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Announcements:

- Ray Sanchez, superintendent of the Ossining School District, recently announced the two-week closure of all Ossining schools in order to protect students and staff from the Coronavirus. The Dobbs Ferry and East Ramapo school districts followed suit.
- The Theater O comedy production, Puffs, which was based on the best-selling Harry Potter series, has been canceled due to concerns about the Coronavirus.
- Tom Brady, a star football player, has left the Patriots team! (See more about this topic on the bottom left corner of this page)

The Five Types of People's Reactions to Coronavirus

By Elena Prisament

The Humor Pages

The Germaphobe:

OMG the world is ending! Wants everyone to self-quarantine, buys every item in the supermarket, washes hands every five minutes.

The Non-Believer:

What's the big deal? Goes on with life as normal. Thinks someone made it up. It doesn't exist, or it's not that bad. Everyone's overreacting!

The Conspiracy Theorist:

It was made in a lab in the US or maybe Iran or maybe China and then brought to Wuhan through a secret underground tunnel inside beer bottles and then fed to koalas or maybe kangaroos or maybe antelopes which were then eaten by aliens to give them mutant superpowers to spread it and use it as a bioweapon to take over the world.

The No Idea Guy:

What's happening? I have no idea what to do or what to believe. The numbers don't add up. I don't get what's going on! I guess I'll just go along with whatever the guy I'm talking to says. That way I can't be wrong...

The Celebrator:

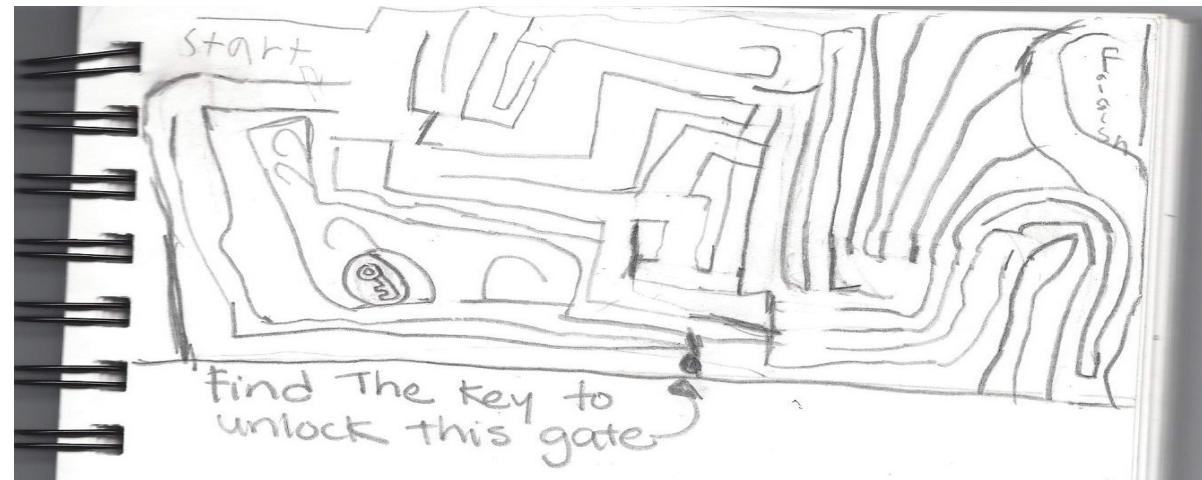
YES I'm off from school!!! YES I'm off from work!!! Now I can sleep in and be at home and watch Netflix and play video games and bake cookies! This is awesome! Go, Coronavirus!

Tom Brady Leaves the New England Patriots after A 20 Year Run.

By Clayton Prisament

Today the world-famous football star Tom Brady has left the only football team he has ever known, the New England Patriots. At the age of 42, Tom Brady has decided to exit the Patriots after a 20-year run and 6 super bowl rings. It all started when Tom Brady made a social media post thanking the Patriots staff and fans indicating he was leaving the Patriots. These tweets later exploded the media. Everybody could hardly believe that Tom Brady, 20-year Patriots quarterback, was leaving.

