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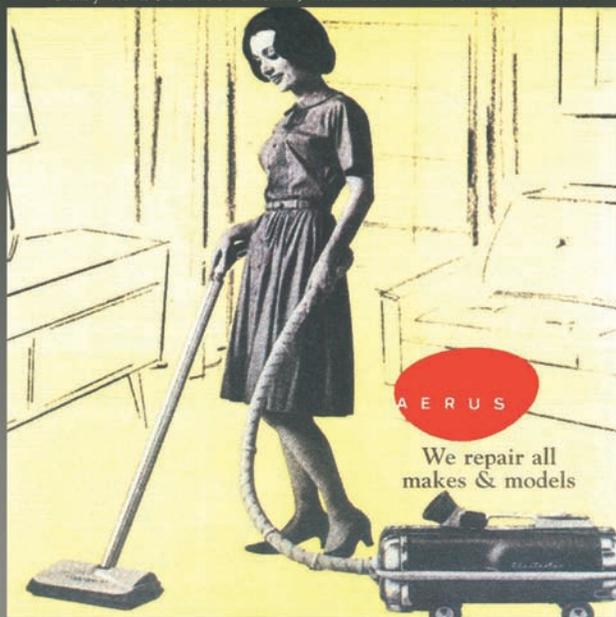
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DEBBIE TRAVIS' HOUSE TO HOME



PAPER ADDS DRAMA

BY DEBBIE TRAVIS

Wallpaper has exploded back into our lives. We are using it in every room in the home. Often just on a focal wall, but I have seen these exciting new patterns used on everything from furnishings to ceilings. There are two major trends in paper design showing equal popularity. The first is large, overblown patterns and motifs. Seen in color and black-and-white, these are gorgeous patterns that will evoke any mood you choose, from cheerful blossoms to dramatic geometrics. By changing the scale of familiar patterns you create a modern twist on traditional style.

The second trend in wallcoverings is directly connected to the move toward adding texture — this is huge in all areas of fashion, including what we are putting on our walls. Specialty embossed wallcoverings Anaglypta (heavy paper) and Lincrusta (petroleum based) have been around for years, very popular in England, where they are holding up half the walls. Today's embossed wallpapers are lighter and easier to apply, but they

still provide all the benefits. Textured or embossed wallpaper is a perfect solution for covering small cracks and imperfections on walls that would show under a painted finish. Also, the texture adds dimension and architectural interest to new rooms. The patterns on these papers can emulate bead board, embossed tin, weaves and stucco. The papers are paintable, which provides you with the option of applying a solid color or accentuating the pattern with a rubbed finish

Embossed paper is very versatile and durable. Apply it above a chair rail in the living or dining room, as a backsplash in the kitchen (varnish to protect); you can even cover a chest of drawers for an inspired decorative touch. It can be repainted for a whole new look. The nursery shown here could go from pink to green as your baby grows into a young nature lover.

Undoubtedly, papering a room is more expensive than simply painting. The cost of a professional paper hanger for your beloved new paper can be the same as the actual price of the paper. Here's what you need to know to do it yourself — not so difficult with a little bit of practice.

Walls should be properly prepared before you hang the paper so that it adheres well and can be removed easily when the time comes to decorate again. Wipe down walls to remove any dirt or grease, which will impede adherence. Sand walls if the surface paint is glossy. Fill cracks and nail holes and

sand smooth. Prime over repairs. Apply a coat of wallpaper size; this step is most important so that the paper will come off without pulling plaster or drywall with it. New drywall or plaster walls require a sealer/prime coat, then size.

Measure the walls in three or four spots. You will discover that the height varies slightly. Cut your strips the maximum height plus 2 inches top and bottom for overlap. Match patterns before you cut. Use a plumb line as a guide for your first strip so that it is hanging straight. Don't use a corner as a guide. Start hanging your paper in the most inconspicuous place, such as behind a door, so that any mismatching will not be noticeable. Work with a buddy, and you'll have fun.

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Paintable embossed wallpaper is available in modern design options like this cheerful dotted pattern painted pink for a happy nursery.

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FIRST-AID FOR PETS

BY HELOISE

Dear Readers: Here are a few pet-friendly first-aid tips.

- Never give your pet “people” medicine unless it’s recommended by a veterinarian. You should give a pet only medicines prescribed by a veterinarian.

- Keep an animal emergency clinic’s number handy in case your pet is injured after hours or on the weekend. Why not find out where the clinic is right now or ask your vet for a recommendation?

- Minor cuts and scratches that aren’t bleeding a lot need to be cleaned with soap and water or a little hydrogen peroxide, followed by antiseptic and a bandage.

- Never leave a pet in a car when it’s hot outside! The temperature in the car will soar within minutes, and your beloved pet could suffer heatstroke or worse.

- Your pet will act differently in an emergency or when it is in pain. A collar should be secured properly so that your pet can’t pull out of it. Your pet might even try to claw and bite you, and you might need to restrain it. You can try to wrap your pet in a big bath towel to hold it. — *Heloise*

TRAVELING WITH A PET

Dear Heloise: We took our papillon on a three-month motor-home trip. She doesn’t require a lot of exercise, but we worried that she wasn’t getting enough. When we found a big, empty parking lot or a town park without other pets around, we’d do the following:

My husband would show the dog some doggie treats and walk out while I restrained her. My husband would call to her, and she’d take off like a bullet, then I’d call her back. We did that until she began to slow down! She loved it. — *Gayle Tice, The Villages, Fla.*

HANDY SCOOPER

Dear Heloise: Here is a hint for many people who have back problems and can’t bend over easily: We have a dog, and I use a long-handled pooper-scooper for the yard. A couple of

months ago, after a storm had strewn twigs and limbs all over the yard, the scooper had another use.

It was perfect for picking up the sticks and limbs without having to bend over. Even if you don’t have a dog, it’s a great investment for the yard. — *Rosanna Tarvin, Ralston, Neb.*

REMOVING HAIR

Dear Readers: If you have pets, you probably have to deal with hair on your clothing or furniture. Here are some easy ways to remove it:

- A hairbrush (one with man-made bristles is best).
- A rubber-soled shoe (like a tennis shoe).
- A clean, synthetic, damp sponge.
- A rubber glove (like one used for washing dishes).
- Tape. Any kind will do — duct tape is great because it has a lot of adhesive to grab the hair.
- A microfiber cloth.

One of these should do the trick! — *Heloise*

PET PAL

Dear Readers: Lorraine Danforth of Chelsea, Maine, sent a photo of her 8-year-old cat, Snoopy, staring out the window at Charlene the chipmunk on the other side.

