

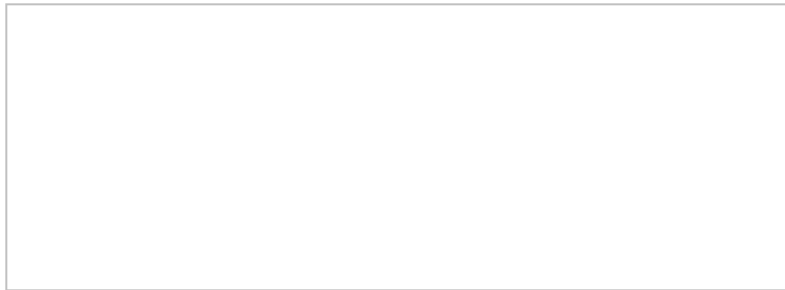
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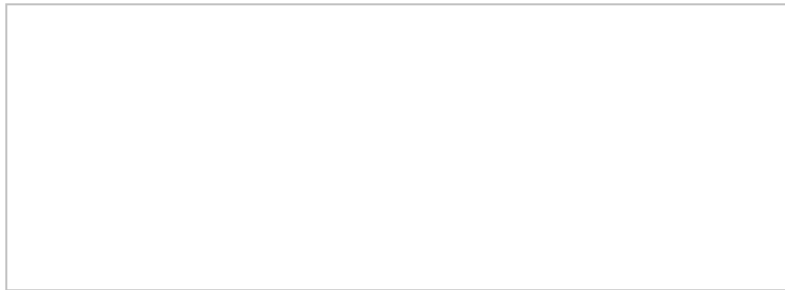
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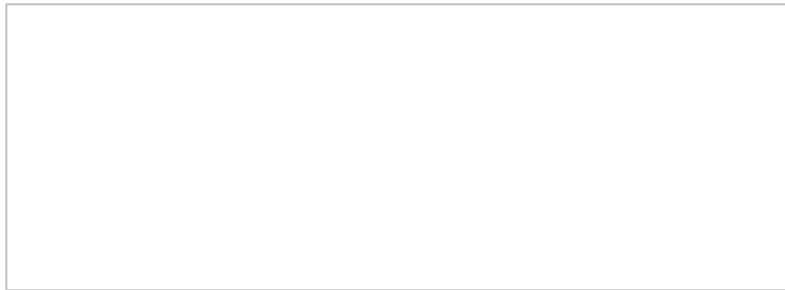
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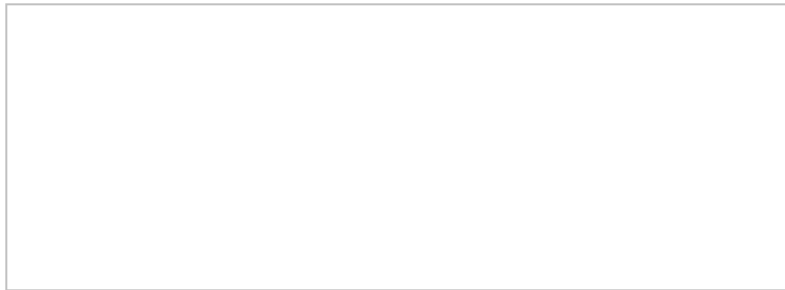
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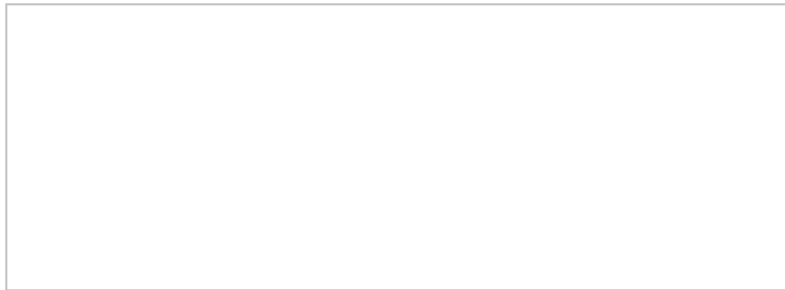
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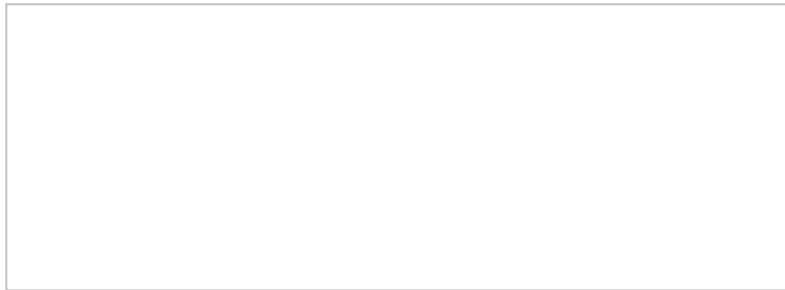
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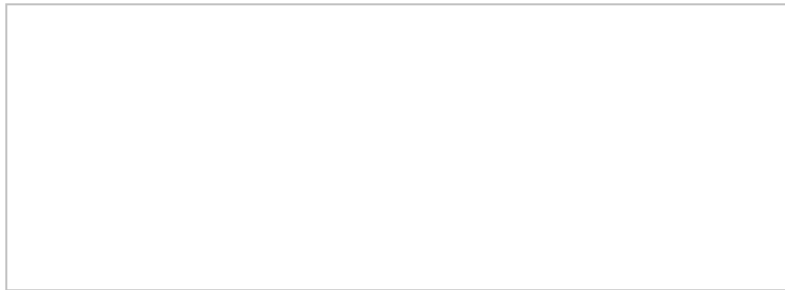
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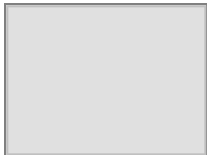
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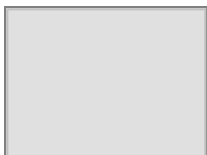
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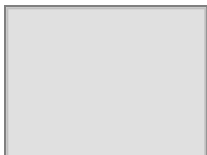
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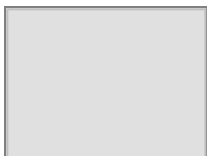
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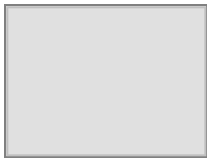
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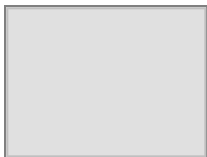
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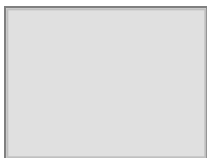
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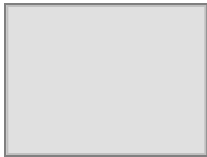


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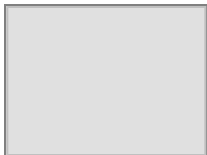
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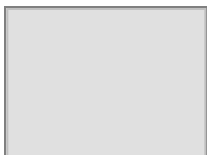
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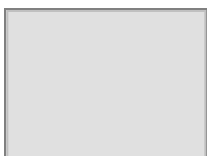
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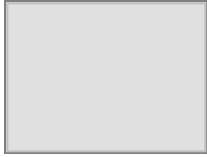
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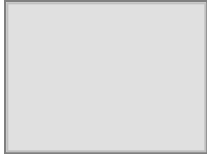
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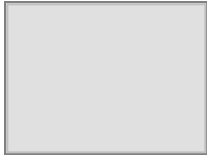
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To: Jonathan Ferrara
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Hi Jon,

I received the attached public records request from the ACLU regarding Lobby Guard. Let's touch base next week about our response. Thank you,

Josh

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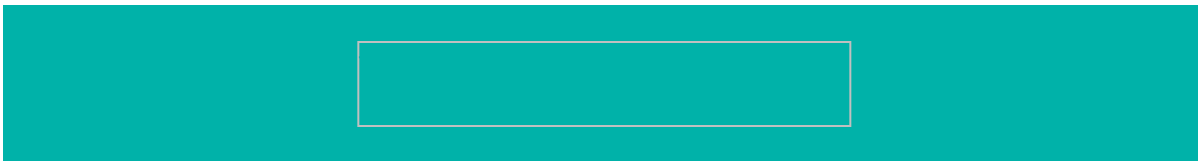
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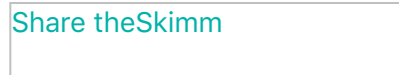
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TARIFFS ON TARIFFS

The Story

President Trump is bringing tariffs [back, back again](#).

On China?

Not this time. Yesterday, Trump said he's imposing tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from Brazil and Argentina.

Are these new?

Yup. Last year, Trump imposed almost universal tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum. But Brazil and Argentina cut a deal with the US, making them [exempt](#) from these tariffs.

So why is that changing now?

It's unclear. But Trump has accused both countries of devaluing their currencies, and says this is hurting US farmers. Let's explain: Weak currencies in Brazil and Argentina have made their products cheaper to purchase abroad. So as the US-China trade war [continues](#), China has been going around the US and buying soybeans and agricultural goods from Brazil and Argentina instead. For Trump, it's a workaround that doesn't seem to have sparked joy.

Got it. How are people reacting to Trump's announcement?

With surprise. Economists and foreign leaders didn't see this one coming. And the idea that these countries are manipulating their currencies left many (potentially even the [US Treasury Department](#)) scratching their heads. The stock market made clear it [wasn't happy](#) with the threat of more trade wars. But that's not all.

Go on...

The admin also threatened to hit France with tariffs on [\\$2.4 billion in imports](#). This came in response to [a tax](#) passed earlier this year that takes aim at big US tech companies. If the admin goes through with tariffs, it could soon be more expensive to buy French wine and cheese. Mais, oui. Meanwhile, French gov officials said the EU will [respond](#) if the tariffs go through.

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Until now, Trump has been trying to ease trade tensions by working to [end the trade war with China](#) and pass [NAFTA 2.0](#). But these latest announcements are opening up the possibility of a new trade war front, just as the US's manufacturing sector's been [slowing down](#) and presidential candidates are getting ready to make their case for 2020. Bold timing.

Psst...[here's what tariffs could mean for your wallet](#).

AND ALSO...THIS

What's gaining international attention...

[NATO](#). Today, leaders of 29 countries (including the US) are gathering in London for the annual summit on military cooperation. Quick reminder: The organization started after WWII as a way to defend against potential attacks from the Soviet Union. Fast forward to today, and there are mixed reviews on how NATO's working out. President Trump has long criticized other NATO members for not contributing enough to the org's central budget, something he could bring up again this year.

- [Le fight is on](#): French President Emmanuel Macron has said that NATO is experiencing a "brain death" in an apparent jab at Trump's recent [foreign policy moves](#) (think: pulling troops out of northern Syria). Trump called Macron's statement "[very insulting](#)." And said he could see France breaking off from NATO.

What's taking a photo, it'll last longer...

[China](#). Earlier this week, a regulation went into effect requiring citizens to scan their faces when registering for a new cell phone number. The gov says this is about tackling fraud. But it also marks [yet another form](#) of facial recognition tech in China. And is raising concerns over how the gov might use this data to track its citizens.

[Australia](#). Earlier this week, the Australian state of New South Wales rolled out the world's first phone-detection cameras. The goal is to catch and fine people who use their phones while driving. Authorities hope this will help them lower the number of deadly car crashes by about a third.

What's saying 'you can't sit with us'...

