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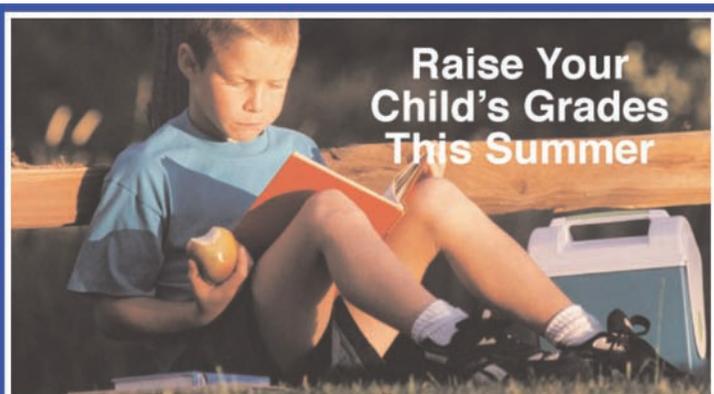
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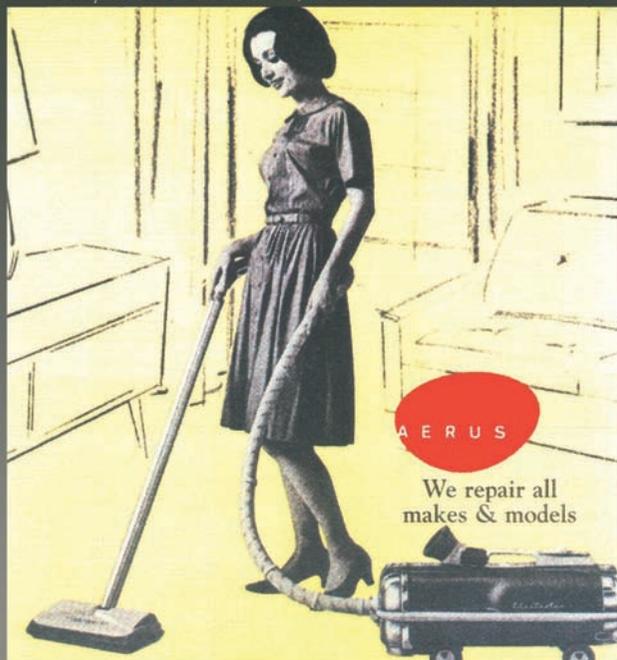
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ELEGANT LOUNGING

BY DEBBIE TRAVIS

We are furnishing our outdoor rooms with the care and aesthetic qualities once reserved for the living room or parlor. Elegant outdoor lounging has become a pleasing priority, and today's well-designed all-weather materials go hand in hand with style. Here's what's new.

Look for cast-aluminum frames; they are lighter than their wrought-iron counterparts and rust-free. Built to be outside, the powder-coated frames are available in classic and contemporary styles that range from club chairs, ottomans and cocktail tables to stackable sling chairs and lounges.

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For a cottage or a plantation-theme setting, the classic wicker look is still with us, but upgraded with a variety of strong vinyl weaves that replace the wood. The best quality promises to be flexible (comfy), colorfast and waterproof.

Wood is still popular. High-end teak is one of the hardest and more durable woods and requires almost no mainte-

nance. The rich, natural beauty of wood complements any era and any location.

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Dear Debbie: I have a bentwood rocker that is pretty beat up, and I'd like to refinish it in white to fit in with my bedroom. The seat and back are rattan, and I don't know if the paint will chip off. Is there a special paint or procedure? — *Leslie*

Dear Leslie: Follow the same preparation for both pre-painted surfaces and the rattan back and seat, which most likely have a sealer finish. Before painting, sand the wood and rattan lightly to rough up the surface so that paint will adhere. If you have sanded down to raw wood (on the frame or rattan), then apply a wood primer to seal the wood before you paint. The easiest way to paint rattan is with spray. A brush tends to leave globs of paint in the holes and cracks. Be sure to protect your work area, as spray paint becomes airborne. Spray the front and let dry, then turn over and spray the back. Use thin coats to protect from drips, and apply two coats per side.

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Dear Debbie: We are moving into a condo, and I want it to be chic and pret-

ty. For the floors, I liked the idea in one of your columns where you described rubbed white, wide wood planks. Is the white-wood process too difficult for a senior to do? Is it expensive? Thanks so much for your consideration. — *Judy*

Dear Judy: You can buy pre-finished laminate floor boards with a whitewash look, which is what we used in the condo you mentioned. Check with your local flooring specialist, and they will direct you to the correct product. This is your easiest and probably least-expensive option. If you want to stain or paint a new wood floor, then sand first to open the wood grain. For a whitewashed effect, apply white-wood floor stain. This creates a fresh patina that suits both cottage and modern style. For solid white, apply two coats of white floor paint and then two coats of varnish for extra durability.

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SUNSCREEN FOR PETS

BY HELOISE

Dear Readers: Now that the days are getting longer and the sun will be out, we'll be spending more time outside with our pets. But that warm sun we've been waiting for all winter can be a mixed blessing.

Although a little sun is good for both you and your pet, too many ultraviolet rays can cause sunburn and eventually skin cancer. Excessive sun can also create problems for pets with existing skin conditions. What can you do? Get some pet sunscreen, or use one made for babies (nothing containing zinc), and put some on the skin areas of your pet, like the tips of the ears and the nose. You can put it on the abdomen, too, but usually this is rubbed or licked off. Certain breeds and light-colored dogs and cats are most susceptible.

Skin cancer is one of the more common types of cancer in pets. Skin tumors are very common in older dogs, although they usually are benign. Cats are more likely to develop the more deadly kind, so be sure to have your pet examined by a veterinarian for any signs of abnormalities. — *Heloise*

CAT BOX

Dear Heloise: I am a new cat owner and was wondering how often to change the cat's litter box. What do your experts say? — *A New Kitty Owner, via e-mail*

Well, ask your cat! Solid waste should be cleaned up every day. The litter should be replaced when wet or you can smell it! Kitties like clean boxes, and sometimes they won't use them if they are too dirty. Would you want to? — *Heloise*

NEW FISH

Dear Heloise: When adding new fish to an existing aquarium, don't put them right into the tank. Keep them in the bag and float them on the top of the water until it is the same temperature as the aquarium water. When the temperature has regulated, the fish can be added to the aquarium. — *Adrienne from Texas*

Adrienne, this is true. Just dumping the fish in could cause them to be stressed, and they might not make the move. Also, if you have territorial fish, move the aquarium ornaments around before adding new fish — it makes them less aggressive in protecting "their" home. — *Heloise*

BIRD CAGE

Dear Heloise: I have finches, and cleaning cages takes time. When I cut newspaper for the bottom, I cut several pieces and lay all of them on the bottom. When I remove the soiled paper, there is another sheet underneath, making the whole process easier. — *K.M. in Texas*

BIRD SUET

Dear Heloise: I would like to make bird suet but cannot find my recipe. I have purchased all of the ingredients. Now my yard is full of birds, and I need the recipe. Where can I find it? — *Judy, Baton Rouge, La.*

I'm glad you asked. It's that time of year, and we don't want to leave our little guys and gals waiting! They will love this homemade recipe, and it makes a big batch, so you can wrap leftovers in wax paper, put in a freezer bag and freeze it. The recipe calls for:

- 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)

Carefully melt the lard and peanut butter in a large pot over low heat, then add all of the other ingredients and stir to mix. Pour it into a large pan and put in the refrigerator overnight. It will firm up.