Lorraine says: “Every time the chipmunk gets on the outside windowsill, we say, ‘Snoopy, Charlene’s here’ and she comes running and gets on the hassock, and they look at each other. Sad to say that I think Charlene is smarter than Snoopy. Charlene doesn’t try to get the cat, but Snoopy always tries to get the chipmunk.”

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Snoopy stares out the window at Charlene the chipmunk on the other side.

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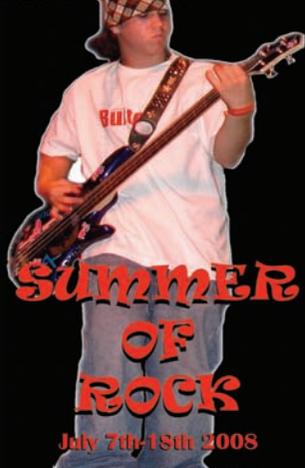


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FROMMER'S BUDGET TRAVEL



BY ARTHUR FROMMER

RECENT TRAVEL TRENDS

A smart traveler takes the time to review the big developments in travel, because these larger trends can inform your own vacation decisions. Some are awfully obvious, and yet deserve renewed attention:

1. The dramatic decline of the U.S. dollar. This affects not only a possible trip to Western Europe (whose euro and British pound have risen greatly in worth), but also trips to Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Japan, whose currencies also have risen dramatically. Your most obvious course is to substitute a trip to Central or South America, or to Asia (other than Japan), where the U.S. dollar remains relatively strong. Or else you must adopt radically different policies for arranging your lodgings (vacation homes or apartments, rooms in private homes, hostels) in travel to Western Europe.

2. The ever-larger cruise ship. The cruise lines continue to build vessels for up to 4,000 passengers, and the only smaller new ships are those of “premium” lines, costing an arm and a leg. If you are to avoid the cruise-ship crowds, you must learn how to use the Web sites of the various cruise discounters, who occasionally — very occasionally — have bargains to offer on the smaller luxury vessels.

3. The emergence of the airfare “aggregators.” Such names as Kayak.com, Sidestep.com, Farechase.com, Momondo.com and Mobissimo.com are becoming increasingly popular because they impartially list all the low-cost airfares available to you. They do not sell air tickets, but simply direct you to the relevant airlines.

4. The growth of the vacation-exchange industry. “You stay in

their home while they stay in yours.” The Hollywood film “The Holiday” has caused a torrent of Americans to pay attention to this most logical, sensible and effective method of reducing your lodging costs.

5. The increasing popularity of free hospitality services. Internet sites like Couchsurfers.com, GlobalFreeloaders.com and USServas.org enable you to enjoy free hospitality.

6. The growing trend toward the rental of vacation homes and apartments. It’s a giant movement. More and more Americans have learned that a vacation home or apartment can cost considerably less than an equivalent hotel room or rooms. Try Homeaway.com, among others, for obtaining such a lodging.

7. The growing travel popularity of Central America. Costa Rica was the first success story, but now Panama, Nicaragua and Honduras are coming up fast.

8. The increase in bargain-price repositioning cruises. As more and more cruise ships alternate between the Caribbean (winter) and European waters (spring and summer), and need to move between one area and the other (“repositioning”), there’s been a tremendous rise in the number of repositioning cruises, costing as little as \$60 a day. Go to Vacationstogo.com for the most clearly identified listing of repositioning cruises.

9. The emergence of the European river cruise. Cruises along the Rhine and the Danube, in particular, are soaring in popularity and increasing in frequency. For an unusually relaxing and very different form of vacationing, you might consider one.

10. The emergence of medical and dental tourism. Urged on by a new book entitled “Patients Beyond Borders,” by Josef Woodman, many thousands of medically uninsured Americans are now seeking low-cost medical or dental care abroad, in clinics and hospitals accredited by the same organizations that accredit clinics and hospitals in the U.S.

11. The almost universal need for a passport. As directed by the Department of Homeland Security, it is now necessary to possess a passport if you plan to fly anywhere in the world — even simply within the Western Hemisphere. Get one.

12. The comeback of Priceline.com. By first using a Web site called BiddingforTravel.com, which tells you how other travelers have succeeded in using the “opaque” Priceline, an increasing number of savvy travelers have had success with Priceline. Some, who regard Priceline as unsuitable for air travel, are making use of it for hotel rooms.



Cruising the Rhine.

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

By Monte Dutton

BRISTOL, Tenn. — It's ironic that on the day one elder statesman bowed out, his logical successor won the race.

Dale Jarrett's final Sprint Cup point race ended ingloriously — 37th place in the Food City 500, 10 laps down — but it was significant because Jarrett has been an important figure. He won a championship (1999), 32 races and 16 poles. He was the son of a champion, Ned Jarrett (1961, '65), who wound up following in his father's footsteps in

more than one way. Dale Jarrett is stepping directly from the driver's seat into the television booth, where he will undoubtedly be much like his father: Forthright, self-deprecating and gentlemanly.

Jeff Burton, whose Bristol Motor Speedway victory was the 20th of his career, has an older brother, Ward, who won the Daytona 500 in 2002. Like Dale Jarrett, Jeff is a Southerner who, unlike most stock-car racers, embraces the qualities of a pillar of his community. The community isn't his native South Boston, Va. — like most, he doesn't live in his hometown anymore — but rather the transient world of the tracks in places like Bristol, Martinsville, Talladega, Darlington and, at the other extreme, Las Vegas.

Sometimes what it takes, even at Bristol, is good sense, which is Burton's field of expertise.

Oh, Burton's a racer. When he climbs out the racecar, he's drenched in sweat. No one who spends a career running wide-open on a track with 42 other drivers for three-plus hours ever week can be truly described as unflappable.

By the standards of race drivers, though — and those standards are similar to state troopers, bounty hunters, cattle rustlers and bow hunters — Burton is a paragon of poise and connoisseur of cool.

"This is the hardest race track that we go to to drive in underneath somebody," said Burton. "Kevin (Harvick) and Tony (Stewart) got together. When that happened, I viewed that as the opportunity. That was the door that opened, that if we had any shot at all to win, we had to jump through."

Burton glided through. What had seemed so implausible suddenly bore the look of some master plan.

That darn Jeff Burton. He pulled one out of a hat.

It was the quintessential Burton victory, forged with good sense and an even temper to go with skills that are easily underestimated.



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Jeff Burton's win at Bristol was the 20th victory of his career.

Want to read more from Monte Dutton?

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- Everything takes patience, and truly there are many sales being consummated in our area in all price ranges, even though Fairfield County may be special in this regard.
- We have an odd tendency to forget that unlike stocks and bonds, real estate provides needed shelter for us all.
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Chicken Soup for the Soul



ADOPTION BRINGS OUT EMOTION

"I will not cry," I repeated my mantra as we drove to the courthouse.