[The Trump campaign](#). Yesterday, it said it's no longer giving Bloomberg News reporters press credentials (think: special access to rallies and campaign events). The campaign is accusing the agency – owned by Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg – of bias. That's because the outlet [announced last week](#) it won't investigate Bloomberg and other Dem candidates, but would continue to investigate the Trump admin. Bloomberg maintains it's not biased, and that it's investigating the admin because it's the "government of the day."

- Worth noting: This [isn't the first time](#) the Trump campaign has restricted access to outlets. And the admin itself has a history of revoking press passes (see [this](#) and [this](#)).

Who's had a little too much screen time...

[Peloton](#).

THING TO KNOW



Shopper's Amnesia

The condition of being in such a shopped-out state that you forget what

you even bought. Totally not us after Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Reminder: while you're shopping up a storm for everyone else in your life, don't forget to invest in yourself this season. It's never been easier to get started with [E*TRADE](#). Right now, they've lowered the amount you need to put in a new retirement or trading account to get (drumroll please) \$100 cash back. But the deal only lasts until January 6th. [Get going](#).

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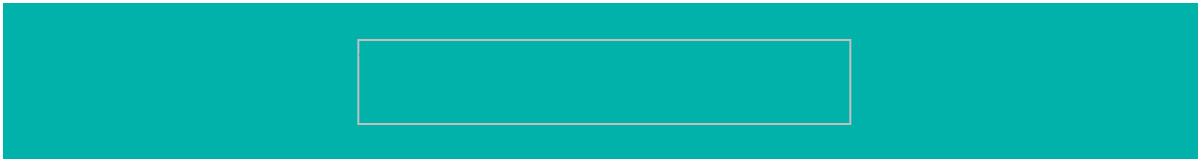
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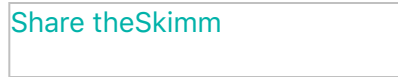
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"102 and 88" – [The ages](#) of a musical duo that just dropped their first album. Forever young...

TARIFFS ON TARIFFS

The Story

President Trump is bringing tariffs [back, back again](#).

On China?

Not this time. Yesterday, Trump said he's imposing tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from Brazil and Argentina.

Are these new?

Yup. Last year, Trump imposed almost universal tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum. But Brazil and Argentina cut a deal with the US, making them [exempt](#) from these tariffs.

So why is that changing now?

It's unclear. But Trump has accused both countries of devaluing their currencies, and says this is hurting US farmers. Let's explain: Weak currencies in Brazil and Argentina have made their products cheaper to purchase abroad. So as the US-China trade war [continues](#), China has been going around the US and buying soybeans and agricultural goods from Brazil and Argentina instead. For Trump, it's a workaround that doesn't seem to have sparked joy.

Got it. How are people reacting to Trump's announcement?

With surprise. Economists and foreign leaders didn't see this one coming. And the idea that these countries are manipulating their currencies left many (potentially even the [US Treasury Department](#)) scratching their heads. The stock market made clear it [wasn't happy](#) with the threat of more trade wars. But that's not all.

Go on...

The admin also threatened to hit France with tariffs on [\\$2.4 billion in](#)

imports. This came in response to a tax passed earlier this year that takes aim at big US tech companies. If the admin goes through with tariffs, it could soon be more expensive to buy French wine and cheese. Mais, oui. Meanwhile, French gov officials said the EU will respond if the tariffs go through.

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Until now, Trump has been trying to ease trade tensions by working to end the trade war with China and pass NAFTA 2.0. But these latest announcements are opening up the possibility of a new trade war front, just as the US's manufacturing sector's been slowing down and presidential candidates are getting ready to make their case for 2020. Bold timing.

Psst...here's what tariffs could mean for your wallet.

AND ALSO...THIS

What's gaining international attention...

NATO. Today, leaders of 29 countries (including the US) are gathering in London for the annual summit on military cooperation. Quick reminder: The organization started after WWII as a way to defend against potential attacks from the Soviet Union. Fast forward to today, and there are mixed reviews on how NATO's working out. President Trump has long criticized other NATO members for not contributing enough to the org's central budget, something he could bring up again this year.

- **Le fight is on:** French President Emmanuel Macron has said that NATO is experiencing a "brain death" in an apparent jab at Trump's recent foreign policy moves (think: pulling troops out of northern Syria). Trump called Macron's statement "very insulting." And said he could see France breaking off from NATO.

What's taking a photo, it'll last longer...

[China](#). Earlier this week, a regulation went into effect requiring citizens to scan their faces when registering for a new cell phone number. The gov says this is about tackling fraud. But it also marks [yet another form](#) of facial recognition tech in China. And is raising concerns over how the gov might use this data to track its citizens.

[Australia](#). Earlier this week, the Australian state of New South Wales rolled out the world's first phone-detection cameras. The goal is to catch and fine people who use their phones while driving. Authorities hope this will help them lower the number of deadly car crashes by about a third.

What's saying 'you can't sit with us'...

[The Trump campaign](#). Yesterday, it said it's no longer giving Bloomberg News reporters press credentials (think: special access to rallies and campaign events). The campaign is accusing the agency – owned by Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg – of bias. That's because the outlet [announced last week](#) it won't investigate Bloomberg and other Dem candidates, but would continue to investigate the Trump admin. Bloomberg maintains it's not biased, and that it's investigating the admin because it's the "government of the day."

- Worth noting: This [isn't the first time](#) the Trump campaign has restricted access to outlets. And the admin itself has a history of revoking press passes (see [this](#) and [this](#)).

Who's had a little too much screen time...

[Peloton](#).

THING TO KNOW

Shopper's Amnesia

The condition of being in such a shopped-out state that you forget what you even bought. Totally not us after Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Reminder: while you're shopping up a storm for everyone else in your life, don't forget to invest in yourself this season. It's never been easier to get started with [E*TRADE](#). Right now, they've lowered the amount you need to put in a new retirement or trading account to get (drumroll please) \$100 cash back. But the deal only lasts until January 6th. [Get going](#).

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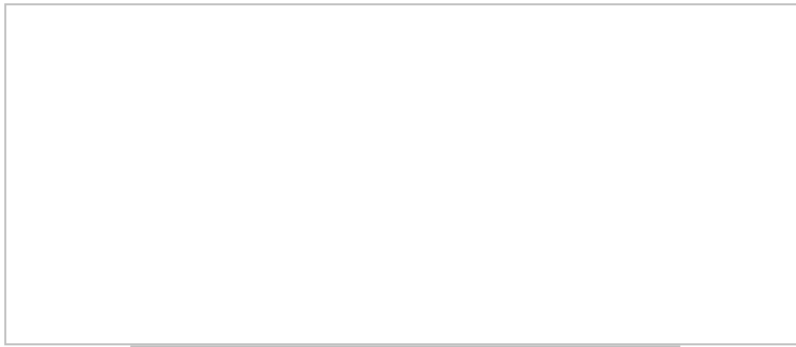
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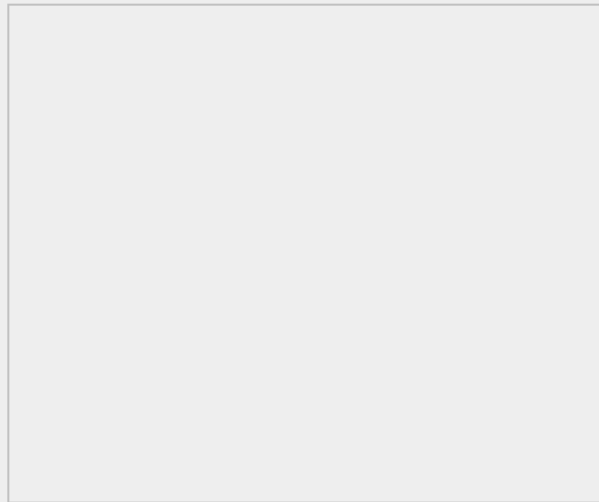
Google is working to save face.

The tech giant admitted it's making changes after a Daily News

investigation found its facial recognition field research project targeted homeless people, cash-strapped college students and subjects with “darker” skin.

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New post on **Diane Ravitch's blog**



Alan Singer: Massive Data Breach at Pearson

by [dianeravitch](#)

Alan Singer writes her [about the massive data breach at Pearson, which was covered up for nearly a year.](#)

He writes:

“And you thought it was safe to sign into a test at Pearson Vue. Well you better think again. At least one [Pearson online product](#) was hacked exposing student data from 13,000 schools and one million college students. The hack occurred in November 2018, the F.B.I informed Pearson in March 2019, and Pearson, covering itself for as long as possible, finally went public with the disclosure in July 2019.

”The hacked product is Person’s [aimsweb](#)®, that is used to monitor student reading and

math skills. Pearson's assessment sub-division markets the product with claims that "its robust set of standards-aligned measures, aimswebPlus is proven to uncover learning gaps quickly, identify at-risk students, and assess individual and classroom growth." A side benefit, especially useful for authoritarian regimes, is that aimsweb® also monitors student online "behavior."

Parents who sued were offered a year of free credit monitoring. They said no thank you.

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PBS: "In the Age of Artificial Intelligence"

by [dianeravitch](#)

This is a [fascinating documentary about artificial intelligence](#).

Robots are replacing jobs performed by humans.

Cashiers, secretaries, clerks, truck drivers.

There is no turning back. Middle-class jobs are disappearing.

Trump promises to bring back the jobs destroyed by AI. He won't. He can't.

China has perfected the art of facial recognition and uses it to surveil everyone.

We live in the "age of surveillance capitalism." Also, "surveillance authoritarianism."

A quote: "How do I do this more efficiently? That means, how do I do it with fewer workers?"

Another: "Automation substitutes capital for labor."

Automation increases inequality.

Surveillance eliminates the last vestiges of privacy.

This is a must-see documentary.

Think about it.

Prepare yourself to fight for privacy and humanity.

Insist on interpersonal interactions.

Don't let Them fool you into thinking that an interaction with a machine is "personalized."

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Yes, Something Stinks about the State Takeover of the Houston Independent School District

by [dianeravitch](#)

A trio of activists on behalf of public schools [wrote a blistering critique of the pending state takeover of the Houston Independent School District](#), based on the failure of ONE high school that has an unusually high proportion of students who are poor and have disabilities.

Zeph Capo is president of the Houston Federation of Teachers and Texas AFT, James Dixon is pastor of the Community of Faith Church in Houston and a vice president of the Houston Branch of the NAACP, and Hugo Mojica is president of LULAC Education Council #402.

They write:

Residents of this community are increasingly frustrated with the upheaval in the Houston Independent School District. As Houstonians who work directly with the educators, parents and students in the district, we don't blame them. But something doesn't add up in the state's decision to take over HISD.

Houston schools have been on an improvement track for years — the district recently earned a B grade from the state — just two points away from an A. After years of struggle among legislators, administrators and educators to figure out how best to serve our kids, HISD should be celebrating our progress. But instead of cheering parents, educators and students, who came together and turned around the city's schools, the state slapped our community in the face by announcing this punitive takeover of the entire district.

A byzantine Texas law enables the state to trigger a district takeover — all 283 Houston public schools — if just one school chronically underperforms. So instead of investing in that one school — Wheatley High School, in this case — and providing it the attention and resources it needs, Austin bureaucrats chose to scapegoat and punish the entire city. Given that Houston students just scored second in math and third in reading within their national peer group, HISD seems like it should be a model rather than a takeover target.