Then just cut into blocks to fit your suet feeder. Or you can reuse the containers that commercial suet comes in.

And why spend a bunch of money on fancy feeder hooks when a good old coat hanger will work great? Just bend it into a hook on each end, or use two if you need it longer, and you'll have a strong, inexpensive suet hanger! — *Heloise*



PET PAL

Dear Readers: Karen Bruce of Gastonia, N.C., sent a photo of her 87-year-old grandmother, Lessie Raines, and her 15-year-old cat, Conway Kitty, nestled in her arms. Karen says, "My grandmother loved the famous country singer so much that she named her cat after him." — *Heloise*

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FROMMER'S BUDGET TRAVEL



BY ARTHUR FROMMER

EUROPEAN TRAVEL TIPS

My recent seven days on a Rhine riverboat (stopping in six cities and four countries), followed by three nights in Lucerne, Switzerland, can't really be considered a substantial trip. But, as in any overseas setting, you are reminded by actual fresh experiences about the basic principles of smart travel, as follows:

1. The various European rail passes are more valuable than ever. From checking the railroad ticket offices, it became obvious to me that the increase in the cost of point-to-point rail tickets in Europe has not been matched by an increase in the cost of the various European rail passes. It's as if the people who market these promotional devices in the U.S. have deliberately slowed their rise in price to keep the trip attractive. People I met were able to hopscotch all over Switzerland with a Swiss Rail Pass for just a little bit more than we paid for two tickets at a Swiss railroad station. In advance of leaving for Europe, look into the various rail-pass possibilities at www.raileurope.com.

2. The ATM machine is your very best bet for obtaining cash. Over and over, I discovered that I could get a decent rate, and pay no big fee, by using my ATM card at the various ATM machines in European cities. By contrast, I was shocked by the fees and poor exchange rates of the various money-changing kiosks, and especially by those counters at airports and train stations. The latter, paying high rents to be near the tourist crowds, give you a lousy number of euros for your dollars, and then charge (at least) 5 percent more as a fee. Even banks, I discovered, now charge big commissions for changing your money. Don't use



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them. Go to an ATM machine, and you'll receive an honest exchange.

3. The European equivalent of our T.S.A. will confiscate the same items that the T.S.A. does. In European shopping, you must stay sensitive to the security check you will later encounter at the airport. We had friends who deliberately passed up the chance to buy reasonably priced Swiss Army Knives (as gifts for their friends) at shops in Lucerne in the expectation that they could buy them for much less at an airport tax-free shop. Passing through security in the airport for the flight home, and rushing to the area of the tax-free shops, they of course discovered that none of these shops were able to sell Swiss Army Knives (since those knives could no longer be placed in luggage checked aboard). You have to keep mentally agile on your trips to Europe, think logically and have eyes in the back of your head.

4. You can enjoy big savings by crossing the Atlantic on a flight making stops en route to your destination. I met person after person who flew to cities in Europe using frequent-flyer mileage — not on the carrier whose program they had joined, but on the planes of an “alliance partner” flying out-of-your-way to another European city — and only then to your desired destination. Thus, people flying to Amsterdam on frequent-flyer mileage earned through Continental would go there at very cheap cost via Dusseldorf on Lufthansa, a “partner” of Continental. This involved a bit of a hassle, but saved big sums. Bear in mind that all the major U.S. airlines — American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, United — belong to airline alliances whose other members will honor the frequent-flyer mileage programs of the big American carriers (but you are not always told that by the U.S. carrier — you have to raise the subject and insist).

5. All the tried-and-true rules for smart eating continue to bring major savings in today's Europe. Because more and more European hotels include a large buffet breakfast in the room charges, enough to fill you long past the lunch hour, it has become smarter than ever to make lunch a picnic meal from ingredients purchased at a grocery. You eat well, cheaply and healthily. Similarly, at low-cost European restaurants, the servings are generally so large that the smart traveler orders an appetizer for himself, a main course for his companion and then proceeds to split the plates.

Europe never loses its appeal. As disappointing as the weak U.S. dollar is, a trip to Europe is still memorable beyond measure.

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

By Monte Dutton

No one would turn down a chance to turn some laps at Darlington Raceway with David Pearson.

Old met new at Darlington recently, where Pearson, who won 105 races in what is now called the Sprint Cup Series, met Edwards, the biggest winner of the current season with three victories.

With Pearson strapped into his No. 21 Wood Brothers Mercury, circa 1971, and Edwards in his No. 99 Claritin Ford, the two took to the track. A record 10 of Pearson's victories took place at Darlington, the only track in Pearson's native South Carolina still hosting major NASCAR races.

Leonard Wood, who turned the wrenches on Pearson's cars during the driver's glory days, handled all the restoration necessary to put No. 21 back on the 1.366-mile, egg-shaped track that has been hosting races since 1950.

Pearson and Edwards executed a choreographed, side-by-side-finish, with the old timer edging the young gun by a nose.

Though he hasn't won there yet, Edwards said: "Darlington is definitely my favorite track. A win at Darlington would be so cool because of all the history at this track.

"This is a driver's race track, and you have to be on top of your game to run well here, not to mention win."

Pearson, looking fit at age 73, joked that it was great "to get my 11th win here."

"I've been looking forward to this day for a long time," he added, "and I'm honored to have been invited to this event."

Though Pearson, from Spartanburg, S.C., ranks second all-time to Richard Petty in career victories, he's considered by some to be the greatest driver in NASCAR history. Though he rarely competed in every race during his career — in those days, many teams concentrated on the major races — Pearson won championships in 1966, '68 and '69. In the latter two years alone, he had 27 victories and 30 runner-up finishes.

At 28, Edwards, who is from Columbia, Mo., has already won 10 times and finished third in the (then) Nextel Cup standings in 2005. He is also the reigning champion of what is now the Nationwide Series.

A good deal has been written recently about the possibility of drivers organizing to play at least an advisory role in the sport's development. Never mind that no tangible evidence exists that such a move is even being seriously considered.

Jeff Burton is against it.

"My fear in the drivers having an organization is that a group of drivers with power isn't necessarily in our sport's best interest," said the current Sprint Cup point leader. "NASCAR's willingness to listen to drivers is in our best interest, but a group of drivers that could, because they are given power, demand things, that could manipulate things for their benefit rather than the sport's benefit, I don't think is a good situation for our sport.

"If we were living in poverty and we were living lives where we were highly underpaid, we were mistreated poorly, we were miners in the early 1900s, then a union would be a productive thing because their conditions were so deplorable that they had to have force. They had to have a group in order to get just everyday, ordinary things accomplished. We don't have that. ... Ultimately it's NASCAR's job."