"You will not weep," I admonished myself over and over again as we climbed the gray granite steps to the building.

"I will not shed a single tear," I told my husband as the judge entered the courtroom.

Now, normally I'm not a crier, but you couldn't tell that to anyone who knew me for the past 12 months, for everything about this adoption had made me cry. Absolutely everything. While pictures might say a thousand words, hearing the words "I've got good news ... you have a son" was worth a million bucks. I cried as if I'd won the lottery ... because I just had.

I cried when the plane took off as we headed to Korea to pick him up.

I bawled the first time I saw his beautiful face, and tears of joy and laughter ran down my cheeks when I first glimpsed his "stick 'em up" hair.

I sobbed when I first held him and fed him his bottle.

I cried buckets when it was time to take Karson from his foster mother, and I cried at the airport knowing that I was taking this precious boy from the only family and country he had ever known.

I blubbered the first time he called me "Mama," during his first steps and when his first tooth appeared, as well as numerous times in between.

In short, the past year had been an endless river of happy tears, but today I vowed I wasn't going to cry.

Not a tear was shed when the bailiff swore me in, nor did they fall as the judge examined the paperwork, making sure that everything was in order. I didn't cry when she asked me to tell her his name, what he liked to do during the day and what kind of baby he was.

"So far, so good," I concluded. It was then, just when I thought I was in the clear, that the judge sideswiped me.

"Now tell me what it has meant to you to have Karson in your lives," the judge said quietly.

Uh oh, I thought as I bit my bottom lip to keep the tears in check. The judge had unknowingly just crossed the line. I looked up at her with a look on my face that reflected the fact that there were no words I could ever use that would adequately express what this boy, hopefully our soon-to-be son, meant to me. Yet we had made it this far, and as far as we were concerned we were already a forever family. I knew I couldn't blow it now.

"The sky is bluer," I said quietly, thoughts swirling in my head. "Since we have Karson, the mockingbird is more melodious, the colors of the rainbow are brighter and a baby's laugh is sweeter." My voice cracked, and I bit down on my lip just a little harder. Tears were on the horizon, threatening to take me out to sea. "The sunshine is a little sunnier, the grass is greener, snowflakes fluffier and the wind whispers softer," I stuttered, desperately grasping for the right words that would explain just how precious our son was to us. "Our love is deeper, our hearts are stronger, each minute is more miraculous, our joy more profound ..."

"You need not say anything more," came the voice from the bench with a tear glistening in the corner of her eye. At that moment, time stopped, and the silence became deafening. And then, finally, the judge looked over her bench, a soft smile gracing her lips, and declared, "He's yours."

And with that pronouncement, I did the unthinkable ...

I smiled.

I laughed.

I jumped up and down.

We posed for pictures.

And later that night ...

I cried.

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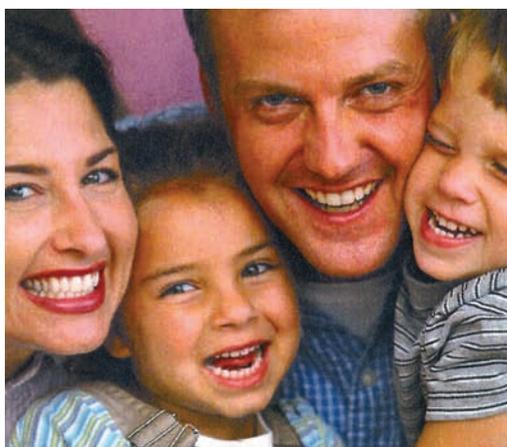
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KOVELS ANTIQUES

By Ralph and Terry Kovel

12-SIDED ROOT-BEER BOTTLE

Q: I found a stoneware bottle at the old house where I grew up. The only words on it are "Knickerbocker Root Beer." The bottle is light gray and about 9 1/2 inches tall.

A: If your bottle is 12-sided, it's probably an early root-beer bottle made in Ohio or New York. Durfee's Knickerbocker root beer was an early brand, bottled in Rochester, N.Y., from about 1847 to 1852. Today the bottle is valued at about \$125.

Q: I just got a very old silver wax holder. It is a very small box. What was it used for? There is still wax inside.

A: You have a sewing tool. Beeswax was used to strengthen thread and to keep it from knotting. Waxing the thread makes it easier to thread a needle. Wax is still used by some tailors. You can buy a modern wax holder today at a fabric or craft store. Be sure to keep the beeswax clean if you use it.

Q: My latest find in bookends is a pair that looks like a woodcarving of Scotties. It has a "Syrocwood" label. Do you know what it's made of?

A: Syroco, spelled Syrococo by some collectors, is made of wood "flour" — waxes and resins that were molded to form many different types of decorative objects. Adolph Hostein, owner of the Syracuse Ornamental Co., created it in the 1890s. He was a woodcarver and sold his work, but needed a way to make more pieces. So he carved a figure from a block of wood, cast a mold, then made replicas. Finished pieces like your bookends look like handmade wood carvings. The company name was changed to Syroco Inc. in the 1930s. Syrocwood was used

to make radio-case parts, furniture trim, moldings in houses and many small gift wares, such as corkscrews, pen sets, picture frames, trays, coasters, humidors, napkin rings, pipe racks and more. Because they were well-designed and inexpensive, they were popular even in the 1930s Depression years. Other products were made as new plastics and new designs were developed. The company closed in June 2007.

Q: I just started following auctions and would like you to tell me why so many catalogs describe a small round-top table as a "gueridon."

A: You will see that word in catalogs published by some of the upscale auctions. It is a French word for a small, round, ornate table with either a carved figural support or curved columns, and sometimes both. This style of table was



Fisher-Price Toy Co. made this prototype of an Easter toy in the 1930s or '40s. The egg and the bunny move when the wooden toy is pulled. The graphics on the toy were printed on paper, then pasted on the wooden toy. Morphy Auctions in Pennsylvania sold the toy for \$345.

introduced in France in the second half of the 17th century and was originally designed to hold a candelabrum. The word is derived from the name of a fictional character in popular songs and farces of the time.

Q: My grandmother died 55 years ago and left me a beautiful white porcelain bowl with applied white flowers all over the outside. The stamped mark on the bottom is a circle with a crown on the top. The initials "KTK" are inside the circle and the words "Lotus Ware" are under the circle. Please tell me who made the bowl.

