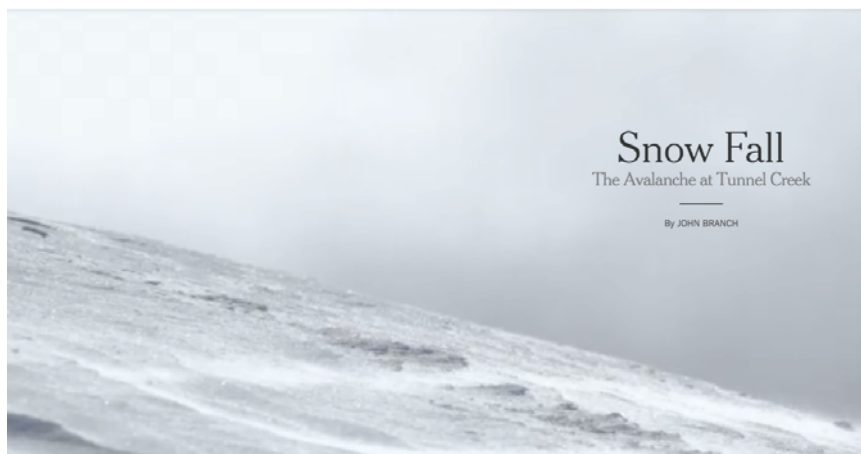


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Fractions of a Second: An Olympic Musical

At the Olympics, the blink of an eye can be all that separates the gold medalist from the 10th-place finisher. In some events, this is obvious. But in others, with athletes racing one by one, the closeness of the race is harder to perceive. Listen to the differences below.

Alpine skiing

The women's downhill course was extremely tiring, and, because it was more challenging than the men's course, it ended up separating the skiers by much larger margins. This pattern appears in the two speed events: the downhill and the super-G.

	WINNING TIME	SECONDS BEHIND GOLD MEDALIST
PLAY ▶ Women's Downhill	1:44.19	
PLAY ▶ Men's Downhill	1:54.31	
PLAY ▶ Women's Super-G	1:20.14	
PLAY ▶ Men's Super-G	1:30.34	
PLAY ▶ Women's Super Combined	2:09.14	
PLAY ▶ Men's Super Combined	2:44.92	
PLAY ▶ Women's Slalom	1:42.89	
PLAY ▶ Men's Slalom	1:39.32	
PLAY ▶ Women's Giant Slalom	2:27.11	
PLAY ▶ Men's Giant Slalom	2:37.83	

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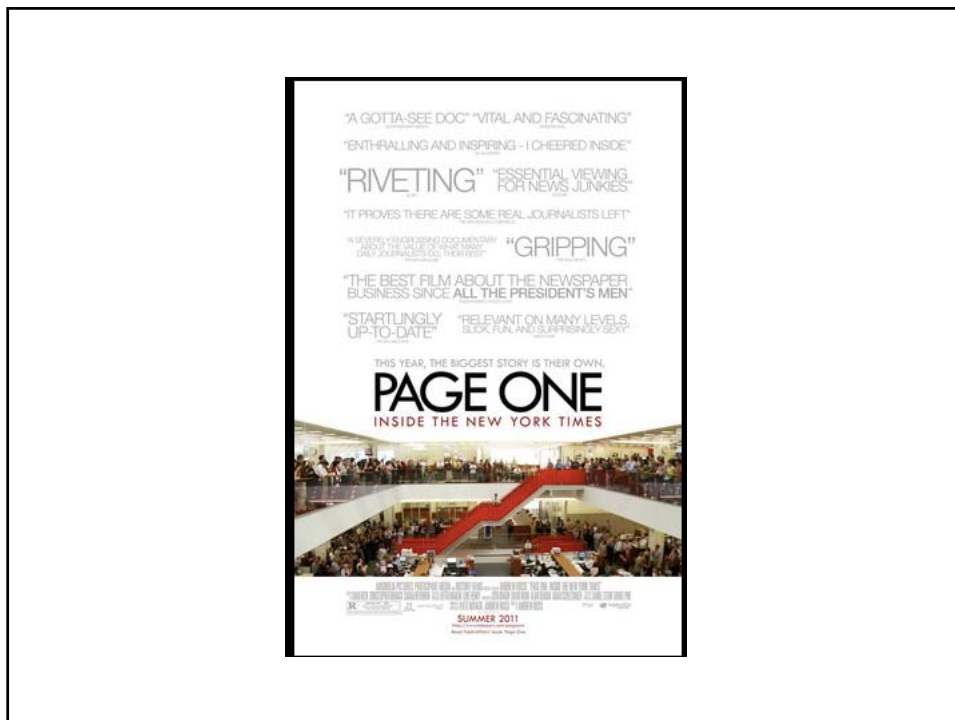
Rock-Paper-Scissors: You vs. the Computer

