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^ Olympian Mikaela Shiffrin during the World Cup slalom in Flachau, Austria, on Jan. 9
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ON THE COVER: A 1952 nuclear detonation at the Nevada Proving Grounds, where testing has been suspended.
Photograph by Bettmann Archive/Getty Images

COLD COMFORT

RE "THE GREAT CRACK-UP" [Jan. 29]: Your article on the ravages of climate change in Antarctica provides some impressive pictures by Paolo Pellegrin but little analysis of the impact of warming. As a glaciologist who worked in Antarctica, I applaud your highlighting the subject but am disappointed at the lost opportunity to go further. TIME needs to devote a full issue (or double issue) to climate change, presented in a way that the layperson can understand. Unless more urgency is brought to public policy in this area, we will soon be going past the point of no return.

Mike Landy,
OXFORDSHIRE,
ENGLAND

IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE OF you to frame climate change as you did in this article. Most of your readers will not care about ice melting at the earth's poles. Climate change is not just a "big thaw." It is famine, disease, disaster and forced migration. Climate change is the death of millions. I am sure you are aware of this, but failure to mention these topics is failure to provoke outrage. Outrage, especially toward the fossil-fuel

industry, is what we need.

Achille Mirguet,
LONDON

ONLY IN CHINA

RE "BAIDU'S BRAIN" [Jan. 29]: I read with increasing incredulity as you suggested that Chinese firms like Baidu are world-class, world-beating firms. The only reason Baidu rose to strength is because every other competitor (Google, Yahoo, etc.) is blocked in China, courtesy of the Great Firewall. None of these "world-class" firms dare compete outside China. If they were so world-class, we would be Baidu'ing instead of Googling.

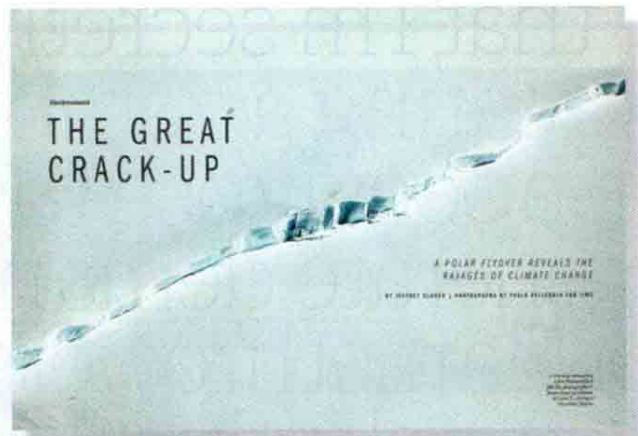
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ATLANTA

WOMEN ON THE BALLOT

RE "MEET THE CANDIDATES" [Jan. 29]: This article raised my 75-year-old spirits that American ideals can be protected and promoted by dynamic women. To boldly go with brave, progressive, enterprising women is just the ticket to restore America to its former respectability and influence.

Michael Driver,
ICHIHARA CITY,
JAPAN

I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT more potentially qualified candidates are seeking office. I don't care if they are women or men. We need



people who can tolerate the bombardment and scrutiny that the press brings to a political candidate. However, if we want equality, then quit segregating the sexes. Speak in terms of "people."

Wayne Swanson,
PALMDALE, CALIF.

bit of locally distilled illegal alcohol. All that to say that if China is now virtually on par with the Western world for science and technology, it is still about one century late as far as the well-being of its citizens is concerned.

Pierre Papucci,
NANTES,
FRANCE

LEFT-BEHIND KIDS

IN "FOR THE RECORD" [Jan. 29], I read about 8-year-old Wang Fuman, whose hair froze while he was on his way to school in China. It reminded me of my mother: When she was a child in northern France in the 1910s, her journey to school was about two miles in temperatures well below freezing in winter. Her heavy woolly clothes, gloves and hat were frozen after her morning trek. Mind you, when she left home, her mother gave her a little flask of hot milk, loaded with a

A YEAR OF SUCCESS?

RE "PRESIDENT TRUMP Has Had a Year of Major Accomplishments" [Jan. 29]: Rand Paul's fawning praise of Donald Trump's desire to put America first sounds good, but as any grade-schooler quickly learns, a "me first" attitude may work in the short term but ultimately leaves one totally alone on the playground.

Jerry Turk,
EUGENE, ORE.

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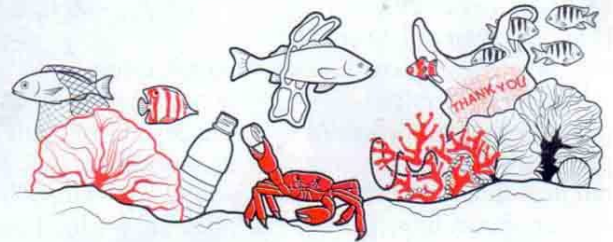
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'The rumor that I'm secretly creating a zombie apocalypse to generate demand for flamethrowers is completely false.'

ELON MUSK, Tesla co-founder, tweeting about an effort to raise money for his Boring Company through sales of branded flamethrowers; pre-sales have raised \$7.5 million

11.1 billion

Estimated number of plastic items littering coral reefs across the Asia-Pacific region, according to a new study



Bananas Scientists have developed a banana with an edible peel



Apple Feds are investigating whether its latest update intentionally slowed old iPhones

'THE ONLY THING I HAVE IS MY SHORT GAME AND MY HEART.'

TIGER WOODS, golfer, after playing his best game on a PGA tour in three years, a two-under-par 70 at the Farmers Insurance Open

\$496,100

Value of the chocolate in two truck trailers that were stolen from an industrial park in southern Germany

46 tons

Combined weight of the Mardi Gras beads pulled from five blocks' worth of New Orleans storm drains during a recent cleanup project

'Everything seems absurd until we die, and then it makes sense.'

MAURIZIO CATTELAN, Italian sculptor, commenting on an offer by New York City's Guggenheim Museum to loan his work America, a solid-gold toilet, to the White House

'WOMEN HAVE BEEN STEPPING UP SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME.'

PINK, singer, responding to a statement in which Recording Academy president Neil Portnow argued that women would have to "step up" if they want to be nominated for more Grammy Awards



'It is, of course, an unfriendly act.'

VLADIMIR PUTIN, Russian President, reacting to the U.S. Treasury's release of a so-called oligarch list, naming more than 200 prominent Russians who could be affected by U.S. sanctions