The writers might have also mentioned that Houston was the only city to win the Broad award for most improved urban district twice, an honor conferred by the Broad Foundation, which has the same worldview of disruption as the Texas State Board of Education and State Commissioner Mike Morath. Morath previously served on the Dallas board of education but he is not an educator. He is a software developer. He has no ideas about how to improve schools, nor has he ever improved a school.

The authors write:

This political power grab is the epitome of overreaching, but it also reflects an insidious, ongoing effort to deny black and brown communities the educational opportunities their kids deserve. It represents a classist, old-school view of public education that rewards the privileged few and ignores the difficult work that must be done to ensure schools are safe and welcoming and meet the needs of all kids, regardless of geography or demography.

What's also incredibly disappointing is that this takeover comes on the heels of a democratic election, in which the community elected new school board members. If this untenable takeover proceeds, duly elected trustees won't get a chance to take their seats, defying the will of the people and denying a voice for those elected to represent the needs of students.

Gov. Greg Abbott and Education Commissioner Mike Morath aren't actually looking out for Houston's kids. They want to privatize Texas' largest school district through a charter scheme. If that happens, this plan will funnel money out of our traditional public schools and into for-profit alternatives. This recent election vote reflected the community's mandate that Houston public schools continue to invest in evidence-based wraparound services, including health care, before- and after-school programs, and enhanced social and emotional services.

State officials would prefer to privatize rather than invest new resources in a major district that is facing challenges and doing well compared to other urban districts.

Yes, indeed, something stinks in Texas.

The state officials behind the takeover are vandals, disrupters, corrupters of democracy.

They should not be allowed to mess with the HISD.

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New York City: More Testing Is Not the Answer

by [dianeravitch](#)

New York City's Department of Education launched a new initiative with old and failed ideas: more testing for schools with low scores.

Liat Olenick, a teacher of science in elementary school in the city, [explains why more testing](#) is a very bad idea. She says smaller classes would be far more valuable and effective.

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Australian Study: Is Digital Literacy Undercutting Literacy?

by [dianeravitch](#)

A newly released study in Australia raises questions about whether digital literacy is [actually undermining children's ability and interest in reading](#).

A Four Corners investigation has found there are growing fears among education experts that screen time is contributing to a generation of skim readers with poor literacy, who may struggle to gain employment later in life as low-skilled jobs disappear.

By the age of 12 or 13, up to 30 per cent of Australian children's waking hours are spent in front of a screen, according to the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children.

Robyn Ewing, a Professor of Teacher Education at the University of Sydney, said this was having a tangible impact on vocabulary and literacy.

"Children who have been sat in front of a screen from a very early age start school with thousands and thousands of words less, vocabulary-wise, than those who have been meaningfully communicated with," Professor Ewing said.

Four Corners gained exclusive access to the initial results of a national survey of 1,000 teachers and principals conducted by the Gonski Institute.

The survey found excessive screen time had a profound impact on Australian school students over the past five years, making them more distracted and tired, and less ready to learn.

The [Growing Up Digital Australia study](#) has been described by its authors as a "call to action" on the excessive screen use "pervasively penetrating the classroom".

The study lead, Professor Pasi Sahlberg, said while teachers reported there were benefits to technology in the classroom, most also believed that technology was a huge distracting force in young people.

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Politico Playbook: Trump's Grueling Work Schedule This Week

by [dianeravitch](#)

Politico Playbook regularly posts the president's schedule for the coming week.

This week leaves him plenty of time to watch FOX News, Tweet, and maybe play a few rounds of golf.

THE PRESIDENT'S WEEK AHEAD: TUESDAY: The president will hold a Cabinet meeting and have lunch with VP Mike Pence. **WEDNESDAY:** Trump will visit the Apple manufacturing plant in Austin. **THURSDAY:** Trump and First Lady Melania Trump will present the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal. **FRIDAY:** The president will participate in the NCAA Collegiate National Champions Day.

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In DeVos-Trump Era of Alternative Facts, Belief in Flat Earth Grows

by [dianeravitch](#)

If all facts are subjective and dependent on religious and personal views, there is no such thing as fact, truth, objectivity or science.

Ohio's dumb Republican-controlled legislature isn't on the verge of passing a law that

puts religious belief and science on the same plane.

So it is not surprising that [believers in a Flat Earth are on the rise., according to CNN](#). They can't find proof that the world is round, so they don't believe it, even though you can see the curve of the earth's surface from an airplane window at 35,000 feet, even though astronauts and satellites have taken pictures from outer space of the earth as a sphere.

Faked photos, say the Flat Earthers.

Is stupidity contagious?

Or does it flow from the top?

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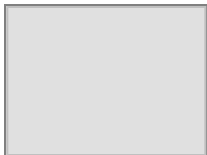
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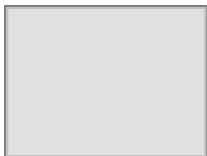
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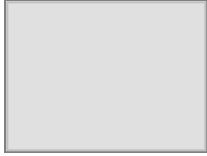
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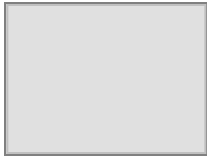
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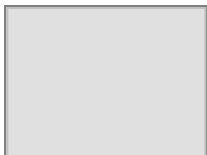
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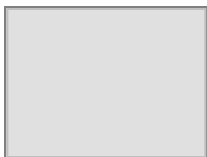
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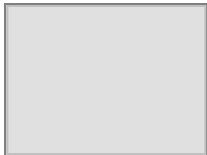


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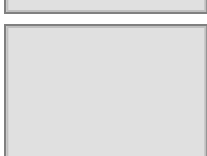
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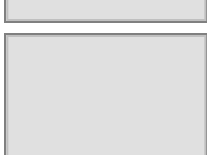
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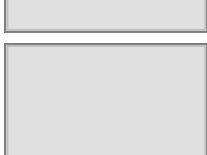
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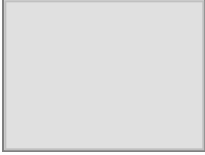
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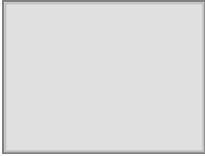
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A Father's Mission Leads to App to Detect Eye Disease in Baby Pictures

The father of a patient at Mass. Eye and Ear leads a team to develop a smartphone app called "White Eye Detector," which spots signs of eye disease, like retinoblastoma, in early childhood photos.

When Bryan Shaw's infant son Noah was treated for the eye cancer retinoblastoma, he asked [Shizuo Mukai, MD](#), his child's eye surgeon and an associate scientist at Mass. Eye and Ear, what would have happened if this cancer had been caught earlier. By the time Noah was treated by Dr. Mukai at six

months of age, he needed surgery to remove his right eye, and treatment administered by Dr. Mukai's team helped save his left eye.

Dr. Mukai mentioned that earlier intervention would have led to a better outcome for his son. With a scientist's curiosity, Bryan looked at more than 7,000 snapshots of Noah. He could see the telltale sign of the white pupil at 12 days. In an effort to help others catch these signs earlier, Bryan, an associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Baylor University, and a team of engineers collaborated with Mass. Eye and Ear vision scientists to develop a smartphone app.

Called White Eye Detector, or CRADLE (Computer Assisted Detector LEukocoria), the app aims to help parents detect early signs of eye disease by searching their children's photographs for traces of leukocoria, also known as white eye.

"What parent doesn't have hundreds of photos of their children?" asked Dr. Mukai. "If this app causes people to seek an eye appointment and something is found, this technology could be beneficial for public health and raise greater awareness for these conditions."

A new study, published in [Science Advances](#), looks closely at the effectiveness of the app. In more than 50,000 smartphone photographs, the app detected leukocoria in 80% of children with eye disorders. On average, white eye was found in photos more than one year before the child had been diagnosed by a physician.

Examples of leukocoria or "white eye" detected in childhood photographs by prototype CRADLE app. Credit: Science Advances

White eye may be a sign of a serious condition

White eye can be a sign of common and more serious eye conditions, including refractive error, lazy eye (amblyopia), corneal scarring, pediatric cataracts, or Coats' disease, as well as the malignant cancer, retinoblastoma. Early detection of a potential issue can lead children to have better vision outcomes, better eye development, and in the case of retinoblastoma, reduced need for radiation and chemotherapy and increased chances of survival, according to Dr. Mukai.

That's why reviewing early family photos might help.

How the app works

White Eye Detector uses artificial intelligence (AI) and facial recognition software to scan old images on a smartphone and look for instances of white eye.

Many are familiar with “red eye” as a nuisance in family pictures. This occurs when pupils are dilated and the light from a camera flash is reflected on the eye. In fact, when eye doctors suspect cases of leukocoria, they’ll perform a test to activate this reflex. When there’s something blocking the back of the eye, however, like a cataract or tumor, red eye will instead reflect as a white spot in back of the eye. And in many cases, this can be seen in casual photographs. This was the case for the Shaw family who went back looking at photos after Noah was diagnosed.

A father’s passion to help others

Bryan was spurred by hope that other families can avoid what they went through. A chemist, he joined forces with computer scientists at Baylor to work on the app. Their collaboration with eye scientist Dr. Mukai led to a concept publication in the journal [PlosONE](#) in 2013. The latest study by the team represents the first test of the sensitivity and accuracy of the app at detecting white eye in photographs.

Future studies will incorporate more images of children in an effort to strengthen the tool’s AI and improve the sensitivity to reduce rates of false positives. The researchers point out that a false positive can be resolved quickly with a non-invasive eye exam.

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Today, Noah is 11 years old and doing great. He still sees Dr. Mukai for appointments.

"All these years later, to have our first research paper borne out of a father's passion to help others — it's really amazing and this is what science is all about," said Dr. Mukai.

Shaw family photo with Bryan and Noah (right).