Computers mimic human reasoning by building on simple rules and statistical averages. Test your strategy against the computer in this rock-paper-scissors game illustrating basic artificial intelligence. Choose from two different modes: novice, where the computer learns to play from scratch, and veteran, where the computer pits over 200,000 rounds of previous experience against you.

Note: A truly random game of rock-paper-scissors would result in a statistical tie with each player winning, tying and losing one-third of the time. However, people are not truly random and thus can be studied and analyzed. While this computer won't win all rounds, over time it can exploit a person's tendencies and patterns to gain an advantage over its opponent.

HUMAN	WINS	TIES	WINS	COMPUTER
	0	0	0	Choose your opponent: <input type="button" value="Novice"/> Play against a computer that has no previous experience and learns to play based solely on your tendencies. <input type="button" value="Veteran"/>





MIDDLE EAST | Meet Our Man in Tehran

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HOMAS ERDRINK | MARCH 24, 2015

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EPISODE 6
Narrow Escape

EPISODE 7
The Empty River of Life

For more than a decade reporting from Iran, Thomas Erdbrink, the Tehran bureau chief for The New York Times, says he's slowly starting to understand the country where nothing is as it seems. By Thomas Erdbrink and Roel Van Broekhoven on March 24, 2015.

Our Man in Tehran Playlist

A Spotify playlist of the music used in "Our Man in Tehran," a New York Times video series with Thomas Erdbrink, directed by Roel van Broekhoven for VPRO in the Netherlands.

1. Baba to KI Hasti	3:30
2. Spring Fever - Part VI	1:53
3. Spring Fever - Part V	3:51
4. Days and Days	6:19
5. Light a Match	2:46
6. Night Fit (Velvet Box)	1:11
7. Campaign	2:28
8. New West	3:47

At May's Nails Salon on West 14th Street in Manhattan, a customer gets a neck massage while her nails dry. Nicole Bongiorno/The New York Times

The Price of Nice Nails

Manicurists are routinely underpaid and exploited, and endure ethnic bias and other abuse, The New York Times has found.


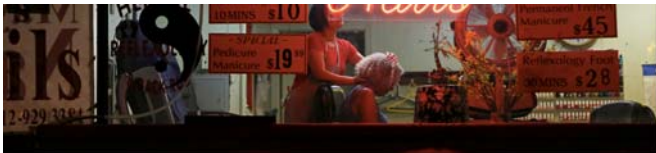
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The women begin to arrive just before 8 a.m., every day and without fail, until there are thickets of young Asian and Hispanic women on nearly every street corner along the main roads of Flushing, Queens.

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Special Report: Underpaid and Exploited, Manicurists in New York Endure Ethnic Bias and Abuse

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Underpaid and Exploited, Manicurists in New York Endure Ethnic Bias and Abuse

Once an indulgence reserved for special occasions, manicures have become a grooming staple for women in the New York area across the economic spectrum.

But largely overlooked is the rampant exploitation of those who toil in the industry. The New York Times interviewed more than 150 nail salon workers and owners, in four languages, and found that a vast majority of workers are paid below minimum wage; sometimes they are not even paid.

