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▲ A vigil in front of the White House on Aug. 13 memorializes a social-media post from Heather Heyer, who died protesting the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Va.

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UNDERMINING ELECTIONS

RE "THE SECRET HISTORY OF Election 2016" [July 31]: In the digital age, where hacking is ubiquitous, trust in democracy requires the traditional use of non-electronic electoral systems. No country can robustly sustain trust if it collects or stores voter registrations using computers connected to the Internet or produces vote totals other than by hand-counting paper ballots. My registration here, for example, was submitted and confirmed through the post. Is the U.S. more serious about electronic convenience than democracy?

Mark Griffiths,
WINCHESTER, ENGLAND

IT'S TRUE THAT AMERICAN voters who lose faith in the integrity of an election won't bother to vote. What's more, the government does not seem to consider this hacking a priority, yet there is a commission to check voter registrations nationally to sow seeds of doubt over who won the popular vote. Smoke and mirrors.

Patricia Duffy,
GRAND BLANC, MICH.

TEARS ON THE COURT

RE "WHY THERE IS CRYING in Baseball, and Tennis, and Golf, and Soccer..." [July 31]: Thank you for bringing up the topic of Marin Cilic's

tears during the Wimbledon finals. After Cilic's defeat I was shocked by the harsh criticism his tears provoked. It is easy to judge when you are not the one standing on the court. Should a display of emotion and tears (especially from men) not be allowed? Good thing there are still athletes like Cilic showing they are made of flesh and blood.

Jasmina Clermont,
LYON, FRANCE

SELLING A HERO SHORT

RE "MILESTONES" [July 31]: Chinese activist Liu Xiaobo was a noble and righteous person who was punished for doing what's right. He fought for democracy and human rights in China despite being viewed as an extremist by his brainwashed compatriots. His death deserved more coverage than the tiny column you gave him.

Crystal Tang, HONG KONG

WHERE HUMANITY FAILS

RE "8 QUESTIONS" [JULY 31]: Al Gore expresses his optimism regarding the effort to avert climate change using new technologies. Can it be that this very view—that technology will save us—is the real issue behind the worsening state of our planet? The four man-made problems behind global climate change and catastrophe are: overpopulation, overconsumption, overproduction



and denial of the first three. Without dealing with these problems, technological innovations are not going to save us from ourselves.

Benjamin Katz,
COPENHAGEN

OVERLOOKING HISTORY

RE "THE MIRACLE OF Dunkirk" [July 31]: Based on your recommendation, I decided that I would watch *Dunkirk* on Imax as soon as I got the opportunity. But then I learned that the film does not mention anything about the people from Indian (or Asian or African) colonies who were killed fighting the war. You have sung the praises of the film's director, Christopher Nolan, but how can he be so blind to the facts of history? I have lost all the interest that your article generated in me for watching the film, as it appears to be one more incomplete

representation of history if not selective interpretation.

N. Subrahmanyam,
HYDERABAD, INDIA

IN "CHRISTOPHER NOLAN'S Great War," the director says that the evacuation of Dunkirk "is one of the great untold stories in modern cinema." When, exactly, did "modern cinema" commence? The black-and-white film *Dunkirk* released in 1958 was a blockbuster of its time and starred John Mills and Richard Attenborough. A shame that Nolan has written it out of cinema history.

Kevin Mansell,
LONDON

SETTING THE RECORD

STRAIGHT ▶ In the Brief (July 31), an article on acid attacks in the U.K. misstated the corrosive chemicals in battery fluid. It does contain sulfuric acid. In the Aug. 7 issue, a Milestones item gave an incorrect state abbreviation. Talkeetna is in Alaska.

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