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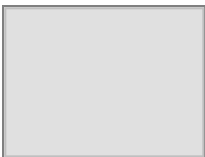
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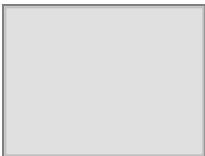
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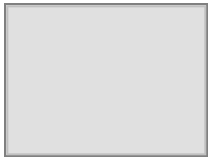
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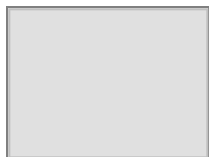


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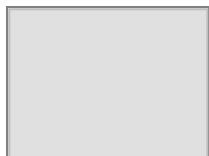
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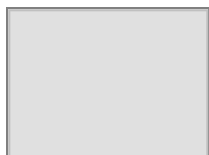
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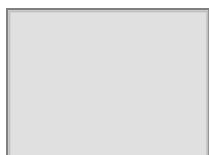
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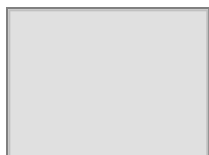
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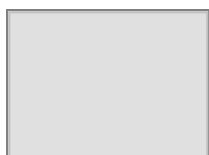
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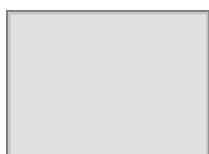
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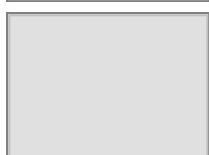
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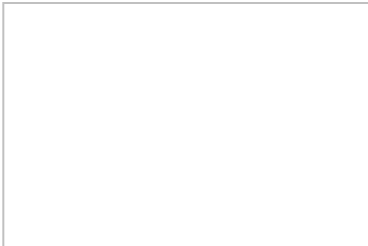


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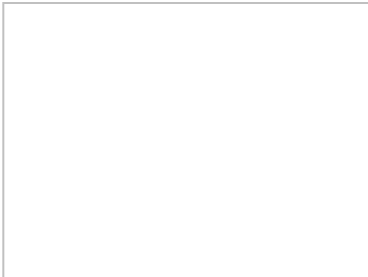
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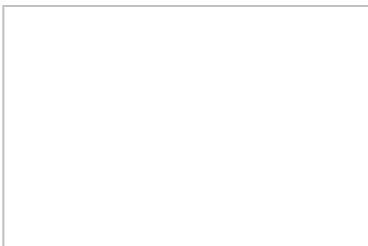


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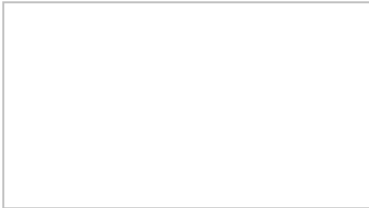
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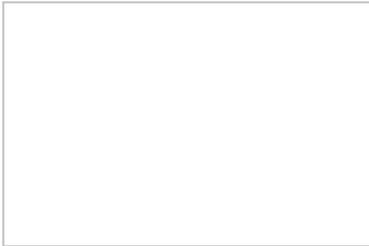


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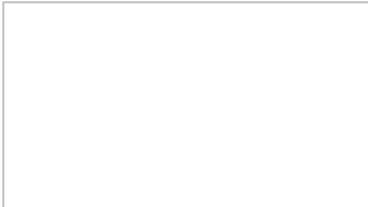
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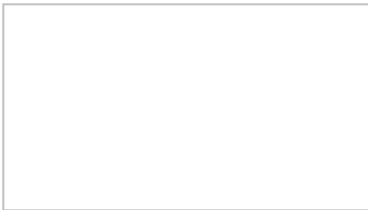
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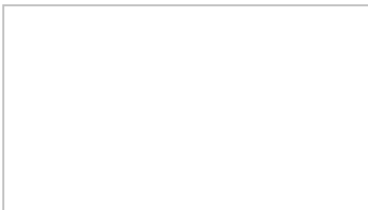
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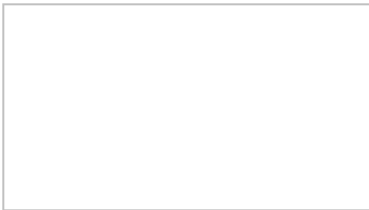
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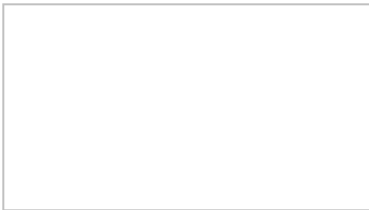
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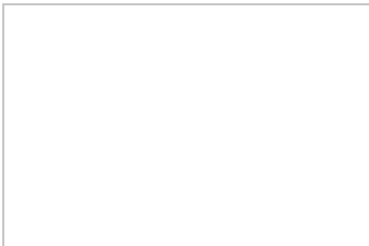


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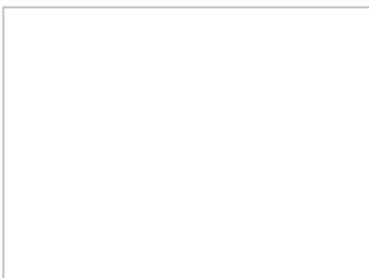
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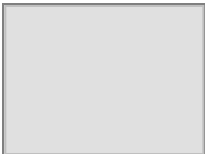
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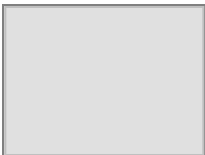


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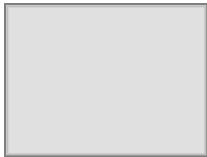
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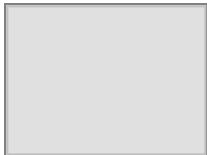
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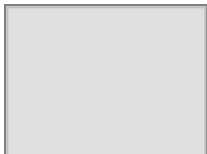
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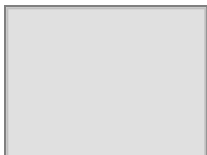
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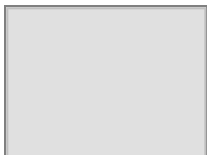
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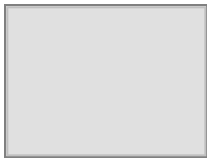
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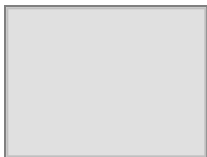
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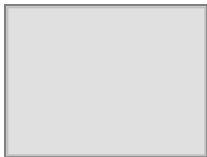
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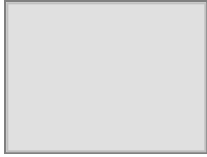
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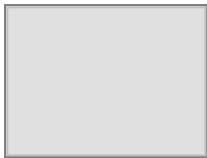
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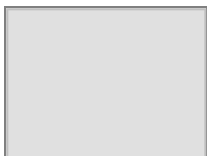
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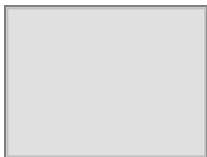
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Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl

Puffin Books June 1998 978-0141301136

Humorous Duo for Any Genders or Humorous Interp for Any Gender

2010 National Qualifier and MN State Qualifier – DUO

2014 National Qualifier – HI

Children's Literature

G - All Ages

In the tradition of The Adventures of Peter Rabbit, this is a "garden tale" of farmer versus vermin, or vice versa. The farmers in this case are a vaguely criminal team of three stooges: "Boggis and Bunce and Bean / One fat, one short, one lean. / These horrible crooks / So different in looks / Were nonetheless equally mean." Whatever their prowess as poultry farmers, within these pages their sole objective is the extermination of our hero--the noble, the clever, the Fantastic Mr. Fox. Our loyalties are defined from the start; after all, how could you cheer for a man named Bunce who eats his doughnuts stuffed with mashed goose livers? As one might expect, the farmers in this story come out smelling like ... well, what farmers occasionally do smell like. This early Roald Dahl adventure is great for reading aloud to three- to seven-year-olds, who will be delighted to hear that Mr. Fox keeps his family one step ahead of the obsessed farmers. When they try to dig him out, he digs faster; when they lay siege to his den, he tunnels to where the farmers least expect him--their own larders! In the end, Mr. Fox not only survives, but also helps the whole community of burrowing creatures live happily ever after. With his usual flourish, Dahl evokes a magical animal world that, as children, we always knew existed, had we only known where or how to look for it.

Finding Me by Michelle Knight

Hachette Books March 2015 978-1602862791

Dramatic Interp for a Female

IL State Qualifier

Kidnapping

Michelle was a young single mother when she was kidnapped by a local school bus driver named Ariel Castro at the age of 21. For more than a decade afterward, she endured unimaginable torture at the hand of her abductor. Barely out of her own tumultuous childhood, Michelle was estranged from her family and fighting for custody of her young son when she disappeared. Local police believed she had run away, so they removed her from the missing persons lists fifteen months after she vanished. Castro tormented her with these facts, reminding her that no one was looking for her, that the outside world had forgotten her. But Michelle would not be broken.

Fat is Contagious by Kimberly Brittingham

Three Rivers Press May 2011 978-0307464385

Serious Prose for a Female

MN State Qualifier

Women's Issues

PG-13 - High School

[Found in Ready My Hips (Pg 177)] The author got so sick about the way she was treated on New York City buses, where people avoided sitting next to her and some suggested that she should pay for two seats. How rude. She launched a little experiment. She created fake book covers that said, "Fat Is Contagious," and wrapped them around every book she read. This is what happened.

For Many by Shane Koyczan

Stickboy Press Ltd. Aug 2014 978-0991971886

Serious Poetry for Any Gender

KS State Qualifier

PG-13 - High School

[Found in A Bruise on Light] *NOTE: Published by Amazon only in e-book format. Book can also be ordered directly from the [author's website](#). Focuses on body image and the harsh question: "If you could change anything about yourself, what would it be?"

The F Word - (Feminism)

(A Good Place to Start Research)

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For many people, the term feminism has a negative connotation. People imagine a stereotypical image of an angry, man-hating, unattractive woman with hairy armpits screaming irrationally about imagined insults. As a result, women find themselves prefacing statements about the need for equality and civil rights for women with the caveat, "I'm not a feminist, but..." This is a shame, because feminism as a philosophy has a good deal to offer both men and women. Here are some of the stereotypical myths about feminists that simply aren't true.

CUTTINGS STORED IN THE VAULT

The Block Party by Joseph Lizardi

Hal Leonard Corporation 1994 978-1557831743

Serious Prose for a Female or Dramatic Interp for a Female

KS State Qualifier – PROSE

FL State Qualifier; IL State Finalist; KS State Qualifier – DI

Prostitution

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CUTTING STORED IN THE VAULT: [Found in Voices of Color: Scenes and Monologues from the Black American Theatre p. 114] Prostitution is the oldest profession in the world. According to US Health Department (March 2016), the average female prostitute enters the profession when she is only 14 years of age. And although it is extremely clear that these young women want out -- 92 percent of them say they can't escape due to a lack of money or food. In this selection, Lena discovers that leaving the profession is not as easy as she had hoped.

George Orwell's 1984 adapted by Robert Owens; Wilton Hall, Jr; and William Miles, Jr.

Dramatic Publishing Sept 1963 978-0871295422

Serious Duo for a M/F Pair or Dramatic Interp for a Male

2002, 2010 and 2018 National Qualifier; FL State Qualifier; KS State Qualifier – DUO

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Social Commentary

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CUTTING STORED IN THE VAULT: (Based on the book by George Orwell) Here's the thing: 2019 looks a lot like 1984. And we're remarkably comfortable with it. For starters, it's hard to ignore the similarities between Big Brother and Donald Trump who, for some, commands a similar unwavering fealty. Critics are comparing recent attacks on "fake news" to George Orwell's book 1984. And I quote, "What you're seeing and what you're reading is not what's happening." In July of 2018, President Trump criticized the media and publicly announced that people should not believe what they see or what they read. What's more, I can ask Siri to order a pizza, ask Google to play my favorite song or have Alexa turn on the air-conditioning. Yes, and with the power of facial-recognition, some fear that Big Brother can actually track you. Leading to California's recent ban on such technology. It's 2019 . . . How much is 2 + 2 today?

Are We There Yet? by Andy Griffiths

Scholastic Dec 2003 978-0439424714

Humorous Interp for a Any Gender or Humorous Prose for Any Gender

2005 National Qualifier – HI

Childhood Memories

PG - Middle School Appropriate

CUTTING STORED IN THE VAULT: [Found in Just Annoying!] Parents, everywhere, I get it. You love your children, but getting into a car with them is like a stepping through the gates of hell. Something about a moving vehicle causes them to do and say the most infuriating things, and because you're behind the wheel, you're powerless to stop it. I remember those long road trips and from a kid standpoint, they really are BORING! But not this one . . .