Workers endure all manner of humiliation, including having their tips docked as punishment for minor transgressions, constant video monitoring by owners, even physical abuse. Employers are rarely

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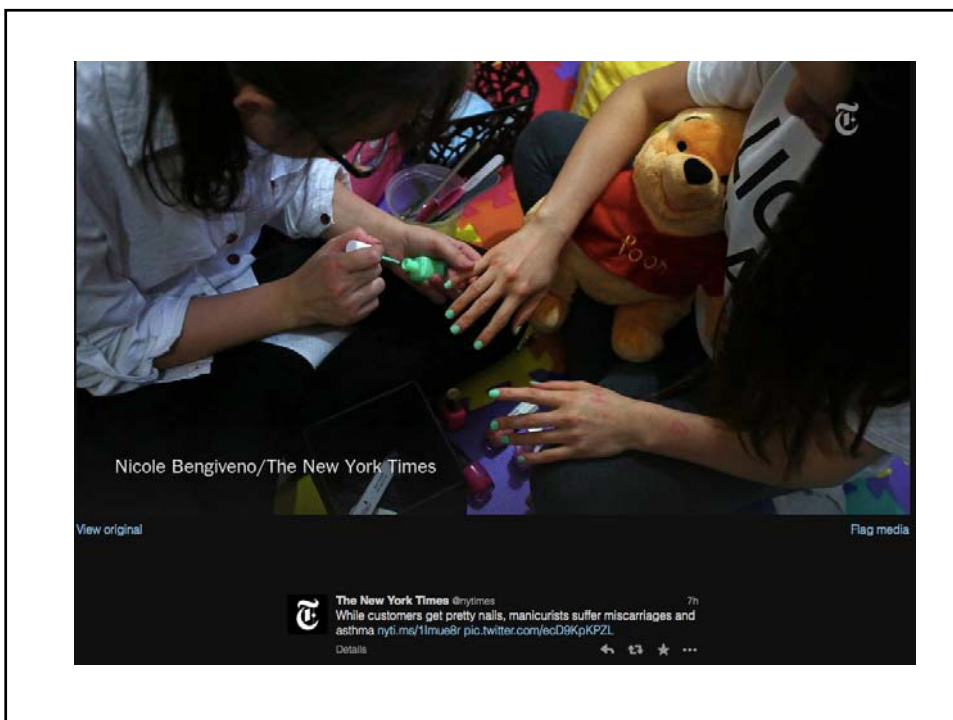
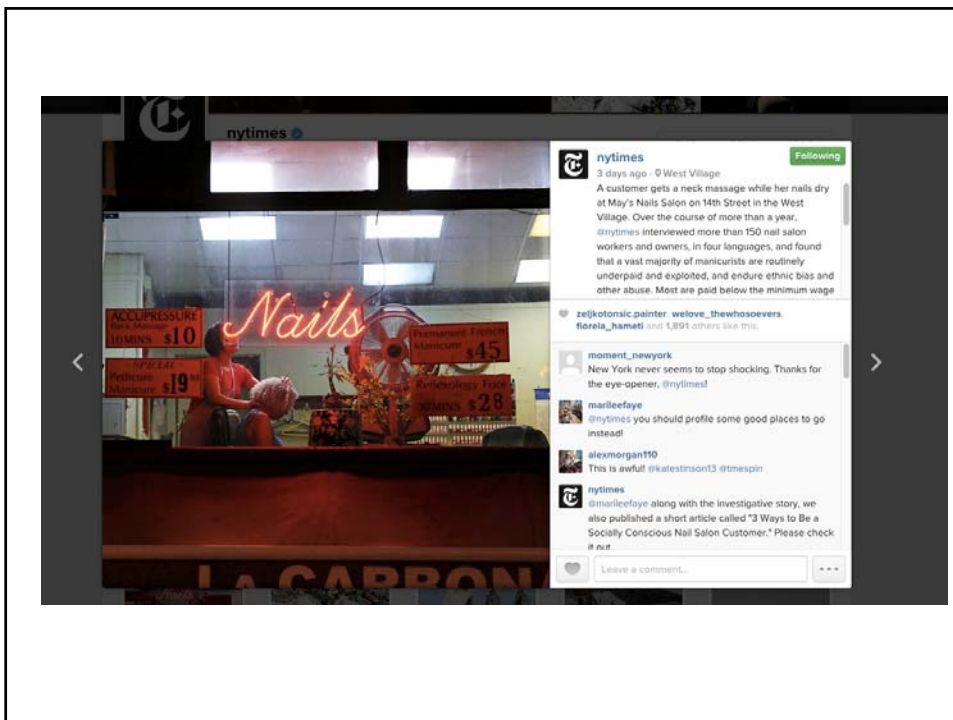
...the agency that workers have been unpaid or underpaid and tries to recover the money, The Times's analysis showed.

