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However, I wish you would give us references to the original published work in the fields you discuss. I often find my curiosity aroused by one of your articles but am not able to find where to look further into the matter.

I was most interested in the article in the issue of Nov. 18 concerning the synthesis of synthetic isomers of the psychotomimetically active agents in marijuana. As a chemistry student, I wanted to be able to see the name so that I could draw the structures of the compounds involved. But I finally found what I wanted when a friend mentioned an article he happened to read in the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

Please give my suggestion some thought. That way, we can glean much information on many subjects in a short time from SCIENCE News and go on to other, more technical publications for more detailed material.

> William W. Burns University of South Carolina Columbia, S.C.

(We have given this matter considerable thought, and in original references to published work invariably attempt to cite sources. In later references, we find it more appropriate to refer to our own earlier stories to provide both the references you seek and additional information we might have reported. Had you followed our (SN:9/2) reference in the story (SN:11/18) to which you refer, back to the Science News of Sept. 2, to which we were referring, you would have found a report on the development of the compounds, citing the Aug. 16 JOURNAL OF THE AMERI-CAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY. Ed.)

# TIMS OF THE WEEK

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