Getting Out of Your Own Way: A Program by Linda Pastan, Danna Faulds and Thich Nhat Hahn

Serious Poetry for Any Gender

Various Various Various (See cutting for all source information)

Inspirational

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CUTTING AVAILABLE IN THE VAULT: [Cutting Compliments of Heather Whitney, Norfolk Public Schools, NE] Contains The Obligation to Be Happy by Linda Pastan, Self-Observation Without Judgement by Danna Faulds, Please Call Me By My True Name by Thich Nhat Hahn. From the moment we're born until the day we die, we are told what to do and how to act. We have this idea that people have expectations for us and we need to meet their standards. And that should be good enough. However, I do not strive for a "perfect" life, but for a better tomorrow. No one should belittle you; in turn, you shouldn't belittle yourself. Instead take the opportunity to give yourself room for change, mistakes, and success.

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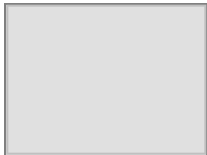
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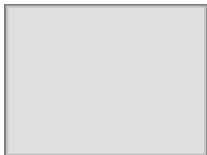
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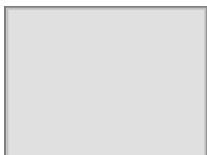
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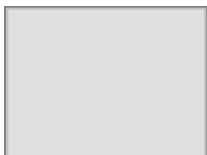
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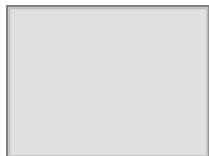
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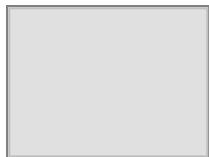
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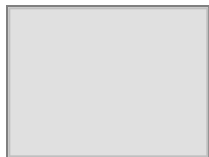
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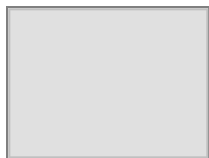
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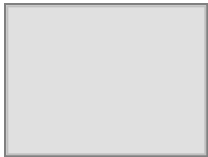
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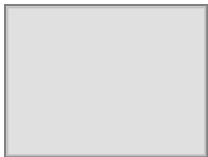
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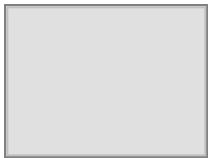
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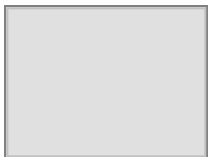
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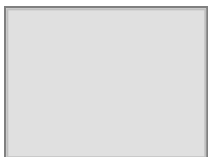
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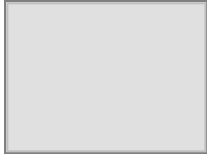
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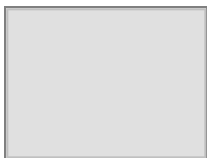
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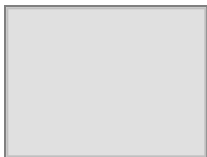
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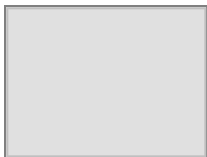
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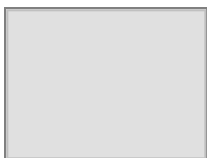
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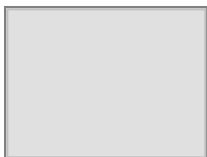
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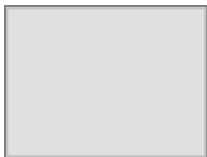
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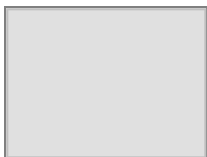
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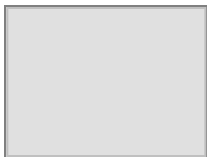
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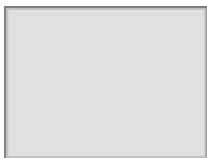
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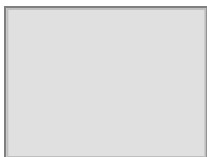
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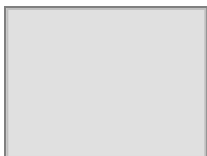
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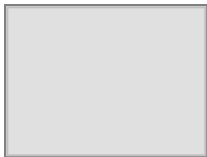
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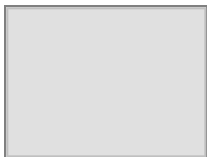
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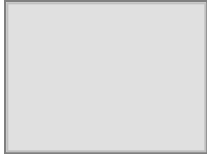
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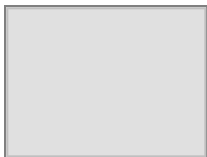
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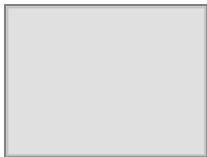
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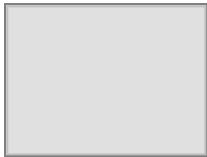
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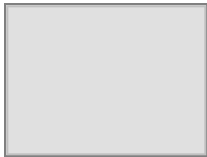
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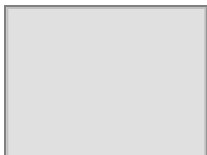
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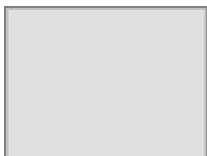
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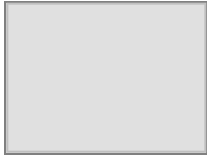
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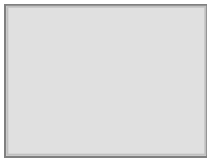
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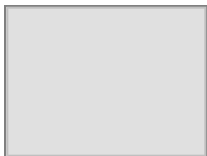
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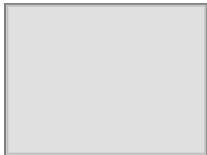
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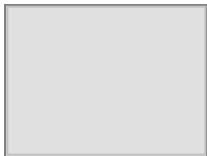
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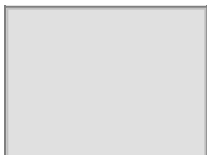
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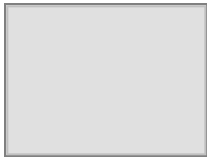
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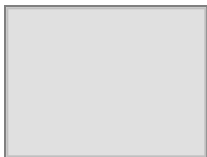
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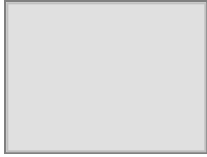
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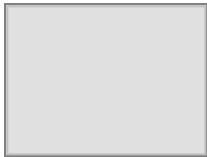
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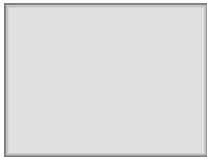


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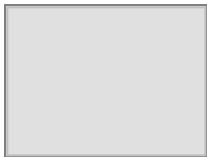
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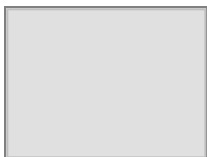
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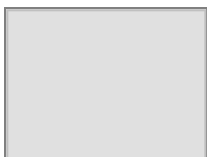
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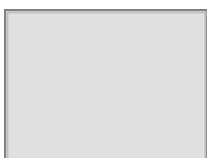
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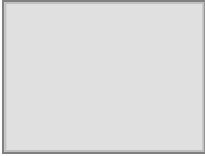
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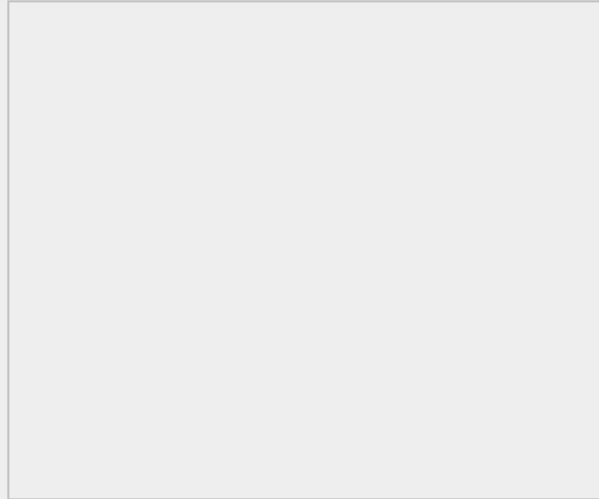
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From: Jonathan from Sutori

To: rick

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Dear rick,

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Williams Pineda Nufio replied to your discussion thread for "Projects (Engineering)" on the Engineering: Section 1 discussion board:

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1. iPhone X by Jonathan Ive. Jonathan was the design chief of the iPhone X, they had to remove the home button from the screen with gave them a bigger screen without affecting the size of the phone. They also had to join the facial recognition system into the phone.
 2. Burj Khalifa by William Frazier. He was the structural engineer of the Burj Khalifa. The tallest building in history, uses elevators to move between floors, having to go at a high-speed from one floor to another they had to add new brake systems that would support the high-speed that the elevator travels to.
 3. Brooklyn bridge by Washington Roebling. He was the supervisor of the project. Roebling designed the two caissons where the build is resting on.
 4. Twin Towers by Leslie Earl. Earl was the structural engineer of the towers. The high-speed winds the building needed to have a good aerodynamic design.
 5. Empire State by Homer Gate. Homer was the structural engineer. The use of reinforced steel allow them to build the building taller.
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From: AAAS

To: DEATOUGH@REVEREK12.ORG

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Tuesday, September 10, 2019

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New post on **Diane Ravitch's blog**



What Is Happening in America Today

by [dianeravitch](#)

Bob Shepherd wrote this comment earlier today:

"Terrible things are happening outside... poor helpless people are being dragged out of their homes. Families are torn apart; men, women and children are separated. Children come home from school to find that their parents have disappeared." – Anne Frank (Jan 13, 1943)

The horror. The horror. What are we doing? What do we tell our children?

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New post on **Diane Ravitch's blog**



Cory Booker Promises to Abandon His Past Support for Charters and Vouchers

by [dianeravitch](#)

Cory Booker has been a devoted promoter of charters and vouchers for many years.

He worked closely with Republican Governor Chris Christie and together they persuaded Mark Zuckerberg to pony up \$100 million to promote the charterization of Newark. He often boasts about what he accomplished by privatizing public schools.

But now that he wants to be president, he has [suddenly decided that he will be a champion for public schools, not charters or vouchers](#).

Could it be that he did the math and realized that 85-90% of students attend public schools. Only 6% attend charter schools. And he may have noticed that despite the efforts of his former dear friend Betsy DeVos, voters don't like vouchers. They don't want public dollars to underwrite religious schools.

Some of his allies are not at all happy about the new Cory.

It just goes to show where the wind is blowing: in favor of public schools, not charters or vouchers.

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John Thompson: Oklahoma's EPIC Charter Fraud

by [dianeravitch](#)

Virtual charter schools are a disaster for students, but a honey pot for their operators—that is, until they get caught and face the music and possible jail time.

John Thompson [describes the epic fail of the EPIC virtual charter in Oklahoma.](#)

Ghost students, straw teachers, parent bonuses. What a scam.

An Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation [revealed](#) that the co-founders of the state's largest virtual charter school system, Epic Charter Schools, David Chaney and Ben Harris, split at least \$10 million in profits from 2013 to 2018. They allegedly [recruited "ghost students"](#) (who were technically enrolled but received minimal instruction from teachers) from homeschools and sectarian private schools "for the purpose of unlawfully diverting State Appropriated Funds to their own personal use resulting in high NFAY [not full academic year] rates and low graduation rates for the students."