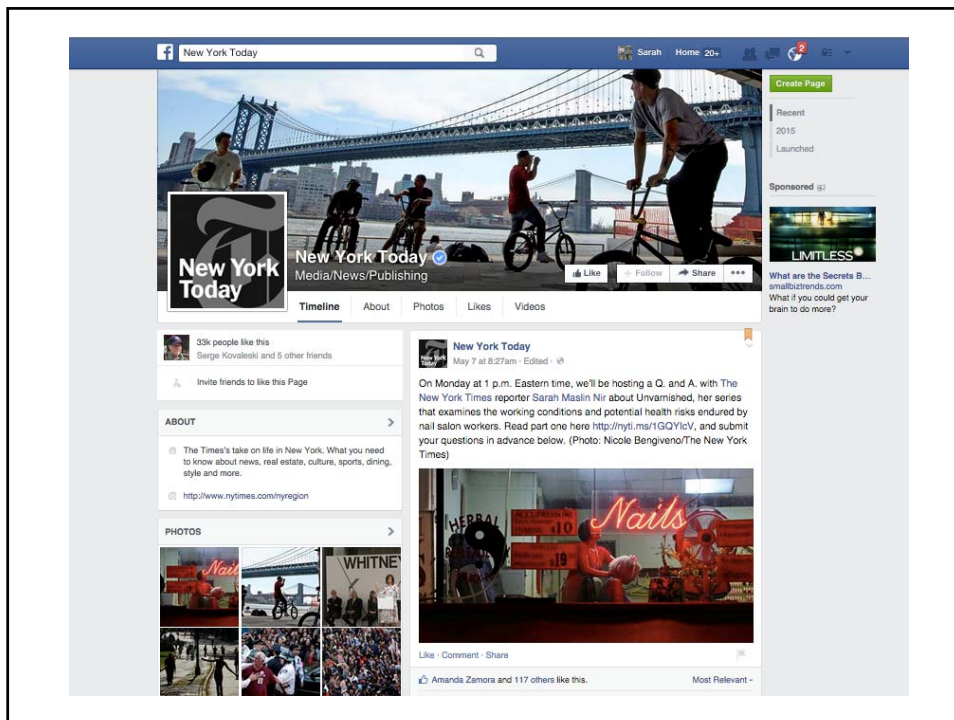
The department declined to make anyone available to discuss its investigative work on the record. It took nine months of repeated inquiries from The Times for the department to turn over part of its enforcement database.

Only a small number of the workers interviewed by The Times said they had ever seen an investigator, from any government agency, at their salon.

Among the Labor Department's 115 investigators statewide — 56 are based in New York City — 18 speak Spanish.

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A collage of various data sources related to domestic violence. It includes a news article titled 'Behind The Blue Wall' with a sub-headline 'Police Officer Involved Domestic Violence: Lighting a candle of remembrance for those who've lost their faith to domestic violence behind the blue wall, for strength and wisdom to those still there, and a non-ending prayer for those who thought they had escaped but can't stop being afraid.' There are also several police reports and incident logs, some with headers like 'Department Procedure' and 'Officer-Involved Domestic'. A social media post from 'Police@flcourts.net' is visible, along with a video player showing a person in a green shirt. At the bottom, there is a text box with a play button icon and the text: 'I'm Deputy Banks with the St. Johns County sheriff's office. I'm, I work with ya'll. Get someone here now! Operator: OK I need you to calm down, then. You know how it goes.' The entire collage is set against a dark background.