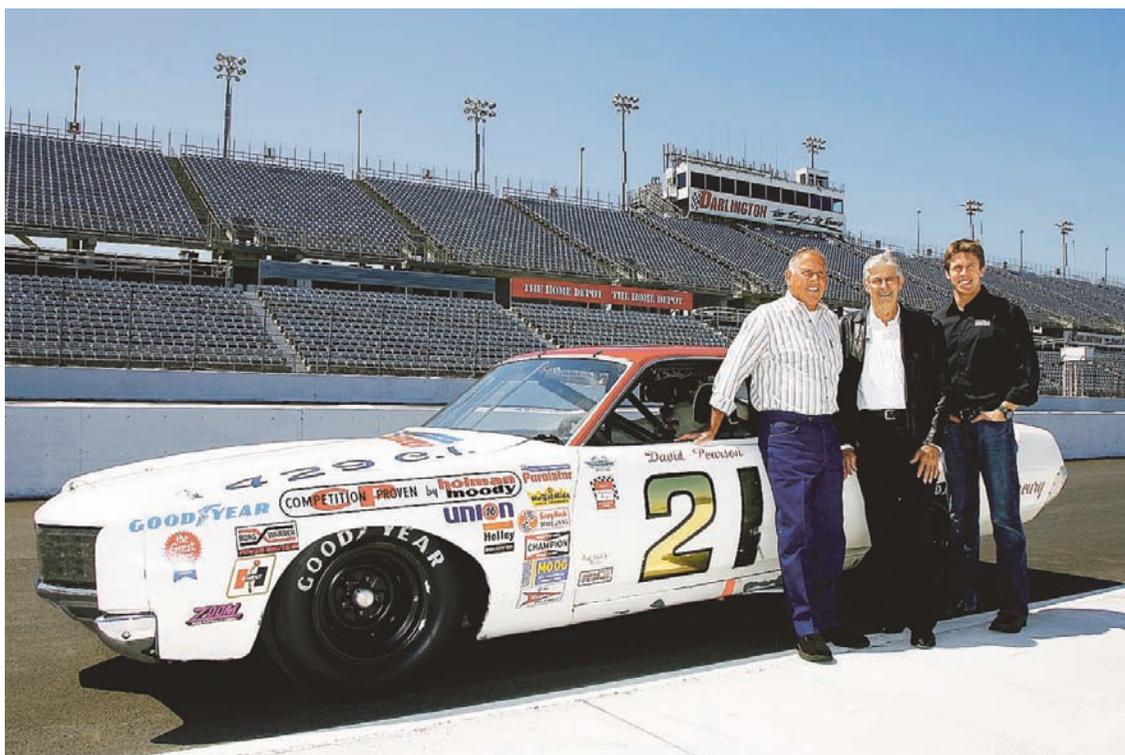
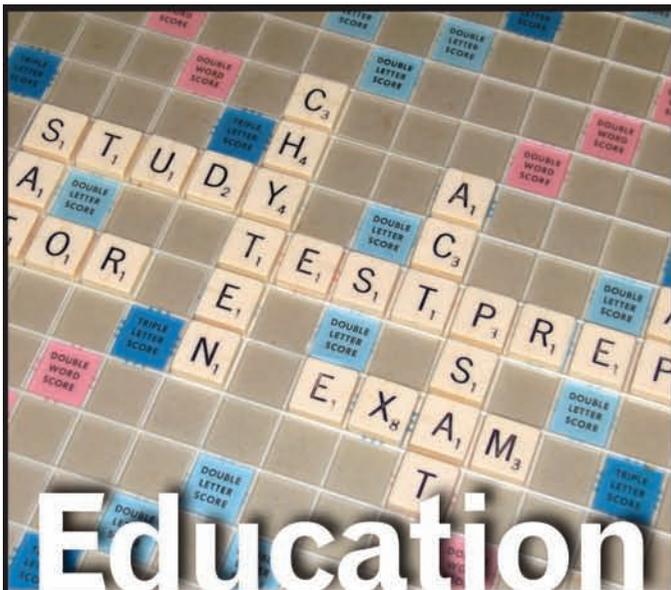


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David Pearson, Leonard Wood and Carl Edwards stand in front of Pearson's 1971 Mercury at Darlington



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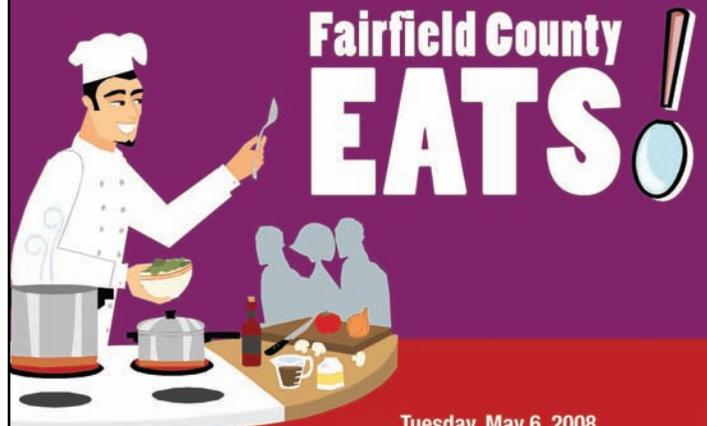
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DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF

By Nikki Merson

I love holidays. I look forward to them differently than just any old day. If you ask my husband, I go more than a little crazy at Christmas, and we always make a big deal out of birthdays in our family. Of course, being the shutterbug that I've become, there are always dozens of photos left to enjoy.

But my scrapbooks tell other stories of more ordinary moments. Stories of piles of laundry as high as the dryer; of peek-a-boo games with my 6-month-old; of pancakes with maple syrup on lazy Sunday mornings; of dirty little boys and their Tonka trucks on a lethargic June afternoon; of dainty little girls and their pink toenails; of chubby babies, peacefully sleeping, swaddled in an heirloom quilt; of disappointments and frustration; of tears, both happy and sad; of us, exactly as we are and stories we will remember and cherish, for they are a part of who we are. These are the stories that capture our life, our family, our world, our history.

Scrapbooking has brought so much texture to my life. I used to grumble as I swept up after the kids, gathering crumbs of Play-Doh and used stickers up off the floor; now I photograph it and archive these "crumbs of childhood." I used to dread the coming of frosty winter days with the days ending so early; now I journal on my winter pages, memorializing the richness of the cocoa, the coziness of the crackling fire. I used to tear out my hair as the laundry mounted, spilling over the tops of the baskets and out of the laundry room into the hall; now I create the perfect photo shoot with a 2-year-old and let her roll around in it, snapping away as she feels the different textures, explores the vivid colors and enjoys the simple abandon.

When I quit sweating the details, the small stuff of life, and let my camera and my children guide me through my own world, I can enjoy the great abundance in my life — the abundance of laughter, color, blessings and joy. So when I find myself worrying, stressing and complaining, that's my signal: Grab the kids and the camera and be grateful for the love that surrounds me. And scrapbooking is what continues to remind me that love is everywhere around me when I stop in the midst of an ordinary moment to notice it among the "small stuff."

WE STAND ON GUARD FOR THEE

By Penny Fedorczenko

Some time ago during my vacation, I had the pleasure of travel-

ing to Europe to tour the various regions of France. Our tour group was comprised of 45 travelers from a variety of countries. Three friends and I made up the Canadian contingent on the bus.

As the days and weeks passed, we had the chance to get to know each other better. In some ways, the new friendships that grew became as valuable and as memorable as the trip itself.

On the second to last day of the tour, we were making our way to Calais and the ferryboat that would take us back across the English Channel, on to London and finally to the airport. Throughout the trip, as we rode along in the coach, our wonderful French guide provided a colorful and interesting commentary to give us a better understanding of what we were seeing out the window.

About two hours out of Paris, driving through the peaceful French countryside, our guide came on the microphone. His richly accented voice was serious and somber.