Epic established an \$800-to-\$1000-per-student learning fund for students who did not enroll in a public school. These students were dubbed "members of the \$800 club," and assigned to "straw teachers," who "would receive additional pay in the form of bonuses which included student retention goals," while "those who dropped students would see a decrease in pay."

A search warrant [cited](#) parents who received money but admitted they had no intention of receiving instruction from Epic. One family withdrew its ten children from public schools, received \$8000, and allowed the kids to ride horses instead of attending school.

Does anyone have a link to Betsy DeVos' Senate confirmation hearings when she rattled off the impressive but false statistics about virtual charter schools? It turns out they are the quintessential fraudsters of the Disruption Movement.

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Mercedes Schneider Reviews a Book about Competition and Choice

by [dianeravitch](#)

Mercedes Schneider [reviewed a book about “competitive school choice.”](#)

[Kate Phillippo](#), associate professor of cultural and educational policy studies at Loyola University Chicago’s School of Education, published a book in March 2019, entitled, [A Contest Without Winners: How Students Experience Competitive School Choice](#).

In her book, Phillippo offers details from the experiences of 36 Chicago Public Schools (CPS) eighth graders who attended one of two middle schools and who were vying for acceptance in a CPS high school of their choice.

Phillippo’s term, “competitive school choice,” is apt for two reasons: 1) the most prestigious and most preferred schools tended to be selective admissions (SA) schools, and 2) in general, CPS does not have enough places at schools that its eighth-grade students would actually choose to attend.

Let the games begin. (Indeed, one student likened CPS’ high school choice to “The Hunger Games.”)

In this “contest without winners,” students’ high school fates (and possibly, subsequent college and career fates) depend heavily upon their test scores and core subject grades from their seventh-grade year. If a student has an maturity/responsibility awakening in eighth grade, it is too late.

As it stands, Phillippo discovered (confirmed?) that with CPS’ high school choice demand, eighth graders were being asked to navigate a complex process of forms, meetings, and deadlines that was far above their developmental capabilities; students

almost certainly needed some invested adult to effectively engage in CPS' competitive high school choice process. However, that adult was unlikely to be a classroom teacher since teachers— to whom students often turned— felt the pressure to remain neutral in advising students regarding their choices due to the potential of being held liable if the student or parent were dissatisfied with the choice outcome.

Eighth graders who had an engaged adult available to help with the high school choice process definitely had an edge, as did students whose families had the means to devote resources (time, effort, money) to the process.

Too, Phillippo discovered that the competitive environment created a “me-first,” self-preservation attitude that negatively affected civic engagement among students. Though students might be learning lessons about civic responsibility in their classes, when it came to the pressured reality of securing that preferred CPS high school, application of civic responsibility was cast aside for the all-too-real lesson of “every eighth grader for him-/herself.”

Think of competitive school choice as a lesson in civics. Everyone for himself or herself. You are on your own. There is no such thing as the common good.

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Yong Zhao: The Achievement Gap Mania in America

by [dianeravitch](#)

Yong Zhao is one of the scholars I admire most. He turns out book after book, each saturated with remarkable scholarship and learning. He is also a superb speaker, who fills his lectures with learning and humor.

He recently [posted the introduction to a book he published last year called Reach for Greatness.](#)

In it, he wrote about America's obsession with "the achievement gap," which is based on

the belief that someday the bell curve, on which all standardized tests are normed, will close. The test score gaps can be reduced, as history shows. [The biggest narrowing of the gap occurred](#) at the high point of racial integration (late 1970s, early 1980s). For the past decade, the black-white gaps on NAEP have been unchanged.

The gap may narrow but it is designed never to close because bell curves are intended to rank people from best to worst, highest to lowest, most to least.

Here is part of Yong Zhao wrote:

The Achievement Gap Mania in America

For nearly two decades, since the enactment of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) (“No Child Left Behind Act of 2001,” 2002) in 2002, America has been suffering from “achievement gap mania” (Hess, 2011). Closing the achievement gap has been the commanding, almost exclusive, goal of education in America. All educational efforts, be they in policy, research, or practice, must be justified on the grounds that they can help close the achievement gap. As a result, the nation has devoted all its educational resources to the campaign to narrow the chasm in test scores and graduation rates between students of different backgrounds, particularly in income and race.

The campaign has been a futile one. The gap between the poor and the rich has not narrowed significantly, nor has the chasm between children of color and their White counterparts (The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2013; Curran & Kellogg, 2016; Plucker, Hardesty, & Burroughs, 2013)—in fact, it has widened (Ostashevsky, 2016; Reardon, 2011). The drastic policies put forth by NCLB, the billions of dollars, the numerous instructional innovations, and the tireless efforts of educators did not seem to have turned schools into an effective mechanism to alter the trajectory preset by children’s family background before they arrive at school. Today, factors associated with a child’s home remain much more powerful predictors of their future than do schools (The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2010; Bailey & Dynaski, 2011; Curran & Kellogg, 2016; Duncan & Murnane, 2011; Fryer & Levitt, 2004; Reardon, 2011).

Worse, the campaign has been counterproductive (Hess, 2011). Beyond the squandered resources and opportunities, “achievement gap mania” has significantly changed American education for the worse. It

has led to education policy that has shortchanged many children. It has narrowed the scope of schooling. It has hollowed out public support for school reform. It has stifled educational innovation. It has distorted the way we approach educational choice, accountability, and reform (Hess, 2011).

It has also turned American education into test preparation, resulting in massive “collateral damages” (Nichols & Berliner, 2007). It has demoralized educators and students (Nichols & Berliner, 2008; Smith & Kovacs, 2011; Wong, Wing, & Martin, 2016), and it has deprived many children, particularly those whom the campaign was supposed to help, of the opportunities for a real education (Carter & Welner, 2013; Tienken & Zhao, 2013). Furthermore, it has reinforced the deficit mindset for minority students and concealed the real cause for educational inequality (Cross, 2007; Jones, 2013; Ladson-

Billings, 2007).

Nevertheless, the campaign continues. The well-evidenced failure and damaging consequences of efforts summoned by NCLB to narrow the achievement gaps have apparently not caused American policymakers to change course. Although NCLB was replaced by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in 2015 ("Every Student Succeeds Act," 2015), closing the achievement gaps remains the commanding goal of education. Despite the mechanical changes, the purpose of the new education law "is to provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps" ("Every Student Succeeds Act," 2015, Section 1001). Barring any significant changes, achievement gap mania will continue to reign over American education for the foreseeable future.

Rudolph and Me

Rudolph had a red nose. It is a deficit because the standard nose color is supposed to be black in reindeer country. So all efforts were applied to fix his nose color. And of course, the poor red-nosed reindeer was not normal and did not meet the standard. The other reindeers with black noses were the good ones and did not want to mix with the bad kid. But all the children around the world should be grateful that no one fixed Rudolph's red nose because his red nose was the very thing Santa Claus needed for his sleigh on a foggy Christmas Eve.

I am grateful that no one tried to fix my deficits either. I am able to write this book not because I had planned to be a professor in the United States, but because I was not forced to fix my lack of ability and interest in becoming a farmer in China. I was born in a Chinese village and thus destined to become a farmer like everyone else in the village. But from a very early age, I discovered that I was not cut out to be a successful farmer. I was physically smaller and weaker than other boys. I could not drive water buffalos or climb trees or manipulate the hoe nearly as well as other boys. I tried to learn, and my father was a good teacher, but I was unable to master the farming skills. By any standard, I was way below the average of all the boys in terms of farming knowledge and abilities. There was a clear achievement gap in farming capabilities between me and the other boys in the village.

Luckily, my father did not try too hard to close my achievement gap. He gave up on me early. Instead of pushing me to become a better farmer, he sent me to school. In school, I discovered what I could be good at. My ability to handle reading was much better than my ability to deal with a water buffalo. After all, I could be good at something. And I liked that feeling. However, no one, including my father and myself, knew how I could make a living without farming at the time, when China was in the midst of a disastrous political campaign called the Great Cultural Revolution. The campaign dismantled the formal education system and sent the educated elite to remote rural areas to be "reeducated" by farmers. Education was thus not a way to get out of the village for a better life, like it is today. In other words, it was not the remote chance that education would bring a better life that motivated me to go to school. Instead, it was the feeling that I could be good at something, and the desire to avoid doing something I was not good at, that sustained my motivation to walk barefoot to school every day, in burning summers and freezing winters.

I am a big fan of the "growth mindset" (Dweck, 2008). I strongly believe that anyone can

learn anything. But I have tried not to apply the idea to everything in life. I have avoided applying a growth mindset in football, for example, although I know if I indeed put 10,000 hours into it, as Malcolm Gladwell (2008) suggests in his book Outliers: The Story of Success, I could become better. But I also know very well that even if I put 100,000 hours into it, I will not be playing for the NFL because my 5'6" height and 150 lb. weight are way below the average height and weight of NFL players. No matter how hard I try, I probably won't get there.

I have also avoided applying it in other undertakings. I gave up on putting 10,000 hours into painting quickly after I discovered that I could barely draw a straight line and the Chinese characters I produced always looked like the footprints of a chicken. I gave up studying math in high school because I did not enjoy math and I was not good at it. I received 3 points out of 120 in the College Entrance Exam in 1982.

I was able to go to college without studying math because of a policy that forgave my poor math performance. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, when Chinese education was recovering from the damages of the Cultural Revolution, it allowed students to major in foreign languages without being good at math. Math was not counted toward the total score of the College Entrance Exam for those applying to study foreign languages. To run away from my poor math, I chose to major in English in college. I was lucky because the policy ended in 1982. Math has since become a required core subject in the College Entrance Exam, which means Chinese students can no longer run away from math if they want to go to college.

I have been fortunate to be able to avoid virtually everything that I have no potential for being good at or I am not interested in. More important, I have been fortunate to have had the space to explore my passions and experiment with different undertakings to discover my weaknesses and strengths. Most people are not born knowing what they are interested in and can be good at. They can only find out through experiences.

But experiences have costs and risks. Every experience requires time, and some require money and extra effort. Thus, adults want every activity their children experience to be positive, to lead to some desirable outcome. They don't want their children to waste their time, energy, or money, or worse, to have experiences that may have a negative impact. Responsible adults naturally have a tendency to prescribe experiences for children. The result is that many children are allowed to have only experiences deemed to be beneficial and safe by adults.

I was fortunate to have broader and more diverse experiences than most children. Although my experiences were severely constrained by the lack of resources and remoteness of my village, I enjoyed more freedom. As soon as I started school, my illiterate parents did not feel they could guide me anymore and thus allowed me to pursue whatever I thought appropriate throughout my life. My teachers in the village school were not well trained to make me follow a prescribed reading curriculum, so I was able to read anything I could find instead of a series of carefully selected graded reading materials. The assortment of used books, magazines, and newspapers my father collected for wrapping noodles in the village noodle factory not only taught me to read but also, more importantly, exposed me to a broad range of topics, way beyond what a very carefully designed curriculum can offer.

