

# OUCH! Caught In A Web



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**In an article I was reading this week**, the well-known author, Elwyn White, talks about the stress showing in people's faces because of the obstacles they face in their everyday lives. Some, he adds, are desperate. No doubt you've noticed it too.

Here are some of the obstacles he reels off: Oil. Nuclear power plants. Land use and zoning. The plight of the small hospital. Pollution. Windmills. Food stamps. The price of gas at the pumps. The price of doughnuts in the store. Unemployment. The power of the Federal Government. The long shadow of the state. Drug abuse. Breaking and entering. Centralization. Russian trawlers. And so on and on.

It's enough to make anyone give in. But then again: the author is better known as E.B. White (creator of "Charlotte's Web")

and "Stuart Little") and the article is dated February 8, 1975. Maybe things aren't so desperate, after all.