"We are presently passing through the World War I battlefields just south of Vimy Ridge. If you look to your right, just across the field there, you will see the war memorial that the people of France erected to the Canadian soldiers who fought so bravely here. Even today, some of the residents from the surrounding towns place flowers on the memorial regularly. Some lived through the fighting and have never forgotten the soldiers who took up their cause. And so, my dear Canadian friends at the back of the bus, I would like to say thank you from the people here in Vimy for the unselfish acts of your Canadian soldiers."

Across the grassy field, the stone monument stood erect and proud against the French sky. A Canadian flag rippled softly in the calm breeze. The passengers, each deep in their own thoughts, stared silently out the windows. Lost in the moment, I could visualize the sights and sounds of war. Suddenly, an unexpected wave of emotion swept over me. I felt immense sadness for those men who never returned home to Canadian soil, but at the same time, my heart swelled with an enormous sense of pride. Tears filled my eyes. I was embarrassed by my uncontrolled reaction. As I turned around, I realized that each of my friends had experienced the same feelings — their eyes were also wet with tears. We smiled knowingly at each other, not speaking a word.

I had traveled all this way to appreciate what it means to be Canadian.

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KOVELS ANTIQUES

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ANTIQUe GARDEN TOOLS

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Folk art takes many forms, anything from cigar-store Indians to bottle-cap figures and carved coal pictures. It is the art of the untrained artist, and each piece is unique. With spring comes thoughts of the garden and where to place antique urns, pots, statues, architectural tiles, fountains, sundials, bird feeders and other collected pieces. Fashionable gardens today often have gates or fences decorated with antiques. Old gardening equipment is popular. Galvanized metal watering cans of the past have long spouts and large heads. Some European examples have brass heads. Old, rusty metal hand tools that can hang on a fence also are popular. Larger gardening tools like rakes, pitchforks and shovels can be put in the ground as if just left by a gardener or worked into a folk art gate or fence. Brunk Auctions sold a garden gate made from a pine frame decorated with a vintage shovel, pitchfork, sickle, trowels and hand cultivator. The 48-by-49-inch gate made in the 20th century sold for \$650. Recycle your old tools or some you spot at a garage sale into a special folk art garden accent.

Q. I have a small table that converts into a desk. The table's single drawer holds a writing surface that lifts to reveal a storage section. Inside there's a sunken inkwell and a tray that can hold pens and pencils. There's also a gold seal inside that says "Cadillac Desk Table, Cadillac Cabinet Co., Detroit, Michigan." Four patent dates between 1906 and 1908 are also on the seal. Please tell me about the company.

A. The Cadillac Cabinet Co. was related to the Wolverine Manufacturing Co., both of Detroit. Cadillac desk-tables came in oak or mahogany and were advertised

and sold widely in the early 1900s. The ads were directed primarily at women, who were encouraged to consider the piece a practical bedside table. Cadillac desk-tables sell today for \$150 to \$500, depending on condition, style and type of wood.

Q. One of my souvenir spoons is a 4-inch sterling silver commemorative spade from the 1911 ground-breaking for the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco. The inscription on the blade of the shovel states: "Used by William Howard Taft, President of the United States, October 14th, 1911 in turning the first spadeful of earth for the Panama Pacific International Exposition to be held in San Francisco, 1915." I found a photo of the same souvenir on the Web site of the Palace of Fine Arts, one of the World's Fair buildings. Do you know how many of these little shovels were made and how much one is worth?

A. The Pan-Pacific Exposition was held



This garden gate is a one-of-a-kind piece of folk art that sold recently for \$650 at Brunk Auctions in Asheville, N.C. Unpainted pine and rusty vintage tools were combined to make a unique piece.

to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal, a boon to trade and travel to and from California. Shreve & Co., a well-known San Francisco silver manufacturer, made not only the real, full-size shovel Taft used, but also made the little gilded replica shovels to be sold as souvenirs. They must have been popular and fairly plentiful, because they come up for sale regularly. Prices range from \$35 to \$70.

Q. In the 1960s I collected a complete set of 36 dolls from the Reddi-Wip company. The 8-inch plastic dolls are dressed in the ethnic costumes of various countries. I contacted ConAgra, which now owns the brand, to get some information about the dolls, but no one there could help me. I even have the original color order form, which pictures 30 dolls, and says you can get as many dolls as you want. For each doll, you had to send \$1 plus the red lock tab from a Reddi-Wip can. I would like to know who made the dolls and what they're worth.

A. Reddi-Wip, a brand of whipping cream you squirt from a can, was invented in 1948. The brand went nationwide in 1954. Reddi-Wip's "Dolls of the World" promotion started in 1965 and continued until at least 1976. Plastic 8-inch dolls were made by many companies in the 1950s and '60s, so if a maker's mark is not on the dolls, it's impossible to guess who made them. Today the dolls are not worth more than a few dollars each, but the whole set might bring a premium.

