

# Ask Them Yourself

**FOR PAUL HANEY,**

public affairs director, NASA



**Are astronauts ever allowed to smoke while they are in space?—Charles Delamarter, East Lansing, Mich.**

● Spacecraft are maintained under "clean room" conditions to minimize contamination and potential damage to systems and equipment. Cigarette ashes could foul vital machinery and instruments. In addition, cigarette smoke would place an added burden on environmental-control equipment which removes impurities; there is the obvious fire hazard, too, in an oxygen-rich environment.

**FOR ROY P. MACKAL,**

department of biochemistry, University of Chicago



**What are the immediate plans in the search for the Loch Ness monster?—Mrs. Marion Perius, Bismarck, N.D.**

● The following activities certainly will be operational since *World Book Encyclopedia* is giving the necessary financial support: (1) photographic surveillance of the Loch surface, May through October, 1969; (2) day and night hunts with biopsy harpoons and photographic equipment, May through October, 1969; (3) sonar probes, possibly as many as three separate experiments. Other activities depend on finances.

**FOR MARLO THOMAS** of "That Girl"



**How many brothers and sisters do you have, and what are their names and ages?—Laura Forman, Spotswood, N.J.**

● I have one younger sister, Terre, who is a singer and is married to publicist Larry Gordon. Youngest in the family is our only brother Tony, who is 19 years old and a cinematography student at the University of Southern California.

**FOR JOE CRONIN,**

American League president



**With the American League separated into two divisions with a play-off, do you think if a team wins over another team with a better over-all percentage that it will tend to hurt baseball—especially in the city whose team had the best won-lost record?—Robert Cropper, Naples, Fla.**

● This possibility doesn't concern me a bit. I feel this will have no bearing on the interest in the playoffs.

**FOR DR. LEONARD MARMOR,**

orthopedic surgeon



**Just what hope is there to prevent the painful deformity which occurs with rheumatoid arthritis?—Beatrice Smith, Torrance, Calif.**

● The painful deformities may be prevented in many patients by careful medical management, utilizing physical therapy and surgery when indicated. Advances also are being made in tracing the cause of the disease, which could lead to cure or prevention in the not-too-distant future. It is possible, for example, that a virus could be the cause of this disease; thus vaccination might become a solution.

**FOR MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON**



**Which was the most interesting trip you took as First Lady?—D. L., Lancaster, Pa.**

● It is impossible to select one particular trip, but among the most meaningful was my last trip. We visited locations from coast to coast looking at programs in education, space, and conservation.

**FOR JOHNNY CARSON**



**Have you ever had two women guests appear on your show in identical dresses?—Mrs. Charles E. Morrison, Ironton, Ohio**

● No. If this did happen, the wardrobe mistress would change them.

**FOR J. METZLER,** director,

Arlington National Cemetery



**Are any women buried in Arlington cemetery?—Mrs. Art Rohr, Devils Lake, N.D.**

● Yes. National Cemetery Regulations provide that the spouse of an eligible veteran may be buried with him or her. Today there are more than 148,000 veterans interred in Arlington. While no official record is kept, we estimate there must be many women buried there, too.

**FOR JERRY LEWIS**



**How did you become interested in the fight against muscular dystrophy? Also is Jerry Lewis your real name?—Susan Shugrue, Lowell, Mass.**

● I have never discussed the answer to your first question with anyone—not even my wife. My real name is Joseph Levitch.

# WHAT<sup>IN</sup> THE WORLD!

**Robots vs. Humans** Will automation harm our health? If the experience of airline pilots is a criterion, the answer is yes. Dr. Earl T. Carter of the Mayo Foundation says increasing automation of jetliners is causing monotony in the cockpit—which, in turn, is causing real or contrived physical problems. Doctor Carter notes that pilots are highly intelligent and have long experience but are increasingly being relieved of decision-making by machines—frequently not even carried on their ship. With less and less to do, humans seem to come up with more and more ailments.

**Cat Curfew** Chips, the cat, is smart and popular. Chips preferred staying out with her cronies until very late and then scratching the door to be let in. Her British owner—smart, too, and hop-



Miss Chips comes home.

ing to preserve his door—adapted a doorbell and taught the cat to operate it. A strict curfew was instituted: after 10 p.m., the battery is disconnected, and "Chips can stay outside until morning." Now the man of the house demands equal rights.

**Father Knows Best** Indianapolis Police Lieut. Joseph Forestal, father of three small fry, worried because so many child-auto accidents occurred at school crossings, even though guarded. Studying the problem, he found that in heavy traffic only the driver of the lead car could see the guard signaling. So he invented a rotating auto-battery powered caution light made of weatherproof aluminum, which can crank up to 13 feet, "... where it belongs." Called Hi-Vu, it can be wheeled over curbs for storage and sells for \$165.

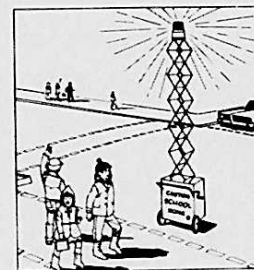
**Talk Less, Say More** To add to the long list of unpleasanties in growing old (particularly for women) is the voice—it gets nasal and shrill. "Keep a mirror near your phone," advises singer-actress Dorothy Sarnoff, who



Dorothy Sarnoff

lectures on "speech cosmetics." She adds, "If your eyes are irritated or glazed as you talk, if your mouth contracts, your jaw clenches, or the veins of your neck stand out—then you are surely strident." But if eyes are alive and interested, you've hit it right. To join the youth brigade, she says: "Edit your conversation, don't ramble, repeat, or overstate."

**League Expansion** The League of Women Voters, founded in 1920 and meeting this week in Washington, has given its papers to the Library of Congress. The collection is one of the largest, consisting of 306,000 items. It fills 1,020 containers (measuring 10.5 x 13 x 4.5 inches), weighs more than 3.5 tons, and occupies 626,535 cubic inches. Those women simply couldn't throw things out!



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