Tom is arguably the best quarterback or even the best American Football player of all time. For starters, Tom has more Superbowl rings than fingers on each hand. We don't know where the G.O.A.T of football is going, but his legacy will be forever remembered in the hearts of each and every Patriots fan.



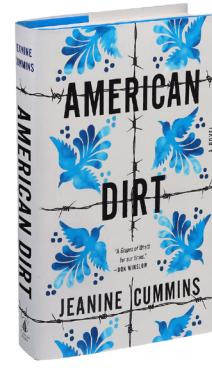
Coronavirus' World Domination Continues...

By Clayton Prisament

Recently, a novel disease named COVID-19, commonly called coronavirus, started its conquest of world domination in the Chinese city of Wuhan. Coronavirus inevitably spread past the Chinese borders and into major world nations such as Italy, Switzerland, Germany and the USA. The coronavirus' fight against patriotism started in the city of Seattle. From Seattle the coronavirus made its way to 49 of the 50 states, including New York. The state which we call home. Since then, rumors at school have been flying around about a long-term closure. Every day all the students would cross their fingers in hope of an unexpected closing, a break from the burdens that school offers. The first bullet fired was an announcement at the end of last Thursday when the school declared that Friday would be a 2-hour delay. The superintendent's day was then moved to Monday to hold an emergency meeting. The bomb dropped when Governor Andrew Cuomo announced he would forgive the 180 day regulation for school due to coronavirus.

Book Reviews

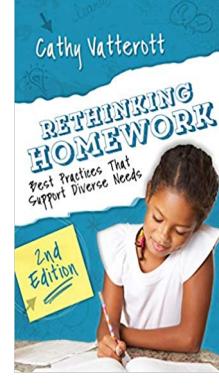
American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins
Review by Clayton Prisament



Lydia's hometown of Acapulco, Mexico has grown more dangerous, as Lydia grows more desperate. After her husband's death she knows she's next. Lydia and her eight-year-old son Luca attempt to make their way to "el Norte", to escape certain death from the cartels, with thousands of other immigrants. For Lydia, this is life or death, but will America be better? I really enjoyed reading this book. It has a very interesting plot, and I recommend it to anyone who likes page-turners.

Rethinking Homework by Cathy Vatterott
Review by Elena Prisament

Scan the QR Code with your cell phone to watch Elena's book talk about "Rethinking Homework"



A Tribute to Blank Paintings

By Elena Prisament

Shades of pale and hues of air
Swirl together 'till only nothing's left to see
Here's a haven, Twin of mine
Eyes are wide, where are we?

"Alone", with such a twisted meaning,
Smooths out in ephemeral foam
Bubbles hold worlds, did you know that
Just as delicate as my own.

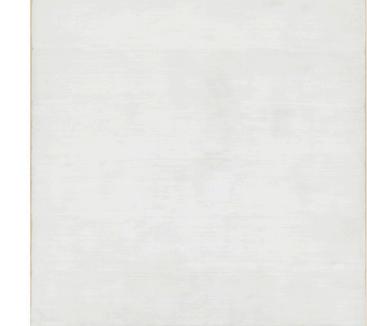
Evasive as wind grabbing hold of a leaf
Enthralling as dew reflecting all you know
Where each breath is a world, and each world is a seed
A breathy wonderland of illusory snow

Fleeting as glances, infinite as flight
There'll be wings in the mist when I see them
A gentle fog but more weightless, a sky dipped in pure
There are wonders beyond, I can dream them.

This sky is too empty to cry, too full to be lost in
Envelops you until you might be an angel
Who knows what you'll find if you keep on soaring?
Perhaps your soul, maybe a stranger

My thoughts found a home in this cloud
Effortless blur of dreaming and waking
I want to think the words I need
I want to make something amazing

Elena Prisament wrote the poem A Tribute to Blank Paintings, inspired by the painting Twin by Robert Ryman. The painting can be found in the MoMA, an art museum in New York City. The poem was recently posted on the MoMA's twitter page by Raymond Prisament.



Lucas Prisament built the building shown below, which he named The Epic Parking Lot.



Try the Maze created by Lucas Prisament. See if you can get to the Finish.