A: Your bowl, in excellent condition, is probably worth \$500 or more. Lotus Ware was a line of mainly bone china made from about 1891 to 1898 by Knowles, Taylor and Knowles of East Liverpool, Ohio. The company was founded by Isaac Knowles in 1853. When John Taylor and Isaac's son, Homer Knowles, joined the firm in 1870, its name was changed to Knowles, Taylor and Knowles. The formula for Lotus Ware included real animal bones, and a German-born potter named Henry Schmidt personally applied the filigree-like leaves, flowers and jewels that decorate many of the pieces. Plain white pieces often were sold to women who decorated them at home. Lotus Ware was delicate and much of it broke in the kilns, so the line was discontinued.

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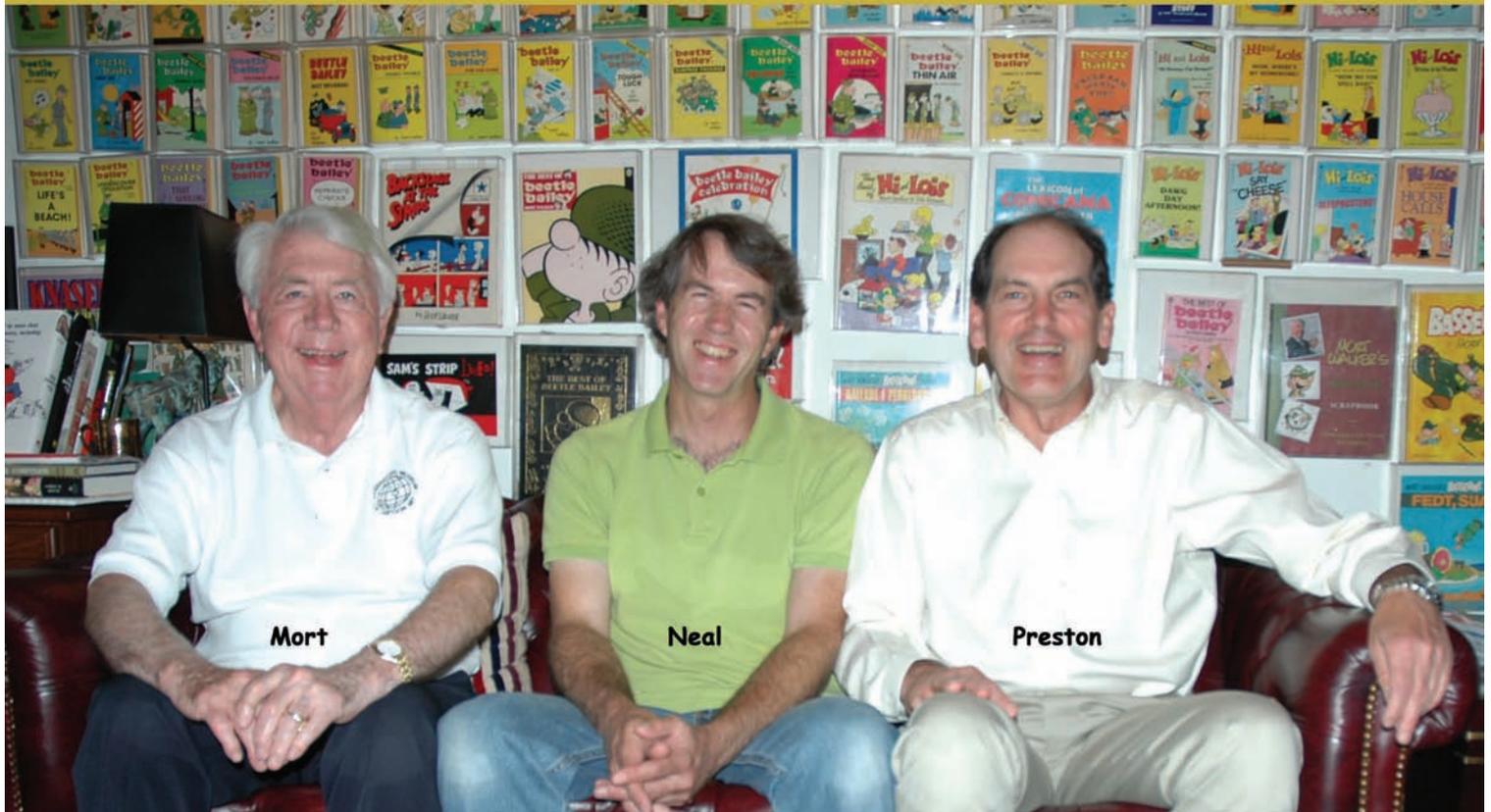
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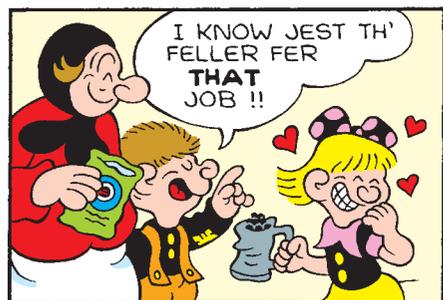
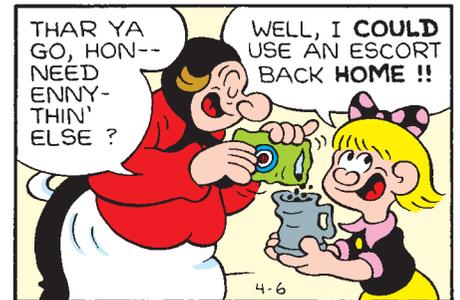
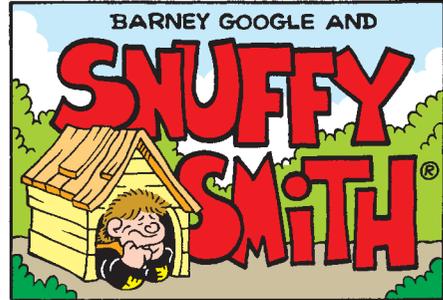
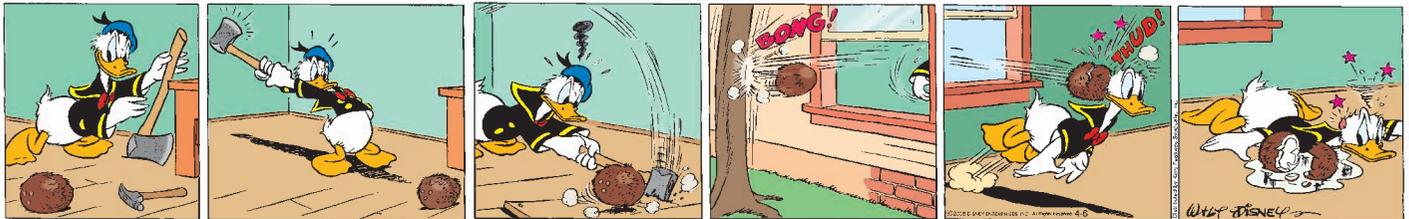
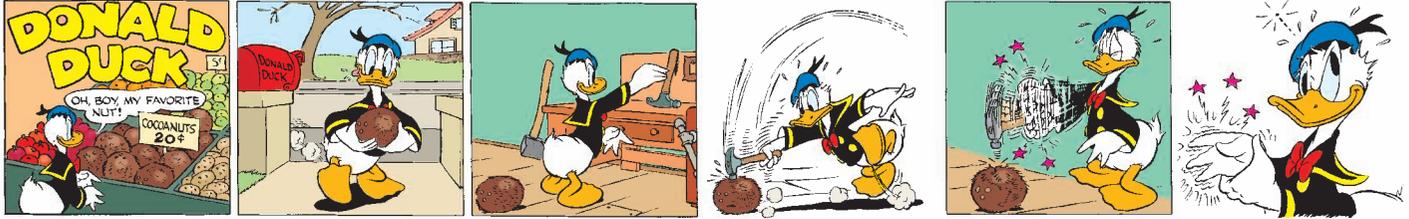
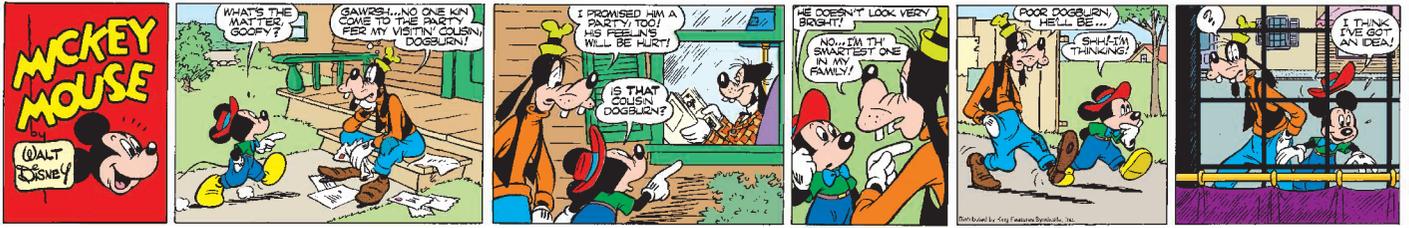
Mort Walker is the famous cartoonist who created Beetle Bailey, Hi & Lois, and several other comic strips. His son Neal Walker and Preston Stuart have joined him in producing The Best of Times magazine. Enjoy!