Neither my parents nor my teachers attempted to force me to do things they wanted or forbid me from doing things they did not like. I was free of external judgment and never feared it. So I got to have many different experiences, some more beneficial than others, but all were necessary for me to find my passion and strengths. In college, instead of devoting my energy to studying the English textbooks in the classroom, I spent more time reading English books and magazines on psychology, linguistics, and education. Rather than spending time memorizing English literature as required, I took on computer programming. Instead of worrying about my grades, I spent a tremendous amount of time programming a piece of statistics software for a research project. In the end, I developed great proficiency in English by not following the prescribed program.

I have learned to be very open to new experiences. I have always been willing to explore new opportunities. When opportunities present themselves, I jump right in as long as they look interesting, but I am not one who would keep at it at any cost when I realize that it is not something I can be great at or enjoy doing. For example, I tried making fish tanks after college but gave it up when I discovered I have no talent in engineering. I quit being a college teacher to join a translation business, but gave it up despite its success because I did not find it interesting. I returned to be a college teacher afterwards because I found that that was ultimately what interested me.

I was lucky on two fronts. First, I was lucky that my parents and schools did not force me to fix my weaknesses according to whatever their definitions of strengths or weaknesses were. They were very forgiving of my weaknesses and appreciative of my various adventures. Second, I was lucky that the massive societal transformations in China and the world over the past few decades made it possible for me to use my strengths and interests, just as the fog on Christmas Eve made it possible for Rudolph to change his fate. If China had not restored its education system after the Cultural Revolution, it would not have been possible for me to go to college. If China had not opened to the outside world, it would not have been possible for me to migrate to the United States. If I had not come to the United States, my passions and strengths would not have found as much value.

Fortunately, the changes I experienced in China are now widespread for everyone. In other words, the foggy Christmas has arrived for all due to technological changes. But unfortunately, the accidental great educational experiences I had are not widespread. To enable every child to be able to explore, experiment with, and enhance his or her strengths, education must change.

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Trump Is Incapable of Consoling Anyone in Their Grief

by [dianeravitch](#)

Trump cannot perform one of the basic roles of a president: Showing empathy for others who are in pain.

He cannot console anyone.

Consolation and empathy are not part of his emotional makeup.

He can insult, he can sneer, he can boast, he can ridicule, but he cannot console.

When he went to El Paso, he told the hospital staff about the large crowd he had when he last visited the city.

He mocked Beto O'Rourke.

He came to visit those who were hospitalized but he could not stop talking about himself.

Richard Parker [wrote in the New York Times](#) about the disaster that Trump created with his narcissism and self-absorption.

From his flight on Wednesday to Dayton, Ohio, to this sprawling high-desert city on the Mexican border, the 45th occupant of the White House not only littered his consolation tour with petty insults — but just to rub salt in the wound, doses of renewed racism. Yet most striking was how alone and outnumbered the president was: rejected, ostracized and told to go home.

The people who streamed the scene of the terrorist attack here — brown, black, white and every hue in between — defiantly defended the nation's diversity. With no public appearances, the president seemed to shrink, ever more alone as he clung to his white nationalist politics and governance. But he and his supporters were grossly outnumbered. For perhaps the first time in his angry, racist and cruel presidency, the tables were turned in smoldering, righteous popular anger — and he was on the receiving end.

You have to give this to Mr. Trump: He never backs off. He doubles down like a wild gambler in a casino, raising the stakes one more time demanding just a few more chips from the house. Leaving the White House on Wednesday morning, he said, "I think my rhetoric brings people together," adding he was "concerned about the rise of any group of hate. I don't like it, whether it's white supremacy, whether it's any other kind of supremacy."

Is there some other form of supremacy that escaped the public view?

The man has no manners, no decency, no grace, no dignity, no kindness, no empathy, no moral core.

He is an empty vessel whose only reflex is to lash out at others, as he lashed out at the mayor of Dayton, because she dared to ask him to "do something" to stop the gun violence. Evidently she was not sufficiently deferential.

This man's need for approval is so vast that no amount of cheering can fill that vacuum. He is a vast sucking sound all by himself. He wants to fill our consciousness at every moment, prevent us from thinking about anything else other than him and his faux grandeur.

He always looks angry. He has money, family, the highest office in the land, yet he is angry. Very angry. Bitter.

He will never find peace. He cannot feel anyone else's pain nor offer comfort.

He is doomed to walk the earth in search of applause. He cannot live without it.

Not being at peace with himself, he cannot offer it to others.

He will never find peace.

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Harold Meyerson: Walmart and Guns, 2

by [dianeravitch](#)

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Meyerson on TAP

Walmart and Guns, Part II. In my [Tuesday On Tap](#), I noted that a number of Walmart employees, in the wake of the mass murder at an El Paso mega-store, had begun expressing concern about the company's policy of selling guns (Walmart is the nation's leading gun retailer) and allowing open carry in stores in the states that permit it.

That discontent is now ballooning.

In Walmart's Silicon Valley e-commerce office, 40 white-collar employees [walked off the job](#) yesterday to urge their employer to stop selling guns. Actions were also held at e-commerce offices in Portland, Oregon, and Brooklyn, and organizers also initiated a Change.org petition calling on Walmart to cease selling firearms. By Wednesday night, 38,000 people had signed it.

Ever eager to stomp on any workers voicing discontent, Walmart suspended the email and Slack accounts of the two Silicon Valley employees who initiated the action, but then thought better of it and reinstated those accounts. Perhaps Bentonville calculated that it had to deal with its tech workers a bit less brutally than it customarily does with its blue- and pink-collar employees.

The Walmart rising comes on the heels of mass employee walkouts at Google, Amazon, and other tech giants over such issues as the sale of facial recognition technology to China and the failure to clamp down on sexual harassment. Considered alongside the strike wave of teachers and hotel workers that began last year, we're clearly entering the Era of Worker Walkouts, most of which pose demands about the employees' own situations but also about the greater social good. Our dysfunctional labor law makes it nearly impossible for non-union workers to gain a legally recognized collective voice, but that doesn't seem to be deterring actual American workers, who for all manner of good reasons are plain fed up. ~ **HAROLD MEYERSON**

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"Squawkzilla" – [Scientists found a fossil](#) of the largest parrot ever: about three feet tall. For perspective, that's almost the size of the average American four-year-old. No, thanks.

EARTH TO HUMANS

The Story

The UN is ringing the alarm on how humans are [damaging Earth's land](#).

That's one way to start the weekend.

Better to rip it off like a Band-Aid. Over the past year, there've been a series of reports on how climate change is bringing humans face-to-face with a variety of crises. We get into some of those [here](#). But to sum it up: we're on a dangerous trajectory and Mother Earth needs our help...yesterday. Now, the UN is warning about the impact on our food supply.

Go on.

It points out a dangerous cycle: our land management practices are contributing to climate change. And in turn, climate change is threatening our food supply. According to the report, almost a quarter of the greenhouse gases made by humans in recent years came from agriculture, forestry, and other land use. Problem, because the effects of climate change (like more heat waves, droughts, floods, and wildfires) have the potential to disrupt food supply chains. This could affect [food security](#) for millions. Also, the increase of carbon dioxide in the air from climate change can make crops we rely on like wheat less nutritious.

Yikes. What can we do?

The report has a few ideas for countries to help avoid worst case scenarios. A few examples: We can change how we grow food with

sustainable farming. There's reforestation, which can help suck carbon dioxide out of the air. We could focus on better soil management to prevent it from drying up. And on a personal level, we can change how we eat by eating less meat and wasting less food.

theSkimm

Almost every country in the world pledged to lower emissions as part of the 2015 Paris climate deal. But countries aren't on track to meet those goals and some (read: [the US](#)) have even left the deal. With warning after warning, it's become clear the world needs to come together to avoid the catastrophic effects of climate change that might otherwise alter life as we know it.

Skimm This: *Our latest pod episode goes deeper into [what experts say we're doing wrong when it comes to managing land](#).*

AND ALSO...THIS

What's searching 'best lawyers' on Yelp...

[Facebook](#). Yesterday, an appeals court said a class action lawsuit against the company can move forward. Try not to be too surprised by this, but Facebook and data privacy don't mesh well. This case has to do with [facial recognition technology](#). In 2015, three Illinois-based Facebook users sued the company over its "tag suggestions" feature, which relies on facial recognition. The users say it violates the state's law on biometric data. Facebook tried to block the case, arguing that users can't sue as a group. But now an appeals court is hitting the dislike button on the company's argument, opening up Facebook to the possibility of coughing up billions of dollars in potential damages.

...Oh and [Uber](#) could also use the weekend. Yesterday, it announced that it Uber Ate more than \$5 billion in losses last quarter. Its stock experienced the [opposite of surge pricing](#).

What people are watching...

[Kyrgyzstan](#). Not a ton of stories on Kyrgyzstan these days so reminder that it's the former Soviet republic that's still tight with Moscow. Former president Almazbek Atambayev led the Central Asian country from 2011 to 2017. But he's been accused of corruption and other crimes. After falling out with his replacement (aka the current president), the country's parliament stripped him of his immunity earlier this year. This week, security forces came to his home to try to arrest him. But Atambayev's supporters shot at them, killing one soldier, taking six hostage, and injuring dozens. Yesterday, Atambayev was arrested. The concern now is whether this high-profile shootout could destabilize a country that's already seen [two violent revolts since 2005](#). Moscow is trying to keep things calm and standing with the current government.

What's going down in DC...

[Gun debate](#). Sen. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) says that measures to address gun violence will be "front and center" in the Senate next month. This comes after last weekend's deadly shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio left a total of 31 people dead. And after McConnell hasn't been willing to call the Senate back in session during its August break to take up the issue.

[National intelligence shake-up](#). Yesterday, President Trump said that deputy director of national intelligence Sue Gordon is resigning next week, the same day as her boss, outgoing director of national intelligence Dan Coats. This was after she was passed over for the promotion to take over from Coats. Trump – who'd tried to get a [loyalist](#) to lead the office – now says he wants the director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Joseph Maguire, to take the job.

...Oh and speaking of high-profile exits, [former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe](#). Yesterday, he sued the Justice Dept and the FBI over his firing last year. He claims it was part of an effort to rid the agency of people President Trump saw as disloyal.

While you're bracing yourself for 'Game of 'Flix'...