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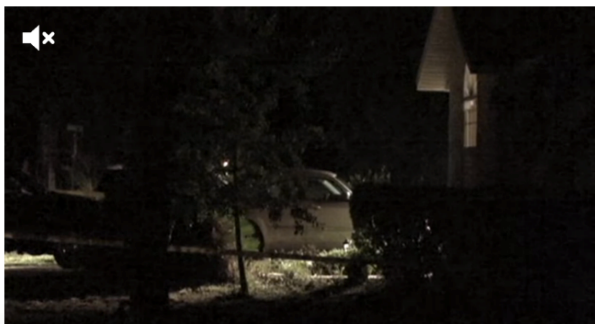
Two Gunshots On a Summer Night

A Deputy's Pistol, a Dead Girlfriend, a Flawed Inquiry

By Walt Bogdanich and Glenn Silber
November 23, 2013

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — News of the shooting arrived via police radio as Deputy Debra Maynard and two other officers were sipping late-night coffee at the Hess gas station, a brightly lit outpost on a slumbering stretch of Dixie Highway on St. Augustine's south side.

"The call came out, Signal 18, shot fired, possibly one of our own," Ms. Maynard recalled. "When you hear it's one of your own — adrenaline's pumping."



BEARING ARMS Seeking Gun or Selling One, Web Is a Land of Few Rules



Heather Charles/Chicago Tribune

Theresa O'Rourke talked about her friend Jitka Vesel, who was killed by Dmitry Smerov, who was stalking her and boy, by MICHAEL LEO, MIKE MONTONE and GRIFF PALMER
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Articles in this series examine the gun industry's influence and the wide availability of firearms in America.

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Continuing the growing art market in China


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Forging an Art Market in China

By David Karpas, Graham Bowley and Amanda Fox
Illustration by David Karpas
October 28, 2014

When the hammer came down at an evening auction, the artist's name was Qi Baishi. The bidding was fierce, and the price was steep. But it was still the bidder's choice.

Qi Baishi's shrimp



Scholars say he was prolific and estimate he produced between 20,000 and 25,000 works in his lifetime. Of those, about 5,000 are in the collections of major museums and some are assumed to have been destroyed during the Japanese invasion in the 1930s or during the Cultural Revolution, when Red Guards looted and occupied his family's home.

Auction records, though, show that more than 18,000 distinctive works by Qi Baishi have been offered for sale since 1992, an impossible number, if the expert estimates are right.

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The Child Exchange

Inside America's underground market for adopted children

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Americans use the Internet to abandon children adopted from overseas

By Megan Conroy | First Published: 8/2013



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Billionaire Lifts Marco Rubio, Politically and Personally

By MICHAEL BARBARO and STEVE EDER MAY 9, 2015

MIAMI — One day in the State Capitol in Tallahassee, Marco Rubio, the young speaker of the House, strayed from the legislative proceedings to single out a lanky, silver-haired man seated in the balcony: a billionaire auto dealer named Norman Braman.

This man, Mr. Rubio said in effusive remarks in 2008, was no ordinary billionaire, hoarding his cash or using it to pursue selfish passions.

"He's used it," Mr. Rubio said, "to enrich the lives of so many people whose names you will never know." As it turned out, one of the people enriched was Mr. Rubio himself.


As Mr. Rubio has ascended in the ranks of Republican politics, Mr. Braman has emerged as a remarkable and unique patron. He has bankrolled Mr. Rubio's campaigns. He has financed Mr. Rubio's legislative agenda. And, at



Marco Rubio and Norman Braman at a bipartisan rally for Israel in 2012. Positions on Israel helped bring them together. via Greater Miami Jewish Federation

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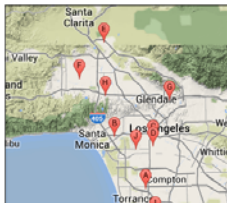
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Crime reports are up significantly for the latest week in 10 L.A. neighborhoods, according to an analysis of LAPD data by the Los Angeles Times' Crime L.A. database.

Seven neighborhoods reported a significant increase in violent crime. Harbor Gateway (A) was the most unusual, recording seven reports compared with a weekly average of 1.9 over the last three months.

Sherman Oaks (H) topped the list of three neighborhoods with property crime alerts. It recorded 45 property crimes compared with its weekly average of 11.5 over the last three months.



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