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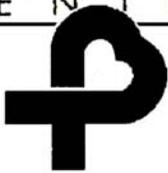
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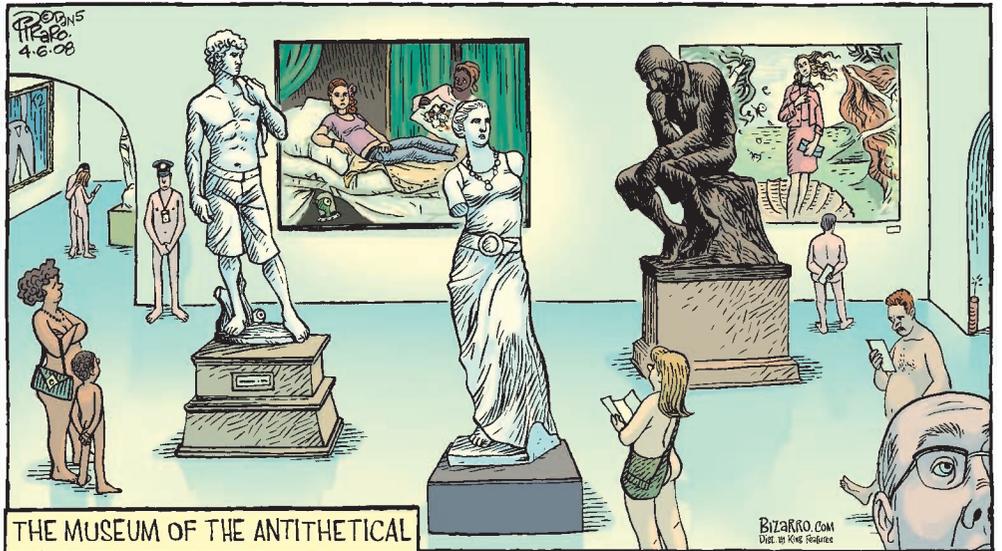
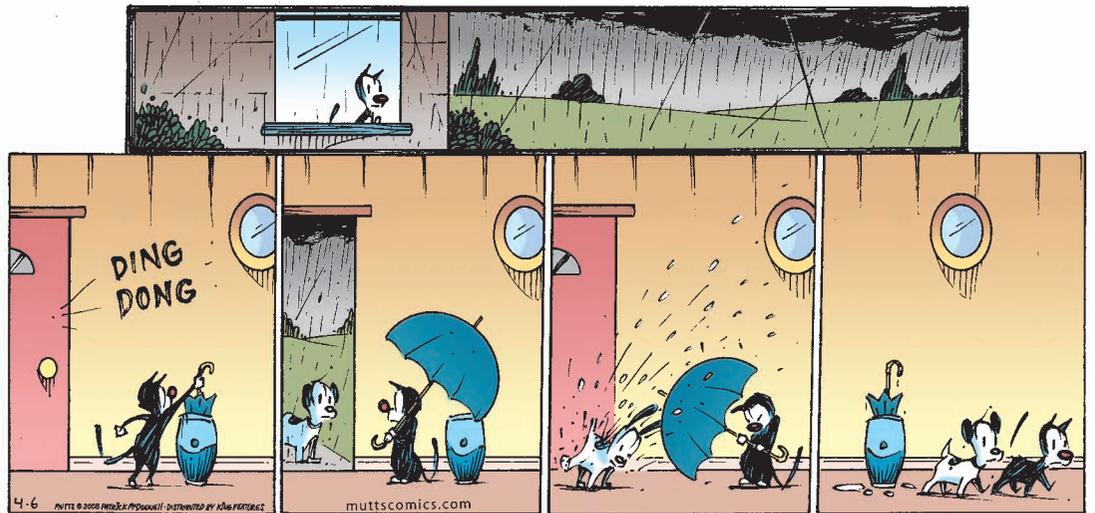
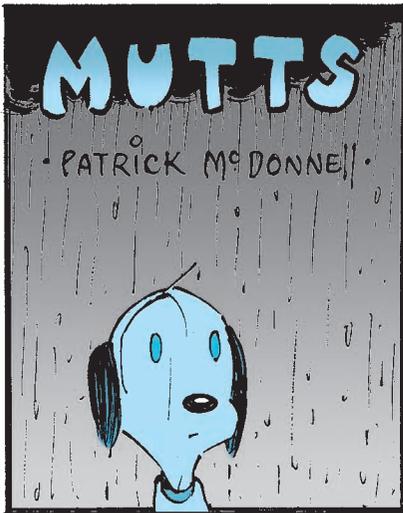
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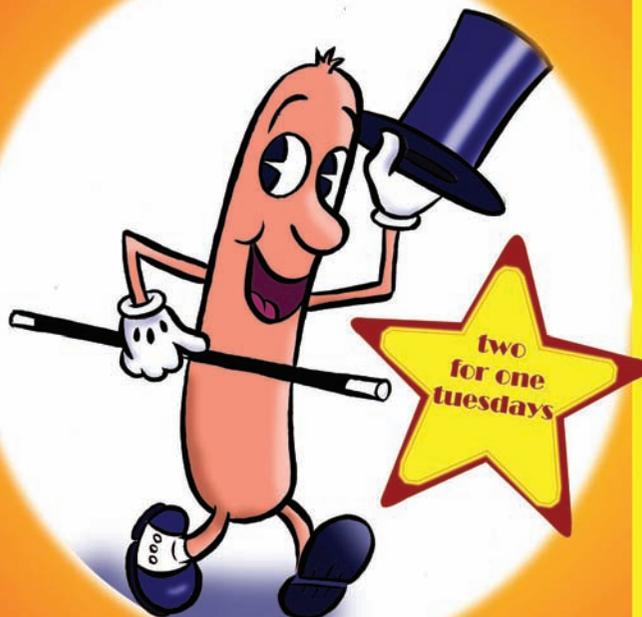
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DECK MAINTENANCE

