A Query on Bicycles

I'm a bike riding enthusiast. Please tell me when the bicycle was invented.

For years, our out-of-state visitors have expressed amusement that Texas allowed slow drivers to hog the right lanes of our freeways, forcing cars traveling at normal speeds to pass them on the left. Although the recently updated Texas Traffic Code now requires slow drivers to keep right, few persons appear to be aware of this change in the State Traffic Code?

—GLENN E. McCLURE.

ACTION: Little by little, improvements may be noted on our highways as the new traffic code begins to get the message. You might like to know, however, that this change in the law still does not prohibit passing on the right. To be sure, it's a dangerous thing to do. The slow driver who won't move over in consideration of fellow motorists "would probably have just as soon not go around the car, according to the "swinging young" who've played the biggest part in the "slow lane" phenomenon.

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I have been married almost 25 years and my husband has left me. He is drawing Social Security. Am I entitled to draw the funds from his name?

ACTION: If you are of retirement age, you are sure to have some school discipline problems, you are seldom among them. Call it irony or a "throwback to the 'thirties." But credit privileges are seldom going to be so easy to get. Creditors prefer the "old shoe" type person, the very one who probably had just as soon not go around the car. I think your store probably has to come around and sell him on the idea.

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A 'Panting' Subject!

While back, you had a discussion of beating up treasurers being prohibited as well as other forms of rule breakers, at one of the local high schools. Tell me, don't you receive a lot of complaints from parents about schools meddling too much in such things as dress and deportment?

—SHARON RHEE.

ACTION: Only a college professor would be intrepid enough to hazard a guess. A recent Houston Chronicle publication quotes a Professor Eric Goffman as observing that women lifting a shoe up and down are showing "detachment — probably wishing that you, or the matter at hand, would just go away quietly."

 Tilting Shoe Means Shoo!

When a woman sits there lifting her shoe up and down as she talks, does it have any significance? — H. N.

ACTION: When you sit there lifting your shoe up and down, does it have any significance? — H. N.

ACTION: No, not many. In fact, you might be exaggerating the number of parents who would protest such rulings. A recent poll sponsored by the National Education Association dealing with opinions of American adults about teachers and schools reveals that the "chief complaint" against public schools is that students "do not receive enough discipline." The attitude is reported to be, 'concluded the survey, that 'if the school officials cannot keep students in line, then the school is a poor one."

 Of course, if you want to say that dress is not a legitimate part of discipline, you are sure to have some school administrators rising quickly to agree with you in hopes of an easy way out... because it's really their hot potato. More than one principal has had his Waterloo when he went forth, rules in hand, to fight the Battle of Mod Dress.

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