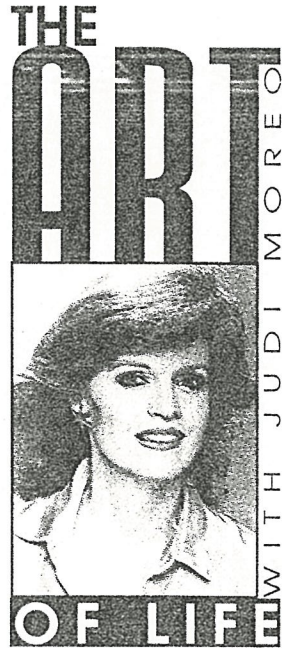


What shall I do with the rest of my life?

American business woman Judi Moreo knows first-hand what it takes to be successful, having built a virtual empire from a \$2 000 investment, won the World Modelling Competition in New York, hosted her own radio and TV shows and published three books on image. She is also an internationally recognised public speaker.

If you need advice on your career, please address your questions to Judi Moreo, c/o W3, The Star, PO Box 1014, Johannesburg, 2000. Questions will be published with first names or nom-de-plumes only to safeguard your privacy,



but please include your full name and address.

*Dear Judi
I'm a 20 year-year-old with a talent for design and hairstyles. Some people encourage me to go on with this as my career, but I'm confused because I really need to be a social worker. I didn't do well in school. I need to ask for assistance and support. Please reply.*

- Thully

Dear Thully:
Thank you for your letter. Life is often confusing when we have more than one talent and it sounds as if you have many. You didn't say why you need to be a social worker; so I don't know if you need to be one because the country needs social workers of if

you feel a need to assist others.

My recommendation is that if you are really good at hairstyling and you like it, this is a career to pursue. Most of the hairstylists I know combine their hairstyling talent with the same kind of understanding and sympathy that a social worker must have. I often wonder why they don't charge counselling fees as I'm sure that people in the beauty business hear more about people's problems than the average psychologist or psychiatrist. Hairstyling is a career where you can make a living without investing years in your initial training. If you are good, contin-

ue to study, and keep up to date on trends, you can make an excellent income and build a lifetime career.

Patricia Fripp, one of the top female professional speakers in the world, began her career as a men's hairstylist. It gave her the opportunity to meet successful people from all walks of life and she never missed the opportunity to ask them what they did, why they did it, how they got their money, did they make it or did they marry it, if they married it, how did they meet the person. Another friend of mine, Tove

Borgnine, was a make-up artist working in a beauty salon in Las Vegas and today she owns a large cosmetic company in America. (What's more, her work brought her that familiar surname: a lady on whom she did facials introduced her to the actor Ernest Borgnine, whom she married.)

And if you still feel a need to be a social worker, hairstyling will provide you with a good income while you study for a degree.

I'm sure that whatever decision you make will be the right one. Trust your inner voice and do what you believe you should do.

For the next four issues, the sender of the question Judi answers will win a trendy Swatch pen