YEAH! Summer will be here soon, and you'll have lots of fun with your family on your deck! Is it ready for family fun? Well, let's make sure it is. Here are a few things you can do to spruce it up without spending a lot of money or time doing so.

Cleaning it is a good way to give it a close inspection. Remove all of the furniture, pots, grill, etc. Use trisodium phosphate, TSP, to clean the surface. Just follow the label directions. A good scrub brush will do wonders. Once the surface is clean, note any areas that need to be repaired, replaced or cleaned further. Spots may need to be treated with specialized cleaners, depending upon the type of stain you are dealing

with. Bleach is still the best way to remove mold or mildew stains. You can use a chemical deck brightener if you want. These make the deck look new again.

Areas that are damaged or rotting should be pulled up and replaced with matching lumber. Any screws or nails that are sticking up should be driven down into the wood.

Check under the deck, if you can, to make sure support members are still in good shape.

Also check railings and tighten them if they are loose. Make sure steps are still strong. Metal brackets can be added to these areas to give them more support. They are easy to use and don't cost much.

Get started now, and you can have your next family get-together on your deck!

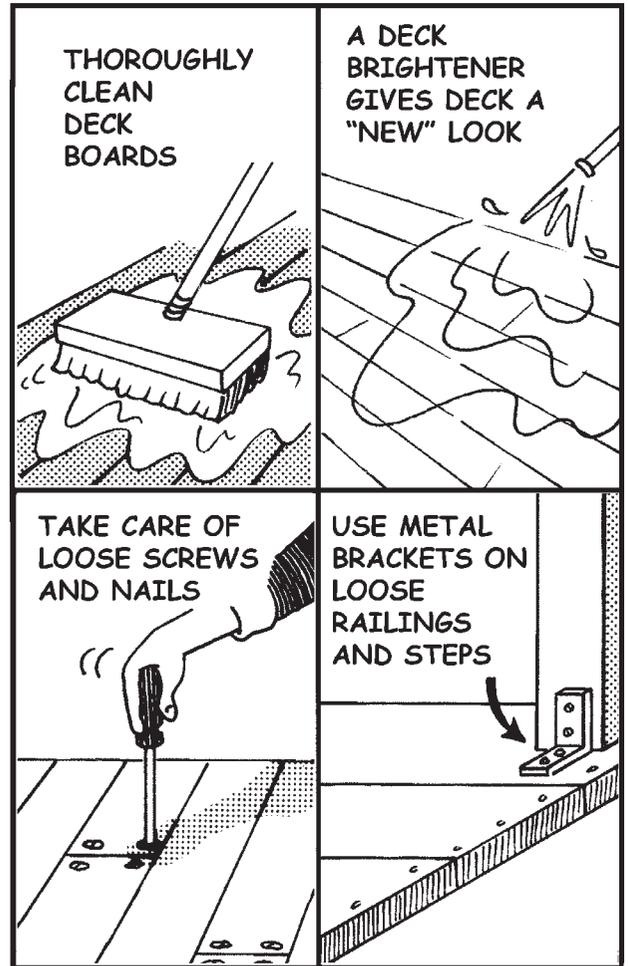
Q: A large shade tree sits right over my roof and drops a lot of tree debris on my roof and house. It's sticky and messy. What can I use to remove this sticky mess that won't come off with soap and water? —*J.W.*

A: If it's like sap, use a solvent such as paint thinner. You really should try to cut the branches back to prevent further damage, especially over your roof area.

Q: I had a leak behind my washing machine. I didn't know for a long time and, even though it's fixed now, the sheet rock there might be damaged. How can I tell? —*V.N.*

A: If it's wavy, rounded or soft to the touch, it should be replaced. Mold can be a big issue, and also, insects will try to nest there. If you have any doubts, just cut the damaged area out and replace it. You don't have to do a lot of extra work since it's behind the washer, but a clean, fresh sheet of water-resistant or "green board" should be installed.

If you have spent a lot of time and money to get a wooden project to the point where it's ready for a good finish, don't forget to clean it thoroughly with a tack rag. This special rag will remove any dust left over from sanding or just from sitting in your shop or garage while you work. You can buy tack rags if you like, but you also can make them fairly easily yourself. If you send your request along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The Super Handyman, we will be glad to send you instructions on how to make them yourself. For faster instructions, download them from our Web site, www.thesuperhandyman.com.