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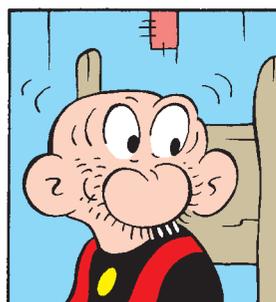
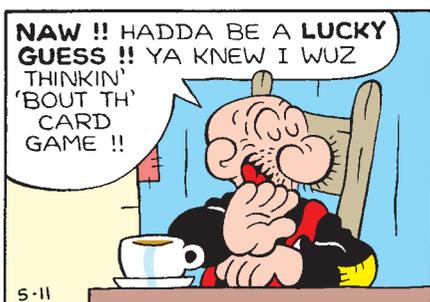
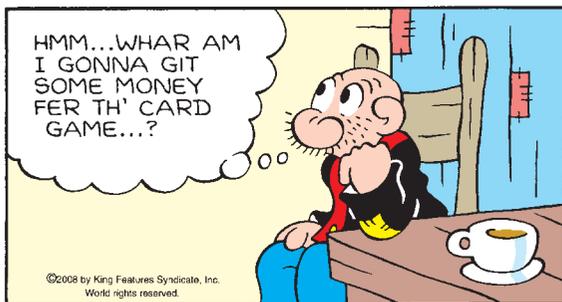
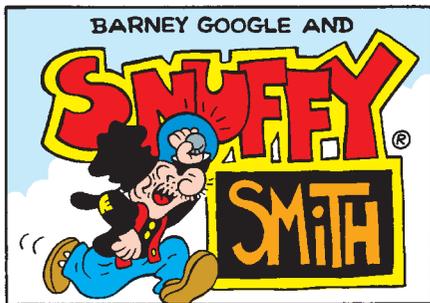
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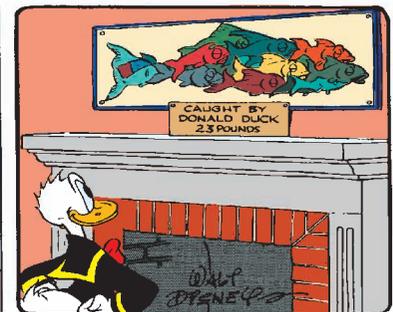
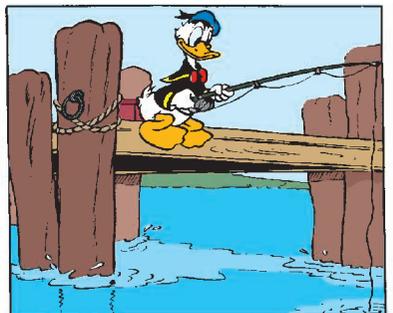
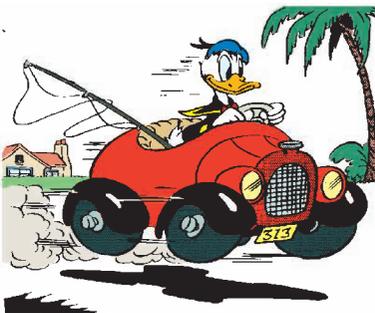
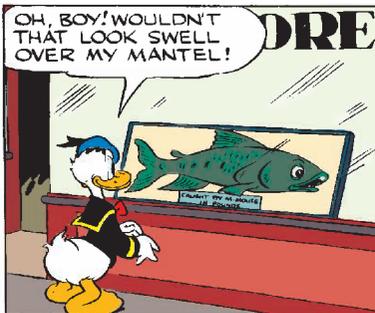
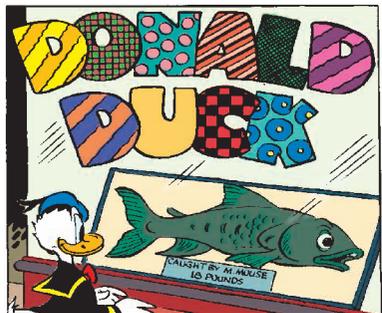
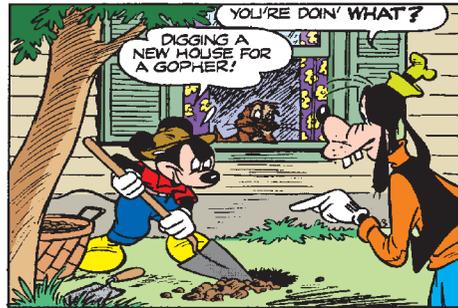
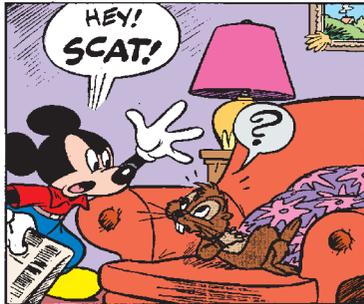
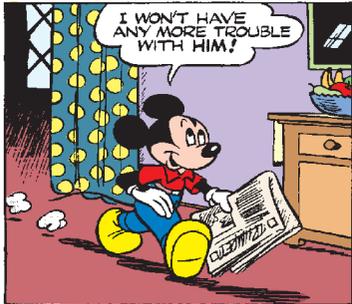
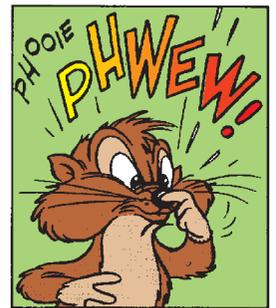
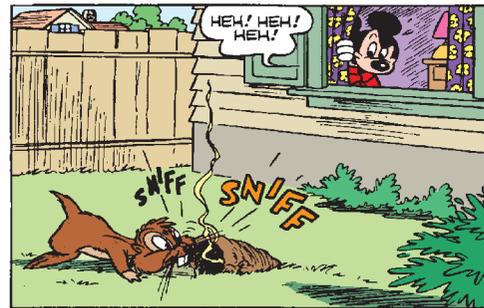
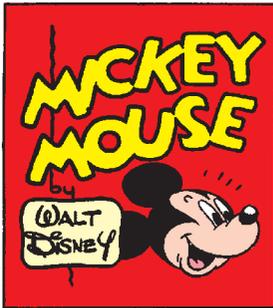
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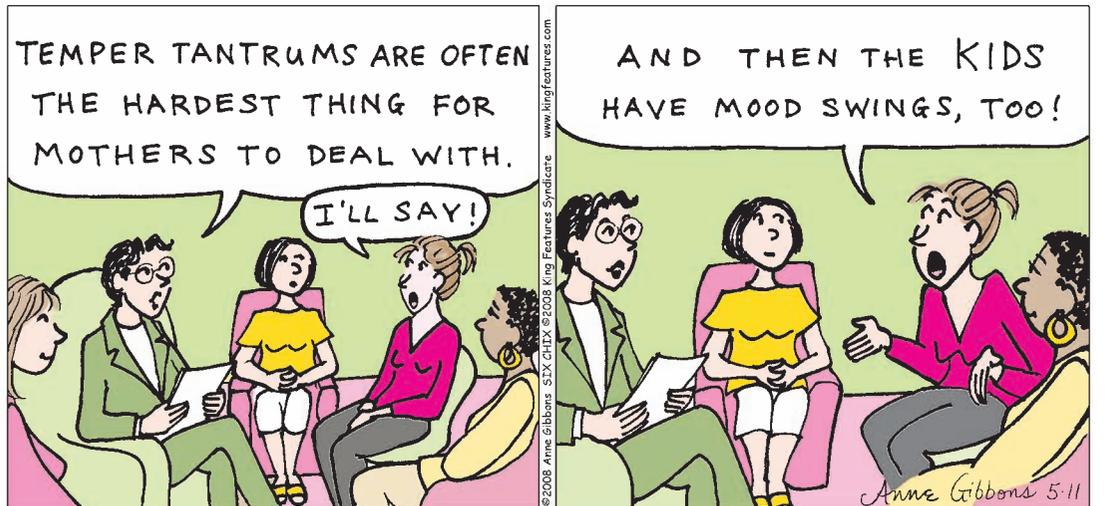
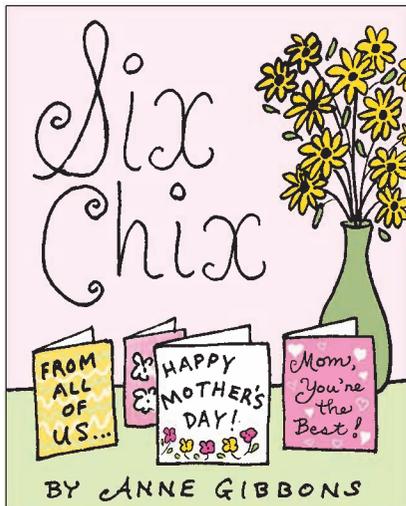
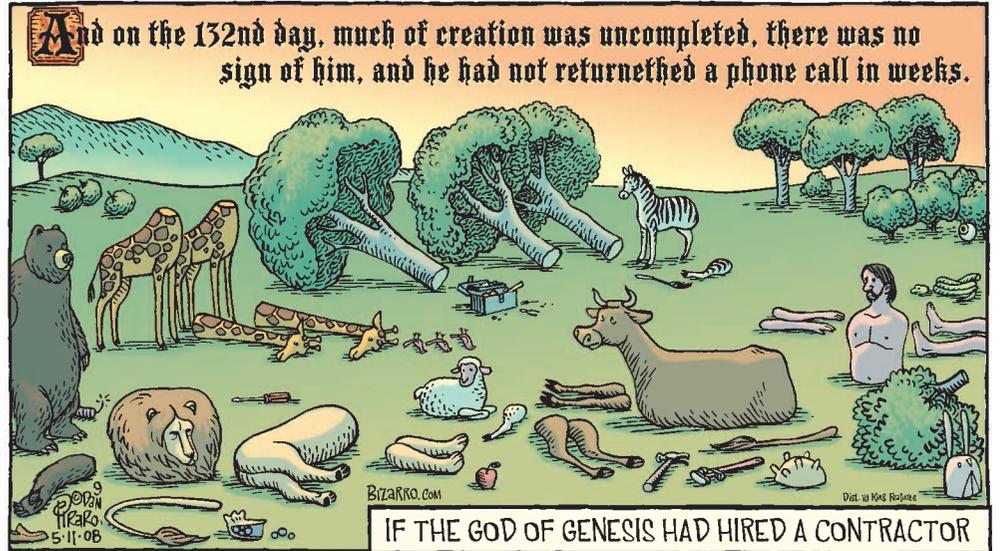
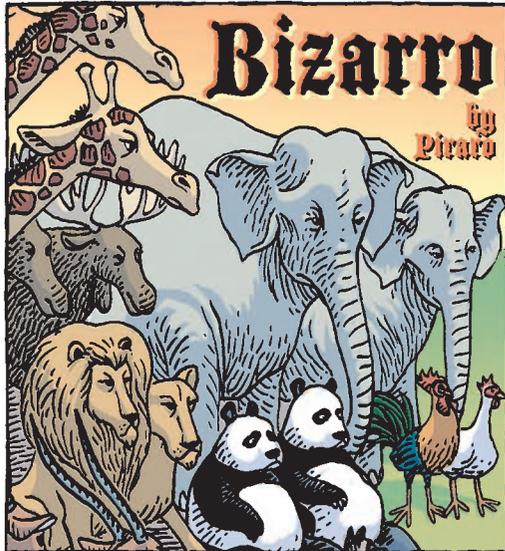
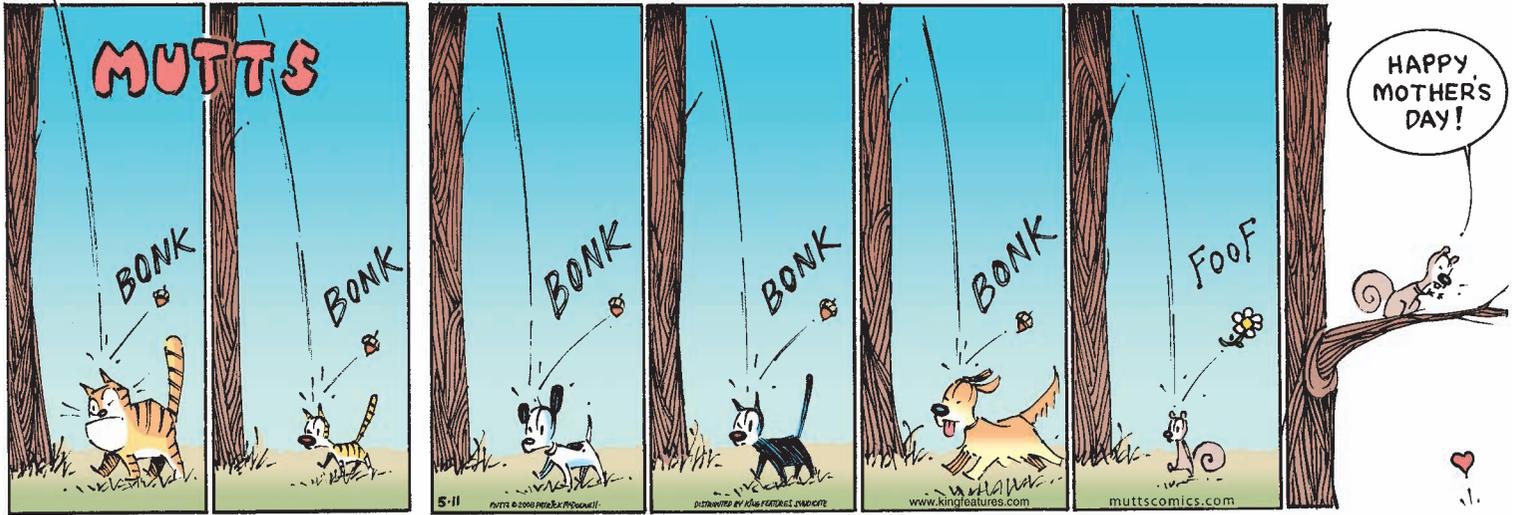
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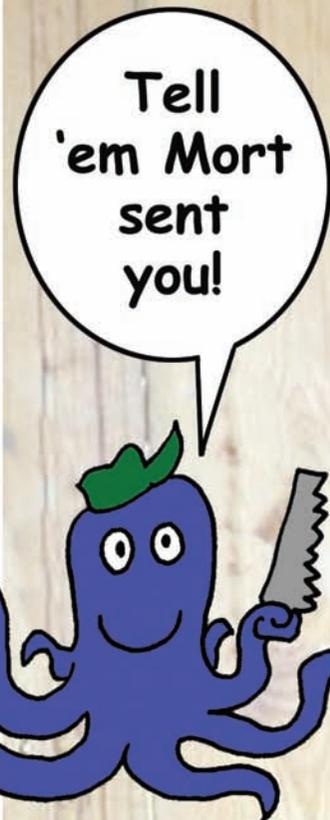
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BY AL AND KELLY CARRELL MAINTAIN THE GRILL

