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The August issue of the Scientific American carries an interesting article about Smoking and Mortality on pages 37 and 38. You might go down to the library and read it. Perhaps the old appellation "Coffin Nails" was more nearly right than anticipated. After all don't neglect the little ones!

There is another interesting article starting on page 45 entitled The Origin of Life which you might like to read. It is a bit long and rather complicated. However it probably explains why life got along much farther and faster on the Earth than on either Venus or Mars. Simply the probabilities were much better fudged in the proper direction here.

Regards,

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P.S. Better not show this to Aunt Myrtle!