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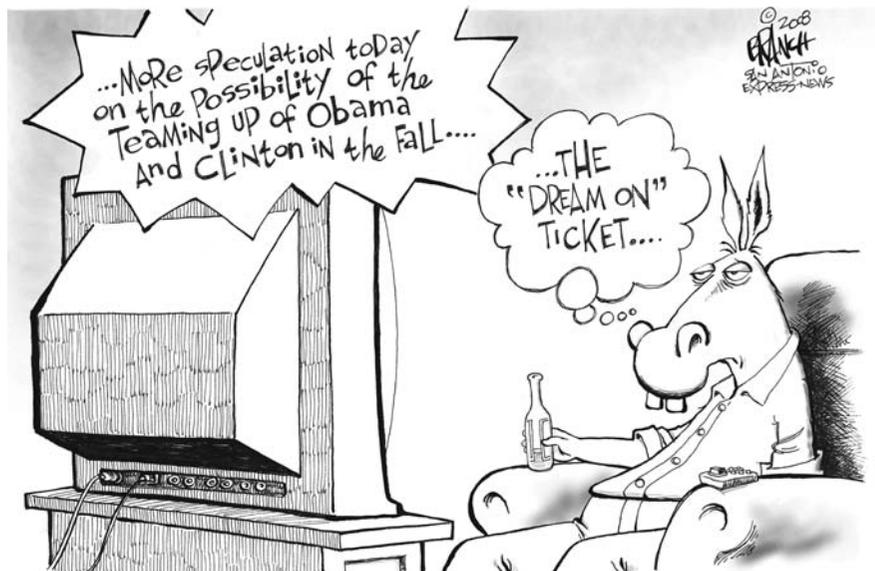
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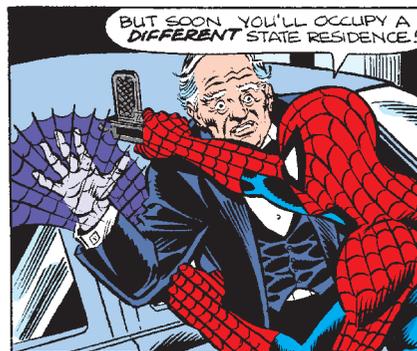
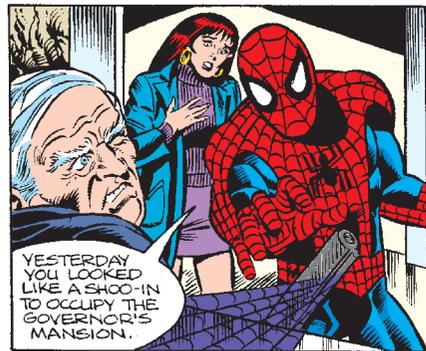
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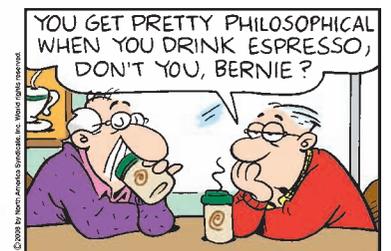
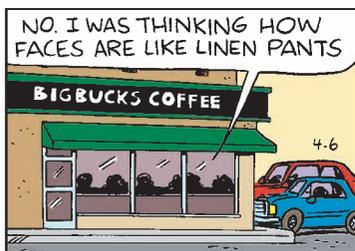
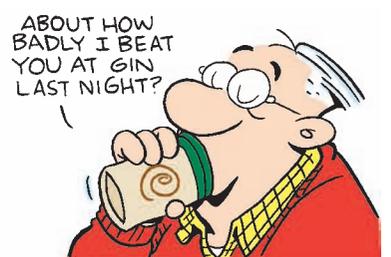


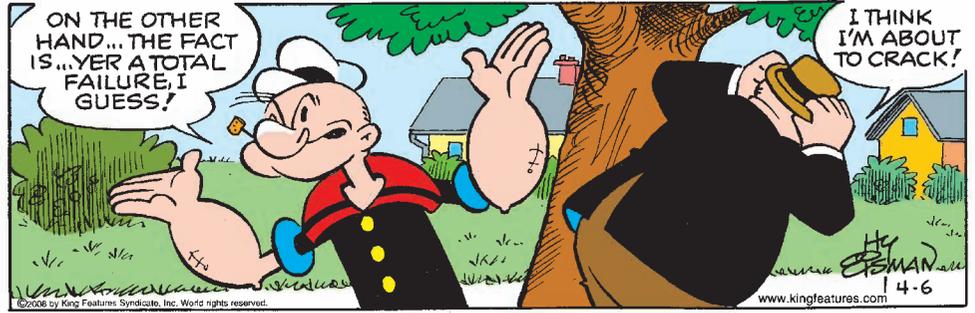
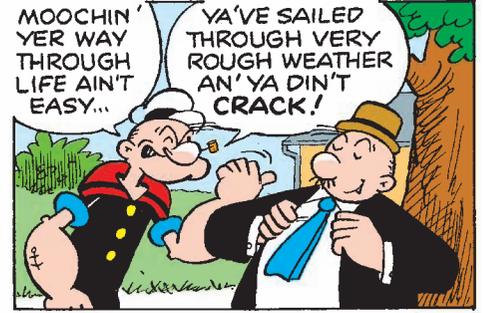
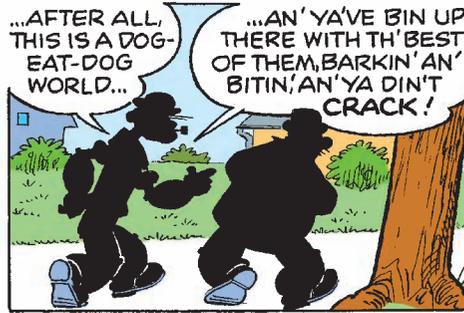
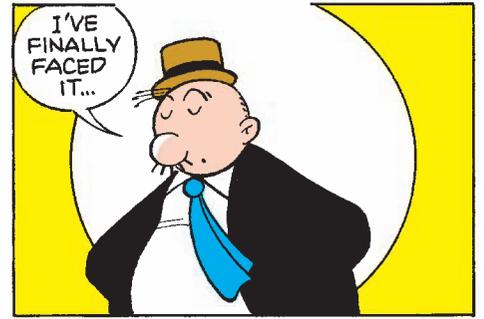
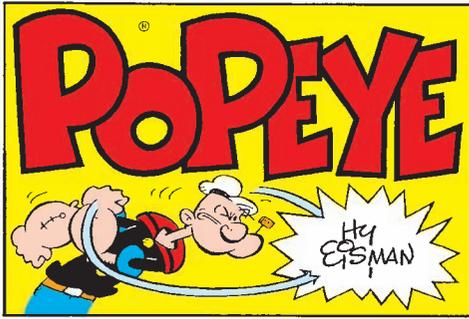
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Marvin
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STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

HURRY BACK!