A good barbecue grill will last a long time, but even the best need to be cleaned and maintained in order to be ready when you are. Here are a few things you should do to keep your grill ready for your family cookouts.

Cleaning is always the first job to take care of. This can be a dirty job, so use a dropcloth. It's a good idea to wear safety glasses and gloves and have plenty of ventilation. Oven cleaner is a good cleaner to use. Spray it on and let it work according to the label directions. Most surfaces are safely scrubbed with a stiff-bristle brush or pad. A second application can be used if you need to do more cleaning. The grates, grills and other parts

can be cleaned separately. If any of these parts have a protective coating on them, don't scrub too hard or use very abrasive tools.

Use heat-resistant paint to touch up any places where paint has worn off.

Use wire or toothpicks to clean out gas jets. Replace any parts that are worn out or not functioning properly. Many hardware stores and grill dealers have universal fittings, or they can help you find replacement parts.

Make sure handles, hinges and other moving parts are cleaned and lubricated. Tighten them if necessary.

If using propane tanks or a gas outlet, have them inspected for leakage. A gauge is a super add-on for propane tanks to keep you advised of their level so you don't run out in the middle of your next party. Always shut off the gas or propane at the source before leaving the area after cooking is complete.

If your grill is located in an unprotected area, invest in a quality cover. It will pay you back in the long run.

