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Diamonds and lemons in the job market

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With the growing surplus of college students, it is important for young people to choose their profession carefully. Money Magazine has rated the 10 professions with the most promise and the 10 with the least through 1985. The rating is based on a system devised by the financial magazine that takes into account Bureau of Labor Statistics growth estimates, supply and demand probabilities, and salaries. Ten most promising professions:

1. Doctors. The BLS estimates the United States needs about 22,000 new physicians a year, but 15,000 medical schools are turning out only about 15,000. Money says that for the next several years there will be a large gap between supply and demand. Physicians also have the highest median income of any profession. Typical starting salary, \$14,000. Median income \$55,000 a year.
2. Veterinarians. The demand for veterinarians will be somewhat less than for physicians, Money says, but they will be scarce, too. Starting \$16,000. Median income \$35,000.
3. Systems Analysts. Vast growth in the use of computers makes systems analysis an auspicious choice for a career. Starting \$16,000. Median \$24,000.
4. Dentists. Dentistry shares the shortage in the other medical pro-

fessions. Starting \$22,500. Typical income \$43,000.

5. Geologists. The energy shortage and continuing search for new sources make this one promising. Starting pay \$15,000. Income \$27,000.
6. Actuaries. The actuarial field is tough to break into — up to 10 exams that take four to six years to pass — but the rewards are great. The average actuary starts at \$12,000 but works up to \$42,000 a year.
7. Personnel administrators. Personnel work pays less than the actuarial field, but the BLS projects the field will grow rapidly as companies struggle to comply with new laws concerning workers' rights and benefits.
8. City Managers. This small profession will grow briskly, Money says, as American towns grow too big or too complex to get along with the services of a part-time mayor, \$18,000 starting, \$28,000 median.
9. Engineers. Numerically the second-largest profession after teaching, engineering is a classic example of a cyclical job market. Right now there's a shortage of engineers, so presumably there'll be a surplus in the next few years. But fairly steady growth and good salaries continue to make this an attractive field. Start \$15,000. Median \$25,000.

10. Pharmacists. Although the supply has caught up with the demand, pharmacists are on the list because they are well paid.

- Ten worst career opportunities:
1. School teachers. The largest profession is also the most depressed and one of the poorest paid. The BLS forecasts a decline of 11 per cent in the number of high school teachers needed by 1985. Median income of \$12,000 is not much over starting salary of \$10,000.
 2. Librarians. Poor demand. Salary range \$11,000 to \$16,000.
 3. Protestant clergymen. Ministers are in vast oversupply and the pay is terrible, Money says, an average \$13,000, which includes free housing. Jewish rabbis do better, an average \$17,000 to \$20,000 a year to start with sizeable increases later.
 4. Foresters. There are only 25,000 jobs for foresters and not many being added. Pay \$9,500 starting to \$16,000.
 5. Newspaper reporters. New graduates wanting to go into journalism far exceed the available jobs. The pay ranges from a poor \$8,500 starting salary to a respectable \$25,000 median income.

6. Hotel managers. Low growth field with modest salaries, but graduates of the better schools do well. Median \$20,000 income doubles the typical starting pay.

7. College professors. This field shares the bleak prospects of school teachers, with oversupply and declining demand, but it rates better in pay. Full professors earn a median \$25,000, with an average \$12,000 starting salary.

8. Military officers. Since the armed forces are frozen at their present size and the United States is at peace, a military career offers fewer opportunities than usual. Pay \$9,000 to a median \$25,000.

9. Biologists. Face only an average rate of growth and generally low salaries. Start \$10,000. Median \$21,000.

10. Lawyers. For top graduates of the best law schools, law remains a "magnificent, munificent profession," Money says. But the outlook for the profession as a whole is quite different — triple output from law schools with only moderate growth. Moreover, despite what you've read about F. Lee Bailey, the average lawyer makes about \$25,000 a year.

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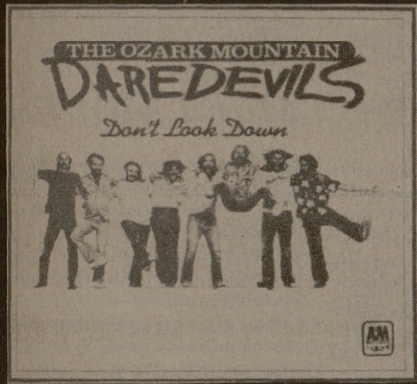


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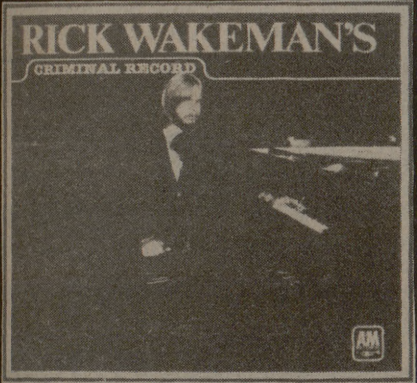


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