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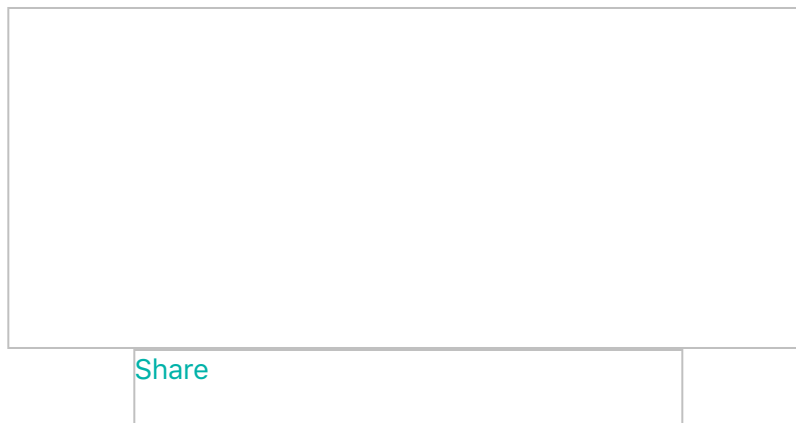
Seeing green for...Nicole K (NJ). She recently accepted a new job as a research scientist under the New Jersey Dept of Environmental Protection.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]The day's top education news
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From: DA Daily Newsletter
To: cokeefe@reverek12.org

The Two-Minute Briefing for K12 Leaders

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Trending on DA

How to develop an LGBTQ-inclusive curriculum

DA

An LGBTQ-inclusive curriculum shouldn't stand out as a separate subject in history, sex education or any other class. Educators will best engage students by blending LGBTQ history into the general flow of instruction. [Read more>>](#)

4 intervention strategies to address SEL and anxiety

DA

Schools need to rethink behavior, adopt pre-intervention approaches, keep students in class and use better tech. [Read more>>](#)

Top News

Tennessee will wait another year to letter grade its schools

Chalkbeat Tennessee

Education Commissioner Penny Schwinn has ordered a one-year delay in the plan to begin giving Tennessee schools A-F ratings based on quality. It is another reprieve for schools that are expected to receive poor ratings. [Read more>>](#)

Facial recognition comes to schools and summer camps

The Wall Street Journal

While commercial applications of facial-recognition software abound, the fact that this latest wave is geared toward children and parents at summer camps, youth sports tournaments and schools has privacy experts and politicians urging parents and school districts to think twice. [Read more>>](#)

Most states find public money to pay for charter school buildings

Chalkbeat Detroit

A new report from the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools found that of the 44 U.S. states that allow charter schools, only 14—including Michigan—have no measures to help charter schools buy or rent buildings. [Read more>>](#)

New York bans schools from arming teachers

HuffPost

The measure, which went into effect immediately, limits the ability of schools and colleges to authorize teachers, professors and other staff from carrying guns. It includes an exception for school resource officers, police and other law enforcement staff at the school. [Read more>>](#)

Governor vetoes bill letting N.C. virtual charter schools add more students

The News & Observer

Gov. Roy Cooper has vetoed a bill that would allow the state's popular but low-performing virtual charter schools to add students, after two groups urged him to reject the legislation. [Read more>>](#)

High-performing Md. school system faces chronic student absenteeism

The Washington Post

County data show that even as the Montgomery County school system stands out nationally for its strong academic performance, it faces challenges in keeping students in school. It posted higher rates of chronic student absenteeism than the national average, and more than 2,000 students have dropped out during the past 2 1/2 years. [Read more>>](#)

Opinion & Analysis

Activity level not much different for teenagers who play sports

The Conversation

Teenagers who play organised sports only get seven minutes more physical activity per day, on average, than teenagers who don't play any sport, a new report shows. The research, published in the Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport, found organised sport contributes to just 4 percent of teenagers' daily physical

activity levels. [Read more>>](#)

Students with a greater sense of belonging are less likely to become bullies

Science Daily

Researchers at the University of Missouri have found that students who feel a greater sense of belonging with their peers, family and school community are less likely to become bullies. Their findings suggest that parents and teachers should consider ways to create a supportive and accepting environment both at home and at school. [Read more>>](#)

Industry News

Second largest school district in Idaho selects GoGuardian

GoGuardian

The Boise School District will be using GoGuardian as their smart filtering solution for school-owned devices. GoGuardian's Admin advanced software product will be deployed in the system's 52 schools to help keep students safe from harmful or distracting content. [Read more>>](#)

The Apax Digital Fund to acquire MetaMetrics

MetaMetrics/Apax Digital/Pamlico Capital

MetaMetrics, developer of the Lexile Framework for Reading and Quantile Framework for Mathematics, announced that the Apax Digital Fund, a technology-focused growth equity fund, has acquired the company from Pamlico Capital.

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Construction Watch

Colorado needs affordable housing. The state owns land. Can this combination work?

The Colorado Sun

State officials this summer, at the urging of Gov. Jared Polis and the state legislature, are exploring the possibility of leasing to developers and other ways to use state land to address Colorado's shortage of affordable housing. There will be an emphasis on workforce housing for teachers. [Read more>>](#)

NYC advocates say school construction plans fall short

New York Daily News

A New York City task force charged with identifying new school building sites is set to release its first recommendations—but some advocates say parents and the public have been kept in the dark about the whole process. City officials have estimated they'll need to build 57,000 new seats over the next five years to alleviate overcrowding. [Read more>>](#)



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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]Re: Good Morning

Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 10:52:22 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, [REDACTED].....so glad to hear that you have children , are thriving in your work and happy in life.....your parents would be very proud of the young man they raised....

Did you know that your Parents sent several years in Brussels when your Dad was in the Army in the early 1970s?

I'm just curious what your parents passed away from? As I recall, your Dad's Mother was a terrible diabetic for most of her adult life and didn't take good care of herself.....

Are you in touch with your Uncle [REDACTED]? I know he became a Nurse, moved to Massachusetts and had a family.....I think of the many good times we had in our youth and still remember [REDACTED] with great fondness.....

Wish you and your family a wonderful rest of the summer.....

So glad our paths have crossed, [REDACTED].....makes me feel like I've reconnected with your parents....

Warm Regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 2:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]Re: Good Morning

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

It was such a nice surprise to receive your beautiful email. It is wonderful to know that my parents touched so many people in their all-too-short lives. My dad passed away in 2005 and my mom also left us in 2016. Although my father was quite ill for a long time, my mother's death was unexpected. I am grateful that my sister, [REDACTED], and I were able to come together and support each other in a way that, I believe, our parents would have wanted.

I can't help but think that your message was a wonderful reminder from my parents to be good to others and take any opportunity to help spread that kindness. I am happy to tell you that my parents were probably happier in their final years than they ever were. They set a good example for me to follow. Both of them taught me to work hard and appreciate the many gifts I have been given; I only happy that I am successful teaching my own children, [REDACTED], this lesson.

Again, I offer my heartfelt thanks for your beautiful message. It really made my day!

Fondly,
[REDACTED]

PS - It is wonderful to make the acquaintance of another pediatric clinician! I have been working with young kids for over twenty years and research/teach in the areas of speech and language acquisition,

their related disorders, and multicultural aspects of communication disorders, something I think my parents would be quite proud of!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 9:49 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Good Morning

Good Morning [REDACTED]

I wanted to extend my condolences for just learning that your parents, [REDACTED] have passed away.....I knew your Parents and you in the 1970s when I dated your Uncle, [REDACTED] during high school and college. You were just a baby/toddler when I would occasionally babysit you if your Parents needed to go out.....at the time you were living in a basement apartment in Central Islip, NY.....you have the exact same eyes as your Mother and I see a strong facial recognition with the [REDACTED]
I always enjoyed spending time with your Parents.....they were wonderful people who loved each other and you very much....

I'm so happy that you have done well as a SLP and hope you are happy, [REDACTED].

Warm Regards,
[REDACTED]

PS I work in the Revere, MA school system as a Physical Therapisthence my email address.

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Date: Monday, July 29, 2019 at 2:55:37 PM Eastern Daylight Time

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To: [REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]

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Date: Monday, July 29, 2019 at 9:49:06 AM Eastern Daylight Time

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[REDACTED]

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Date: Friday, July 26, 2019 at 5:49:50 PM Eastern Daylight Time

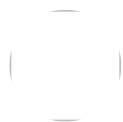
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To: Mr. Pechinsky

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Ms. Gambale and 1 others liked



Mr. Bolton
@MrBoltonGMS

Been spending my summer at Gordon College doing a Masters of Music Ed and I cannot capture, in a single tweet, how incredible of an experience it's been!



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Nancy Barile, NBCT
@NancyBarile

RT [@xclaim](#): He will no doubt blame the TelePrompTer operation twitter.com/atrupar/status...



CinelliRHS
@CinelliRHS

RT [@rashadrobinson](#): Facial recognition tech in public housing isn't about safety - it automates bias, disproportionately

exposing Black res...



cat queen

@SirenHuntress97

TRUTH [twitter.com/retr0ses/statu...](https://twitter.com/retr0ses/status...)



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Patricia DiGregorio

@PattiDig

Great idea! Wish I heard of this before I retired!

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Paul Dakin

@Dr_Dakin

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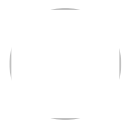
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]Revere Scanner Tweeted: Here's our 2019 submission for the sandcastl...

Date: Friday, July 26, 2019 at 9:12:01 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Twitter

To: RPS Transportation

Your Highlights



Revere Scanner
@reverescanner

Here's our 2019 submission for the sandcastle event this weekend on Revere Beach. Wish us luck



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Patricia DiGregorio
@PattiDig

Great idea! Wish I heard of this before I retired!

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Dr. Lourenço Garcia
@lourenco962

This is great, a positive step in the right direction, but more needs to happen, considering the challenges.

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Robin Panzini

@RobinPanzini

Teamwork requires team players. Your abilities to perform are ... More for Gemini bit.ly/A9Q3zb



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RT [@rashadrobinson](#): Facial recognition tech in public housing isn't about safety - it automates bias, disproportionately exposing Black res...



Joe Ciccarello

@JoeCiccarello

RT [@MisterRogersSay](#): "If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people..."



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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]Random Thoughts: Apparently The Old Person Filter App Is Russia Spying On Us And Using Facial Recognition Software
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 8:36:28 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Barstool Sports
To: John Blaikie

Daily Thoughts

"Your comparison of @NjTank99 [coming into the office] to the T-Rex [from Jurassic Park] was spot on." -- @KayceSmith on #CCK

"If you don't move he can't see you." -- @KFCBarstool

Apparently The Old Person Filter App Is Russia Spying On Us And Using Facial Recognition Software

CC Sabathia Tried To Fight The Rays And Then Threw In The Biggest Hammer We've Ever Seen

Smokeshow Terrorist Fined \$105,000 For Storming Cockpit And Threatening To Kill Everyone

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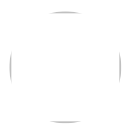
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]Revere Journal Tweeted: Independence Day Celebration at SBA Field

Date: Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 2:15:12 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Twitter

To: Bonanno RHS Psyc

Your Highlights



Revere Journal
@RevereJournal

Independence Day Celebration at SBA Field

Independence Day Celebration at SBA Field

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Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez ☐
@AOC

We have started to sound the alarm on the way facial recognition technology is expanding in concerning ways.

From the FBI to ICE to Amazon, the bar for consent and civil liberties protection is repeatedly violated, and on top of it all has a disproportionate racial impact, too.

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Fearless Motivation
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George Takei ☐
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A truly ingenious solution to a global problem.



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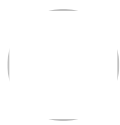


John DeSimone
@Jdes_4

RT @Ravens: Happy Birthday, Jacoby Jones 🎉🎂

In honor of his bday...





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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]It's Time To Check In

Date: Friday, July 12, 2019 at 5:15:37 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Delta Air Lines

To: ATURCHON@REVEREK12.ORG

Hello, Andrewthomas

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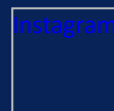
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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]The Post Most: Driver's license databases are a facial-recognition gold mine for the FBI and ICE

Date: Monday, July 8, 2019 at 12:16:23 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: The Washington Post

To: ecostello@reverek12.org

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The Post Most

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FBI, ICE find state driver's license photos are a gold mine for facial-recognition searches

The state DMV databases form the bedrock of an unprecedented surveillance infrastructure, allowing federal investigative and immigration agents to scan millions of Americans' faces without their knowledge or consent.

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