Remember to take care of your grill, and it will be ready whenever you need it. Cooking outdoors is a super way to entertain and keep your kitchen cooler and

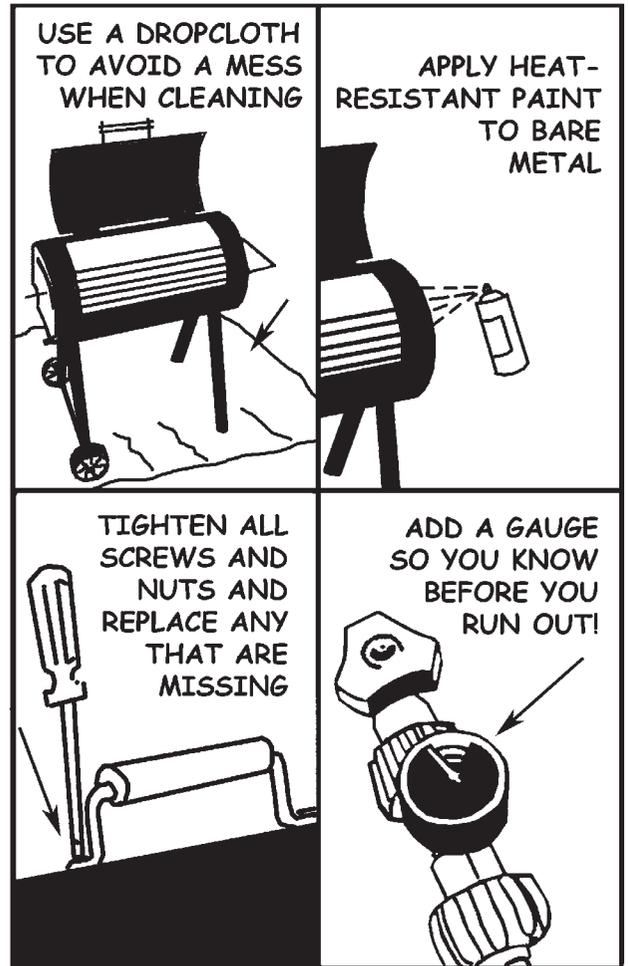
cleaner in the summertime.

Q: I know ladybugs are supposed to be beneficial, but I have a whole lot of them. Is this OK? — H.G.

A: Ladybugs are very beneficial. In fact, many people will actually buy them to put in their gardens, so you are one step ahead of them and are saving money. They do move around the area, so they might not stay there for long. You could take a closer look and make sure they haven't found a large number of pests in your yard, although they will take care of them quickly, in most cases. Ladybugs are super!

Q: I have found many holes around the base of our brick home. I was caulking the windows and started to caulk these holes, and my neighbor stopped me. He said these are supposed to be there, and I shouldn't cover them. They are all around the base of the house. Is he right? — C.F.

A: Yes, he is correct. We believe you are describing "weep holes," which are placed at the bottom of brick walls to allow moisture to escape from behind the wall. Uncover any holes you have blocked.



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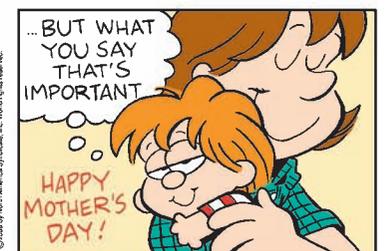
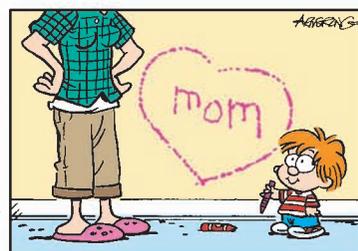
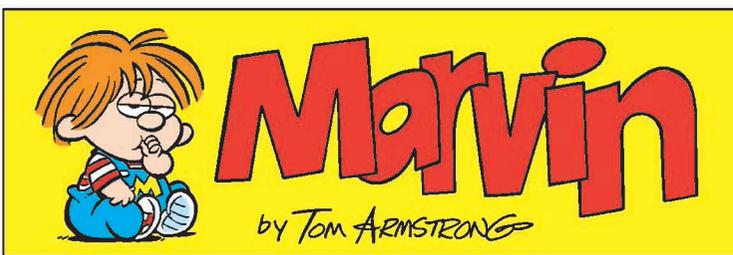
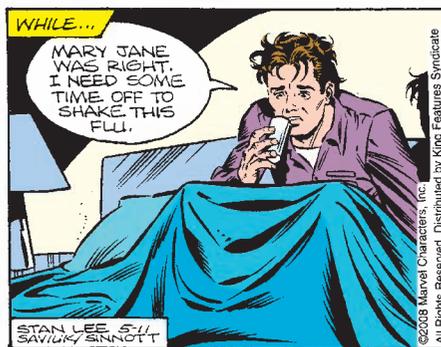
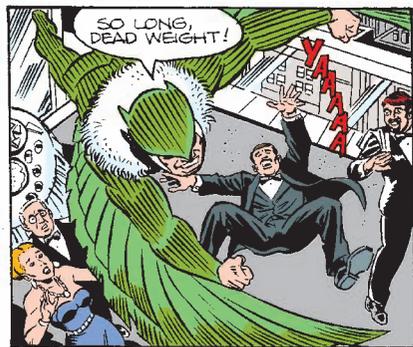
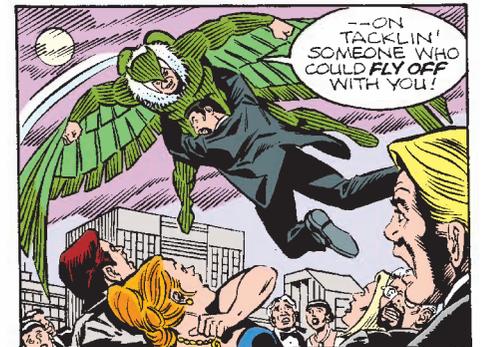
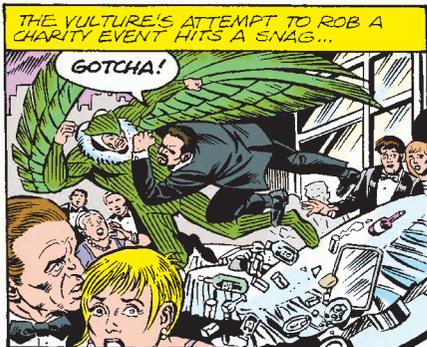
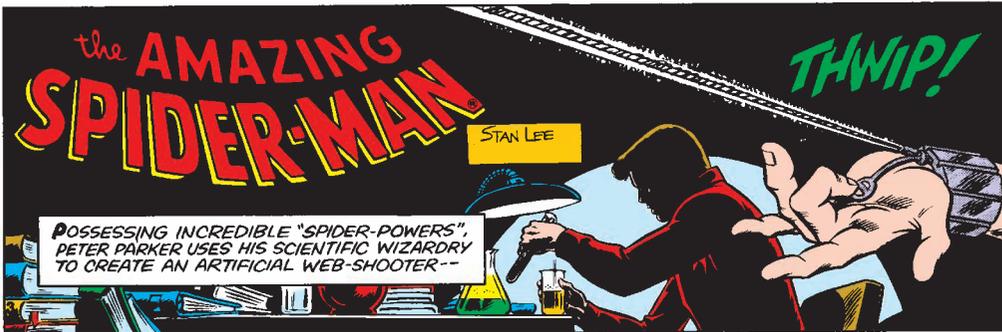
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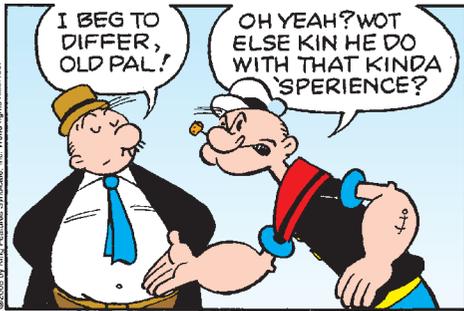
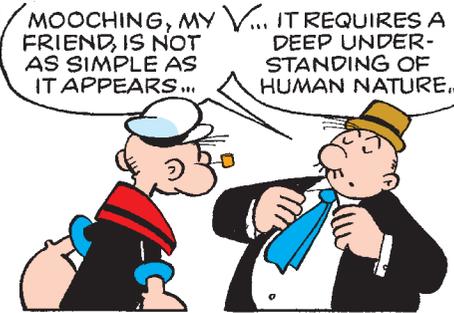
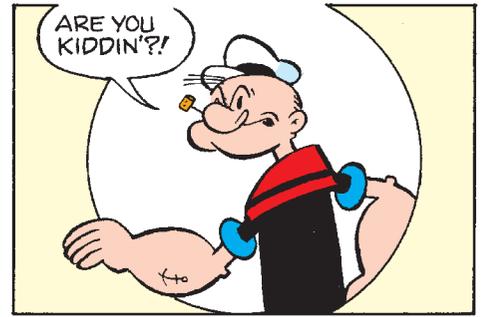
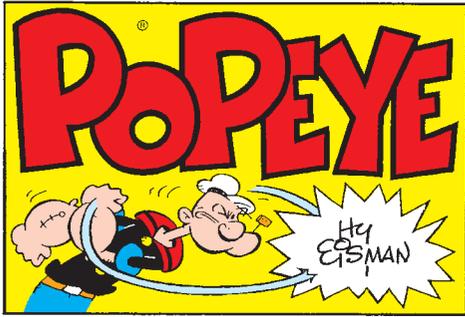
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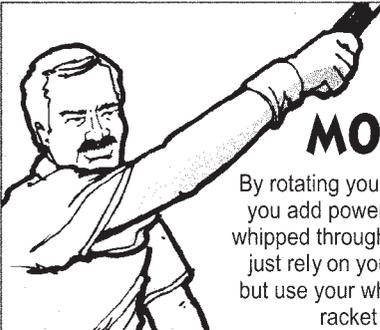
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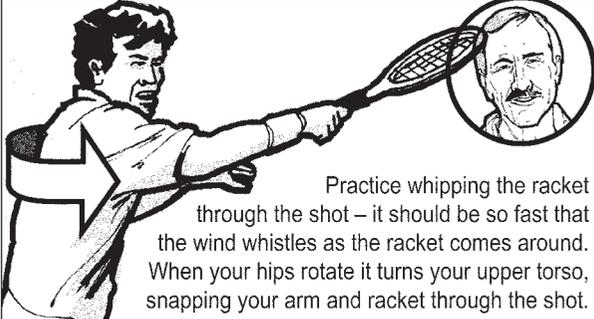
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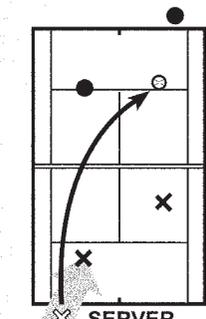
ROTATE TO GET MORE POWER

