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younger than 65 years. It is entirely plausible that BiDiL will work in others, but so far race is the only “marker” of drug responsiveness. More research, especially gene-based research, is under way. But given the magnitude of benefit of BiDiL, and the gravity of heart failure in African-Americans, it is a travesty that polarization race-based arguments have paralyzed implementation of the best care for a disadvantaged patient population. These debates need to cease so that effective therapy may proceed.

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Bobbing and Perceiving

In “Windows on the Mind,” Susana Martinez-Conde and Stephen L. Macknik write about tiny eye ticks known as microsaccades that enable us to see more clearly. A long time ago I was intrigued by a report that stated that the familiar bob of pigeons’ heads is integral to their vision. Do pigeons use this head bobbing as an evolutionary equivalent to our microsaccades?

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ERRATA “The Shark’s Electric Sense,” by R. Douglas Fields, states that a shark can sense one millionth of a volt per centimeter of seawater. The figure should have been given as 10 billionths of a volt per centimeter—equivalent to sensing a 1.3-volt battery across 1,500 kilometers of seawater.

In the box “How BiDiL Treats Heart Failure,” on page 440 of “Race in a Bottle,” by Jonathan Kahn, nitric oxide is incorrectly labeled as NO₂ rather than NO.

“How does catnip work its magic on cats?” by Ramona Turner [Ask the Experts], refers to the amygdala as residing in the midbrain. The correct location is the forebrain.

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