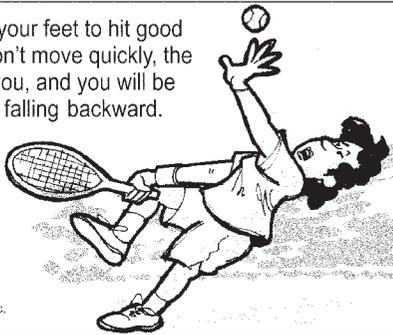
A crucial first step on your overhead is to get a quick start moving into position. As you're retreating, start to bring your racket behind your head. Unfortunately, many players stand watching the lob and don't react in time to get into proper position.



If you win, you should consider the following factors: Is your serve strong? Does the sun shine in your eyes on one side? Would it be better to make the opponent start serving looking into the sun? Is it likely you can break his serve in the first game before he gets warmed up?

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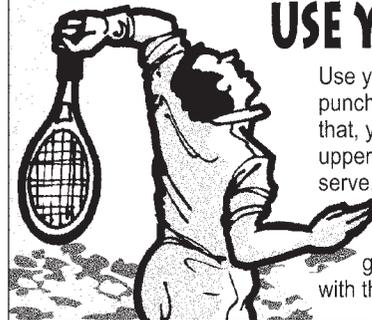
You've got to move your feet to hit good overheads. If you don't move quickly, the ball will get behind you, and you will be hitting the ball while falling backward.



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USE YOUR BACK

Use your back to put more punch into your serve. To do that, you need to whip your upper torso as you hit the serve. You should bring your racket behind you, almost like you are going to scratch your back with the head of the racket.



FLIP A COIN: THEN YOU DECIDE

Before a match, it's traditional to flip a coin or spin a racket to see who gets to decide one of the following: who is to serve, who is to receive, what side of the court to start on.



You should think in terms of uncoiling and snapping up toward the ball as you swing forward – trying to whip through the ball.



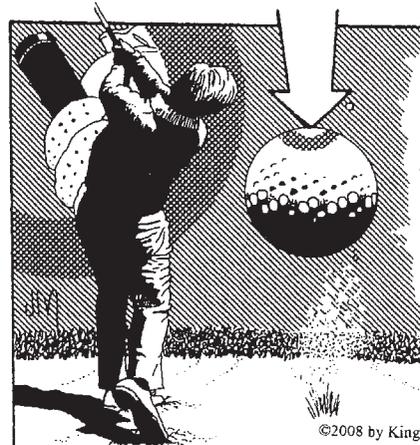
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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

“WHEN IN ROME...”

ACROSS

- 1 Titles for ladies
- 6 Share top billing
- 12 — -Aryan
- 16 Contented sighs
- 19 Firebug's felony
- 20 Power problem
- 21 Drug agent
- 22 Author Tolstoy
- 23 10 gene carriers?
- 25 509 mounds?
- 27 “Makes sense now”
- 28 Winning
- 29 Knight's address
- 30 Make muddy
- 31 U.S. motor club
- 33 Actress Anderson
- 36 Hears, e.g.
- 38 400 stove parts?
- 43 4 fresh cups of tea?
- 45 Field of grass
- 46 Land in “el oceano”
- 47 Zoo sights
- 48 Afresh
- 49 “— Lang Syne”
- 51 To begin with
- 53 “Now I get it!”
- 55 1,010 projectiles?
- 58 100 drawbacks?
- 63 An inert gas
- 64 Put out again, as a book
- 68 Goblet, e.g.
- 69 In this way
- 72 Official order
- 73 “Little Women” novelist
- 74 Prefix with structure
- 75 “Evil Ways” band
- 76 Pirate in “Hook”
- 77 600 jesters?
- 79 500 electric cells?
- 84 Musician Brian
- 85 Two-deck card game
- 88 Misstep
- 89 Florida tree
- 93 Klink's rank
- 95 Paquin or Kournikova
- 98 Writer Levin
- 99 5 structures?
- 101 1,500 gradations?
- 103 Long-tubed flower
- 104 Singer Franklin
- 106 Stooze name
- 107 Radio shock jock Don
- 108 Sue Grafton's “— for Evidence”
- 109 Murphy of “Dr. Dolittle”
- 112 Brief quarrel
- 116 1,101 beaks?
- 118 1,009 figures of speech?
- 121 “Holy moly!”
- 122 Court plea, for short
- 123 Standards
- 124 Tiny, hairlike organelles
- 125 Essex loc.
- 126 Pop rocker Stefani
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- 2 Story lines
- 3 Court great Arthur
- 4 H.G. Wells' “The Island of Dr. —”
- 5 — -cone (icy treat)
- 6 Masked critter
- 7 Force out
- 8 Crouches down
- 9 Florida city
- 10 Census stat
- 11 In medias —
- 12 Gary locale
- 13 Depilatory brand
- 14 1939 Bogart title role
- 15 Earthy colours
- 16 Actress Janney
- 17 Greek
- 18 “Help us!”
- 24 Bewails
- 26 Ancient Greek region
- 29 Like a slug
- 32 Jackie O's “O”
- 34 Tic Tac, e.g.
- 35 Villainous
- 36 Fish served with sake
- 37 Opposite of NNE
- 38 — chowder

- 39 French “two”
- 40 Salve
- 41 Fairylike
- 42 Track part
- 44 Fire
- 47 Give the nod
- 50 Moola
- 52 Televised again
- 54 “The Wedding Banquet” director
- 56 Bagel type
- 57 “Barney Miller” actor Jack
- 58 Shark's stick
- 59 Stomach woes
- 60 Paulo or Tiago lead-in
- 61 Ballpark fig.
- 62 Old JFK jet
- 65 Ore- —
- 66 Beach shoe
- 67 Knifes
- 69 Pot topper
- 70 Business mag
- 71 Rival of Popeyes
- 72 Pas' mates
- 73 Qty.
- 75 Go swiftly
- 76 Get on one's feet
- 78 Cuzco natives
- 80 Just barely

- 81 “Would — to you?”
- 82 St. Patrick's home
- 83 Health facilities
- 85 Beer brand
- 86 — of Cleves
- 87 Twiggy digs
- 89 Pipe type
- 90 From Ghana or Togo, e.g.
- 91 Seeming imminent
- 92 Ernie Banks' nickname
- 94 Go-between
- 96 Where Hercules fought a lion
- 97 Past
- 100 Pondering
- 101 Lunatic
- 102 Send off again
- 105 Jinxed
- 108 “Glamour” rival
- 110 Remove, as a typo
- 111 — -bitsy
- 113 Flag holder
- 114 Opera solo
- 115 Pre-1917 ruler
- 116 Fr. lady
- 117 Not high
- 118 Former Russian space station
- 119 Nuptial vow
- 120 Mac rivals

The Best & The Wittiest

