
 116 Secret get-togethers

DOWN

- 1 Lou of R&B
 2 Hawke of Hollywood
 3 Pen-shaped instruments
 4 Laced into
 5 Sacred image
 6 Compounds made from coal tar
 7 Jet grounded in 2003
 8 — and aahs
 9 Totally attuned to
 10 Football's "Broadway Joe"
 11 Oman's land
 12 Nine-digit ID
 13 Emit a strong, bright beam
 14 Town in southern Texas
 15 Peter Pan creator J.M.
 16 Key related to C major
 17 Housecoat
 18 European border river

- 24 Word sung twice after "que"
 28 Surgical knives
 31 Cleaned a bit, with "up"
 33 Audiophiles' purchases
 35 Cottage cheese bit
 36 "The Ghost and Mrs. —"
 37 "Not that!"
 38 Unnaturally deep sleep
 39 Senator Barack
 40 Brother on "Frasier"
 41 Writer Sholem
 42 Start up, as a PC
 43 Graduate, for short
 44 Telephoned
 49 Nobelist Pavlov
 50 Favorable place for a spectator
 51 Pep pills
 52 Barrage
 53 Emulates
 55 Sad poem
 56 Robberies
 57 Erected
 63 Tennessee team, briefly
 64 Emulator
 65 Bit of data
 66 Vocalist Vaughan
 67 Piano practice piece
 69 Robert Blake cop show
 70 Pope after Clement XIV
 72 "Sadly ..."
 73 Flyspeck
 74 Belgian balladeer Jacques
 76 Plant with fronds
 77 Fruit source
 78 Speller's clarifying words
 84 Actor Armand
 85 Tarries
 86 Anais Nin, for one
 88 Brunch fare
 89 Mink's kin
 90 Unearth
 91 Pop singer Cyndi
 92 Q.E.D. part
 96 Condemn
 97 One of the Musketeers
 98 Really economize
 99 Dangles
 100 Skewer
 101 Sugar source
 102 Shacks
 103 Girl in "Dick Tracy"
 105 Sandusky's lake
 107 — TASS (news agency)
 109 Ready to go

STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS



DIFFICULT VOLLEYS

High and low volleys are tough shots. On high volleys, don't break your wrist as you reach up to make contact. Keep your wrist firm.



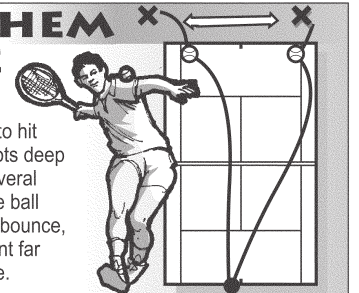
On low volleys, make sure you keep the head of your racket above your wrist and open the racket face. This means you will have to bend your knees to get down to low balls. Don't take the lazy way out and just stick your racket down. Bend your knees!

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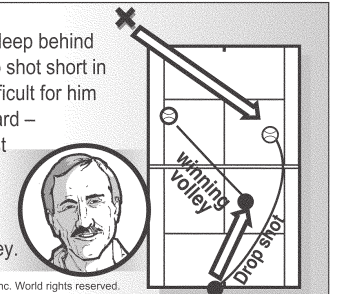
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KEEP THEM ON THE MOVE

A good strategy is to hit looping topspin shots deep into the corners several times in a row – the ball should take a high bounce, forcing the opponent far behind the baseline.



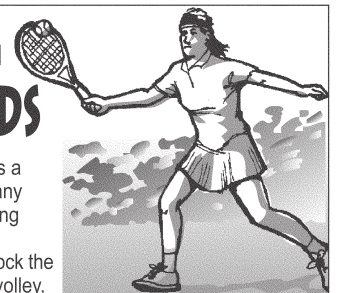
Once the opponent's deep behind the baseline, hit a drop shot short in his court – it will be difficult for him to reach it. Move forward – anticipating that at best he'll flick the ball up – and if you're at the net, you should have an easy put-away volley.



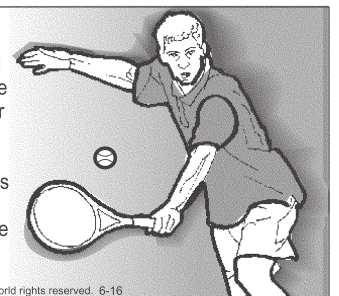
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RETURNING OVERHEADS

When an opponent rips a powerful overhead, many players take a wild swing attempting to return it. Instead, they should block the smash back like it's a volley.

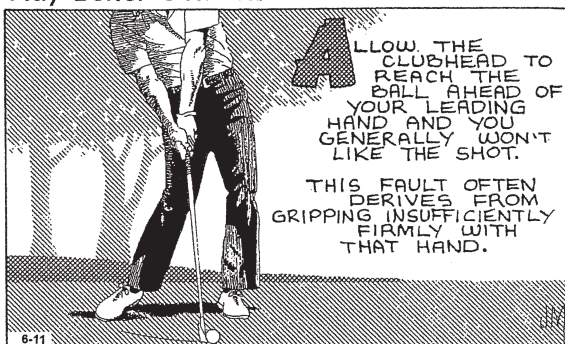


Use very little arm motion – since the ball is going too fast to take a big swing. Keep your wrist firm and try to hit the ball in front of you. Even if all you can do is hit another lob, your opponent may blow the next overhead.

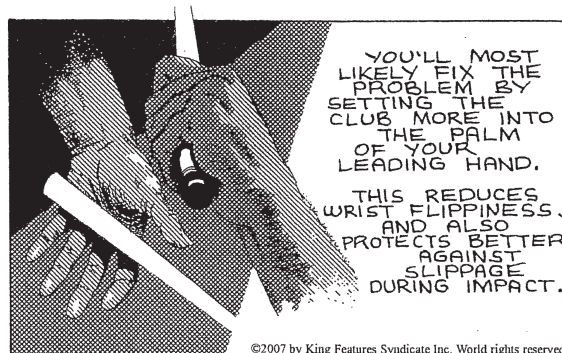


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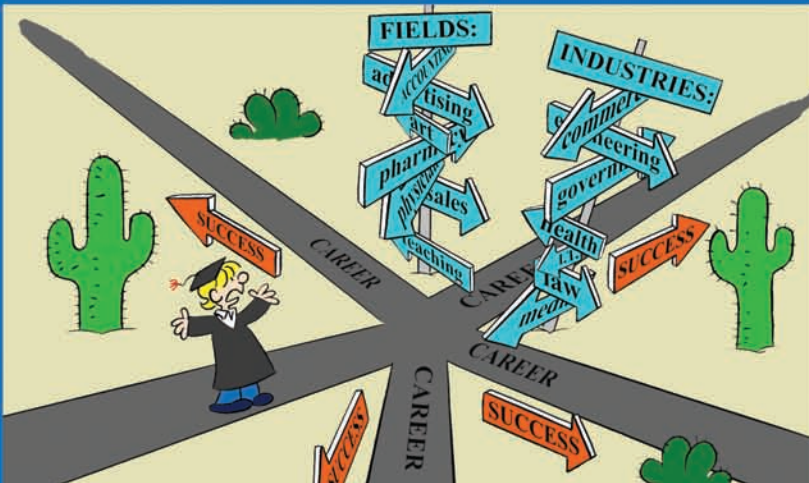
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