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## Letters to the Editor

### Not Just a “White” Thing

Your article from November 20, 2017 on slavery (“Slavery: The Deep History of the Great Evil”) brought to mind a historic stop we made while traveling cross country.

A trip took us up the Intracoastal Waterway, where we spent an extended time in Charleston, South Carolina. As home to the first state historical museum in the United States, it gives another glimpse into slavery in our country’s history.

At this museum, we were informed that prior to the Civil War, Charleston’s population was one-half Free Black. They owned their own businesses, with many being professionals, and owned their own plantations and their own slaves.

Tom Feigum

Hartfield, Virginia

### Easy to Love and Hate

Your review of *Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans* (January 22 issue) seems only partially complete in evaluating Andrew Jackson. He is a character of history who is easy to both love and hate. Though he may indeed have adopted two Indian children, he was also responsible for the “Trail of Tears” fiasco in which he moved Indians in order to give land to Democrats, as previously reported in the pages of your own magazine.

William F. Hineser, DPM

*Sent via e-mail*

### Second-guessing Stats

The article in the January 22 issue “Solar Power: The Real Force Behind Climate Change?” would have been more believable if the author would have checked his facts a little better. According to everything else I have read, the Little Ice Age began about 1200 A.D., with the low point occurring in the mid-17th century.

The author is either ignorant or intentionally trying to slant his point like the alarmists.

Charles Stevens

Ballwin, Missouri

The author responds — *No doubt the world’s paleoclimatologists will be happy to hear that the mystery as to when the Little Ice Age began has been solved. Heretofore sources such as Science Daily have reported the Little Ice Age as running from 1550 to 1850, with the caveat “although there is no generally agreed start and end date.” Britannica suggests both 1300-1850 and 1500-1850, while Brian Fagan in his epic book on the subject, The Little Ice Age: How Climate Made History 1300-1850, telegraphs his opinion in the book title. I took my estimate from a graphic in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 1990 report, Figure 7.1: 1500 to the late 1800s.*



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*Thanks for pointing out that the depth of the Little Ice Age was in the mid-17th century, but you might go back and check your 1200 A.D. starting point, as that was smack dab in the middle of the Medieval Warm Period. — Ed Hiserodt*

## **Bottom Feeders Bottom Dealing**

Women's rights *are* being dealt from the bottom of the deck, but who shuffles the cards?

I stood with a pro-life group on a Sunday reciting prayers to the good Lord, beseeching Him to pour forth his graces on us, especially on mothers to embrace their unborn babies so that they didn't have their babies killed by unscrupulous and greedy abortionists. While praying, some passing cars tooted their horns in agreement, while others, men, showed their middle finger in rebuttal.

The irony of this action falls on whom? Answer: Women sitting beside these goons live with a person who undoubtedly treats them worse than what we observed as the cars flashed by. No one will convince me that these women are not subjected to the same intolerance in their daily lives. They are not married to or co-habiting with gentlemen. They are exposed to culture from the bottom of the deck.

Sadly, they become what they tolerate: abused, angry women and mothers. Their home is a swamp devoid of deep enduring love.

Joan Solms

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