By rotating your body on a forehand, you add power since your racket is whipped through the shot faster. Don't just rely on your arm to hit for power, but use your whole body to generate racket head speed.



Practice whipping the racket through the shot — it should be so fast that the wind whistles as the racket comes around. When your hips rotate it turns your upper torso, snapping your arm and racket through the shot.

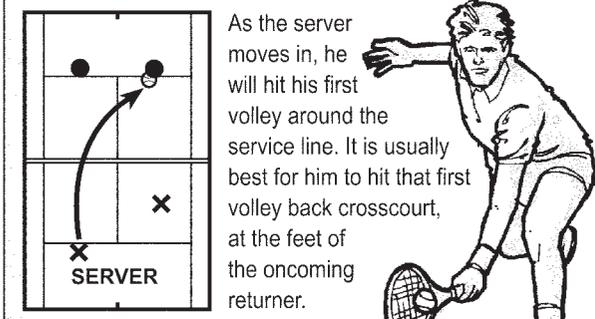
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DOUBLES: SERVE & VOLLEY

In doubles, it's important that, following a good serve, the server should move toward the net, preparing to hit a volley. The team that controls the net in doubles usually wins.

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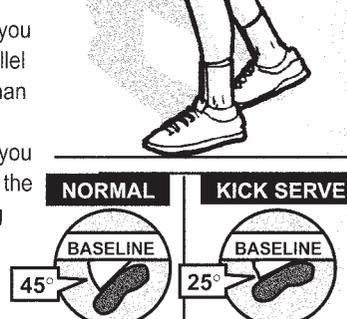
As the server moves in, he will hit his first volley around the service line. It is usually best for him to hit that first volley back crosscourt, at the feet of the oncoming returner.

KICK SERVE

When practicing your kick serve — sometimes called a "twist serve" — try an exaggerated toss over your head and slightly behind you, not out into the court like on a normal serve. This makes it easier to hit the back of the ball — your target on this serve.

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Adjust your feet so that you stand slightly more parallel to the baseline, rather than at a standard 45-degree angle. This will position you a little more sideways to the ball as you swing, giving you a better chance at brushing the back of the ball.



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SET UP CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE BALL SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO TURN YOUR SHOULDERS TO ENABLE YOU TO SWING THE CLUB.

THEN SIMPLY LET THEM ROCK A LITTLE AS YOU USE ONLY YOUR HANDS AND ARMS TO SWING THE CLUB.

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- 27 High degree
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- 119 Case hearer of general jurisdiction
- 123 Fertilizer variety
- 124 "How dare you!"
- 125 Delphi figure
- 126 Disperse
- 127 Nine-player pieces
- 128 Word that can precede the starts of this puzzle's nine longest answers
- 30 High degree
- 32 Essayist Sir Richard —
- 33 Botch it up
- 35 — Nabisco (Oreo producer's former name)
- 36 Owing
- 37 Tidy pile
- 38 Mortise's mate
- 39 Becker on "L.A. Law"
- 41 Jugular site
- 45 Waist wear
- 46 Lived
- 47 Adolescent lead-in
- 48 Actor Connery
- 49 Andean ancient
- 50 Comic Mort
- 53 Really rain
- 54 Luanda's nation
- 56 Zodiac sign
- 58 In time past
- 59 Cage up
- 60 Great delight
- 61 Neiman Marcus rival
- 63 Wine cooler
- 64 Juiceless
- 67 Rejections
- 68 Atlanta-based channel
- 69 Young bear
- 70 Fen- — (banned diet drug)
- 71 Roll-call call
- 72 "Lay it —!"
- 73 Air quality org.
- 74 Pyrenees language
- 77 TV's Kojak
- 78 Peoples' own natures
- 79 Castro of Cuba
- 80 Bad smells
- 81 Wash lightly
- 83 Slugger Williams
- 84 Be inactive
- 85 Sleuthing aid
- 89 High-tech writing gizmo
- 90 Escape the clutches of
- 93 Atone for
- 94 Rink sport org.
- 95 Tpk., e.g.
- 96 "Old MacDonald" sequence
- 97 Categorize
- 98 Chanted syllables
- 99 Chooses to participate
- 102 Hired thugs
- 103 Eye-related
- 104 "— my way!"
- 105 — sanctum
- 106 Holey utensil
- 108 Prefix with film or wave
- 112 Maverick on "Maverick"
- 114 Lots of
- 115 — Stanley Gardner
- 116 Suffix with team
- 118 Bathtub accessory
- 120 Party card game
- 121 Auditing gp.
- 122 Bit of grain

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