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*Photograph by Emanuele Satolli for TIME*

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**SECRETS OF THE AGE**

**YOUR ARTICLE "HOW TO Live Longer, Better"** [Feb. 26] brought me a great deal of happiness. I am 83, and my way of living is close to what you suggest. In my case, I do painting, mosaics, caricatures and writing. I use my hands and my brain to stay busy. I also exercise and eat properly. There's no secret to living longer and better if you forget about the little pains.

*André Girod,*  
LAURIS, FRANCE

**MOST OF THE ARTICLES IN** your longevity report illustrate the sad fact that Americans in the 21st century have a pretty lousy attitude toward life and death. Instead of fearing the end of our days on planet earth as "the unavoidable matter of the end of consciousness and the self," we should embrace our time here as part of the cycle of existence. The secrets of quantum physics indicate that "death" is more of a highway marker than the end of the line.

*Patrick Barr,*  
MONROVIA, CALIF.

**RE "SHOULD I MAKE NEW Friends as I Get Older?"** [Feb. 26]: I am surprised that among suggestions like volunteering, yoga, playing in a band and taking courses, there is no mention of the most immediate source of

friends: neighbors. Living in the same area, they are almost certainly of the same socioeconomic group, shop at the same stores, eat at the same restaurants and walk their dogs along the same streets. And you don't even need to drive to see them. Now there's a starting place for friends!

*Peter Snowden,*  
SYDNEY

**TRUTH AND JUSTICE**

**RE "PRESIDENT TRUMP Will Not Diminish My Truth"** [Feb. 26]: Thank you, Jennie Willoughby, for refusing to keep quiet. What will it take for President Trump to believe this woman and others who opened up about being victims of domestic abuse? Not speaking boldly against former White House aide Rob Porter's alleged abuse against his ex-wives is demeaning toward these poor women.

*Claire Ayelotan,*  
NOGENT-LE-ROTROU,  
FRANCE

What a grotesque perversion of a fair and just society is promoted by Willoughby. The presumption of innocence is one of the essential and defining characteristics of a free and equitable country. Along with habeas corpus, trial by jury and the right to vote, it is one of the cornerstones of civilization. If Willoughby—or any other

complainant—believes that another party has wronged her, then there is a procedure and a forum for her claim, and that forum is not a weekly newsmagazine. She takes her claim to court.

*Brian Carter,*  
BONVILLE, AUSTRALIA

**COURTING TROUBLE**

**RE "TRUMP'S DEEP BENCH"** [Feb. 19]: The system for the appointment of federal judges in the U.S. seems to lack the checks and balances worthy of the ideals of the Constitution. The next time someone in Washington is tempted to throw stones at judiciaries elsewhere, perhaps they should ask themselves whether they are not sitting in the glass house too.

*David Roberts,*  
SALZGITTER, GERMANY

**THANK YOU FOR THIS ARTICLE.** Now I understand why

**HOW TO LIVE LONGER, BETTER\***

*"You're still going to die, though,"*  
*by Jeffrey Singer*  
*and Alessandro Joffe*



**O**ld age demands to be taken very seriously—and it usually gives us a way to live longer. It's hard to be smaller about a little bit of declining brain power, decreasing body mass, slowing down, and falling, especially for those who have lived the comfortable, active life of the end of capitalism and the self-made success story. But it's a warning, clear and plain. It's the next person who can outlive you. That's the real test. That, and a warning, might be one that sticks.

Business and science are forcing the advance of technology, but not to the same degree as for us in the home—what would be the value of knowing death is coming. A clear standard for the world of health is 2025—and technology is being used by the scientists who discovered it. A similar question is how far we can push it. It's not clear if we can push it far enough to live for 100 years. The world is changing. There is no one who can outlive you. That's the real test. That, and a warning, might be one that sticks.

the Republicans in Congress are silent on Trump's antics and outrageous behavior. They have the perfect uneducated dupe in the White House and will never do anything that would impede this opportunity to force their beliefs on the majority of Americans who do not agree with them.

*Marjorie McNeil,*  
EVANS, GA.

THE SOVIET UNION collapsed as a result of internal combustion. The United States of America may implode because of partisanship in Congress and hardliners in government.

*Kester Ekekwe,*  
AGBADO, NIGERIA

**SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT** ▶ In "Donald Trump's Forgotten Man" (Feb. 26), we misstated the age of Todd Hiester in 1979. He was 23.

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## /dump•ster fire/

**Noun.** An utterly calamitous or mismanaged situation or occurrence: disaster.

Merriam-Webster, as part of a batch of 850 new words and phrases added to the dictionary's website

**'There are more complexities here than in brain surgery.'**

**BEN CARSON, U.S.** Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and retired neurosurgeon, on running the agency

**3,957**

Number of firearms discovered in carry-on bags at TSA checkpoints in 2017, setting a new record

**'Kim said denuclearizing the peninsula is teachings from the ancestors.'**

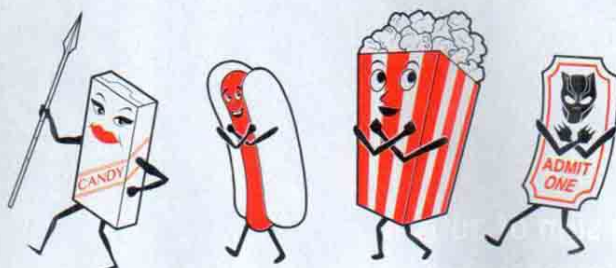
**CHUNG EUI-YONG, South Korean** National Security Office chief, reporting on a meeting between South Korean envoys and North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un in Pyongyang

**'IT IS LIKE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY THAT WE HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT OF A DITCH. FINALLY, WE ARE SEEN AS HUMANS.'**

**KRISHNA KUMARI, human-rights activist,** on being the first lower-caste Hindu woman elected to the Senate in predominantly Muslim Pakistan

**\$1 billion**

Amount spent at the box office by moviegoers in the U.S. and Canada last month, with 43% of that take going to *Black Panther*; this represents the first time domestic February ticket sales have hit the billion-dollar mark, according to comScore



**'I'm not cooperating. Arrest me.'**

**SAM NUNBERG, former** adviser to President Trump's campaign, after being subpoenaed by special counsel Robert Mueller as part of the ongoing investigation into Russian intervention in the 2016 election; Nunberg later said he would probably comply



**1,503,054**

Number of Adèle penguins recently found to be living on the Danger Islands, near Antarctica; scientists located the previously unknown penguin colony because it produced enough waste to be seen from space

**MIKE PENCE**

The U.S. VP was the butt of jokes at the Gridiron Dinner and the Oscars



**10 PENCE**

A new line of British coins features icons including 007



# The Brief

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A STEELWORKER works coil at the Insteel Industries factory in Houston on March 2

## Inside Donald Trump's trade war ... with himself

By Molly Ball

