

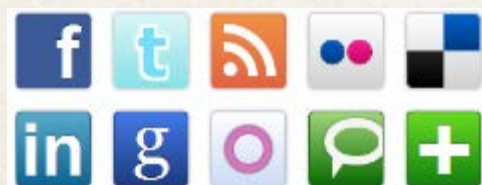
# Environmental Justice



## Social Dimensions of Climate Change

Russ Pierson

Friday, May 9, 2014



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Martin Luther King, Jr.  
*Memphis, TN - 1968*





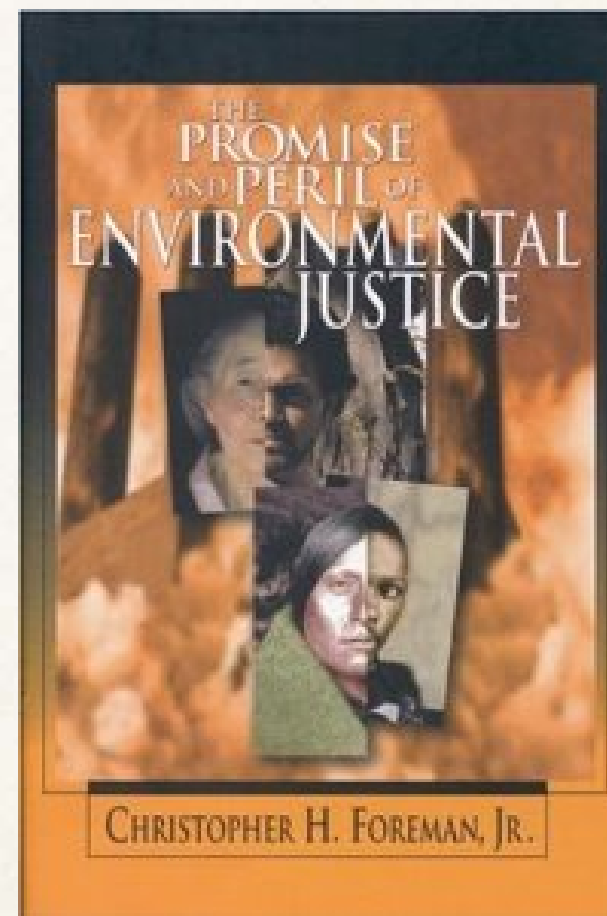
# Environmental (In)justice

- Socially and politically marginalized groups are disproportionately affected by environmental degradation and hazards

*Top of...unequal housing opportunities, poor health care, drug violence in neighborhoods, and other daunting obstacles to the pursuit of happiness, minorities [and the poor] are having contaminated water that damages their health and so on (Pinderhughes and Ortega from Pinderhughes 1996).*



**“Environmental Justice affirms the fundamental right to political, economic, cultural and environmental self-determination of all peoples.”**



# NIMBY

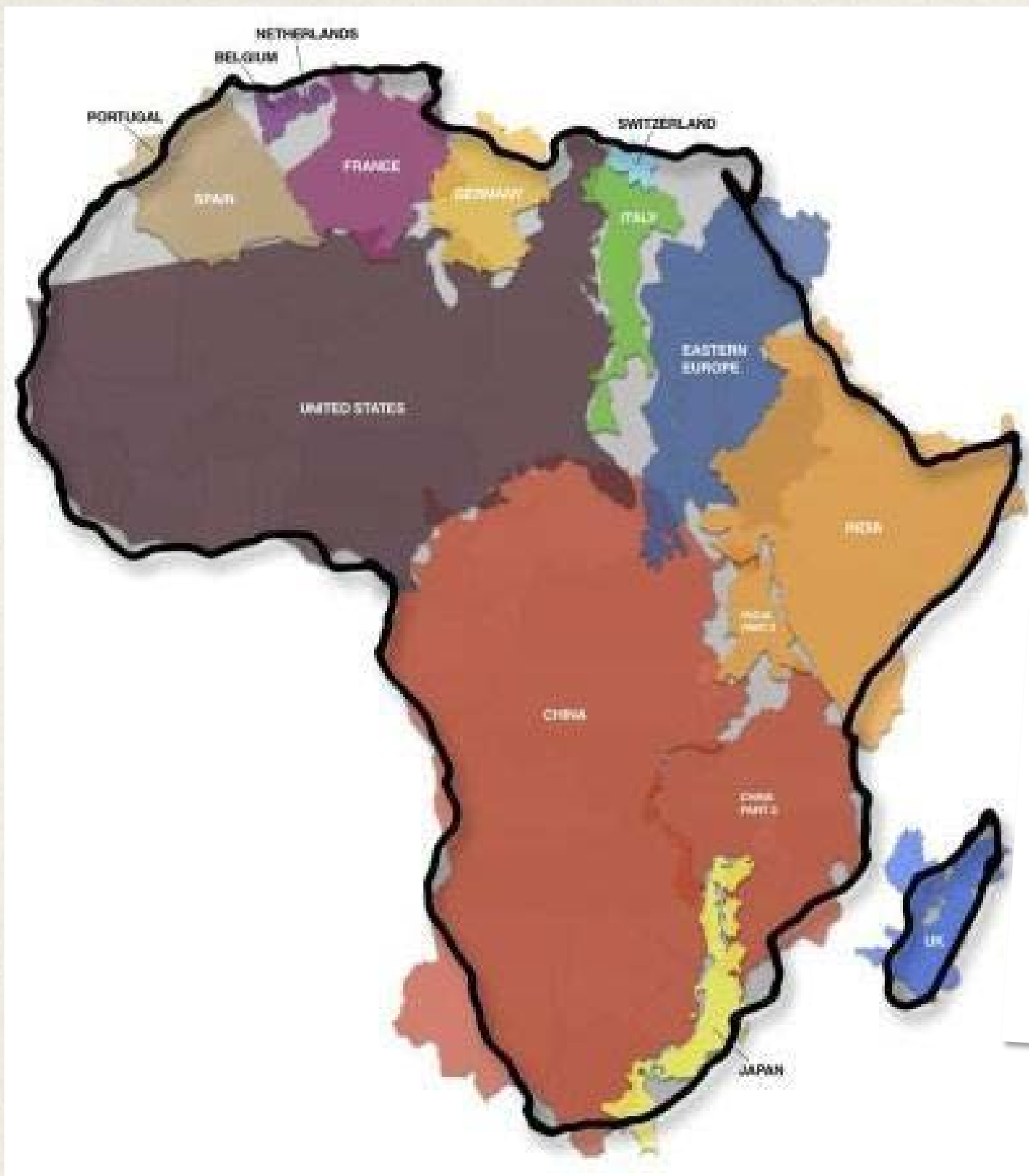
“The most threatened beings in creation: the poor.”  
—Leonardo Boff



Wealth goes up; waste goes down.



NIMBY often *really* means NFM BP  
“Not From My Back Pocket!”



Africa: Kenya





Africa: Ethiopia



“If there’s a proposal no one else wants, it’s going to find its way to the poorest community.”



Ana Baptista, PhD  
Director,  
Ironbound Community Inc.  
Newark, NJ

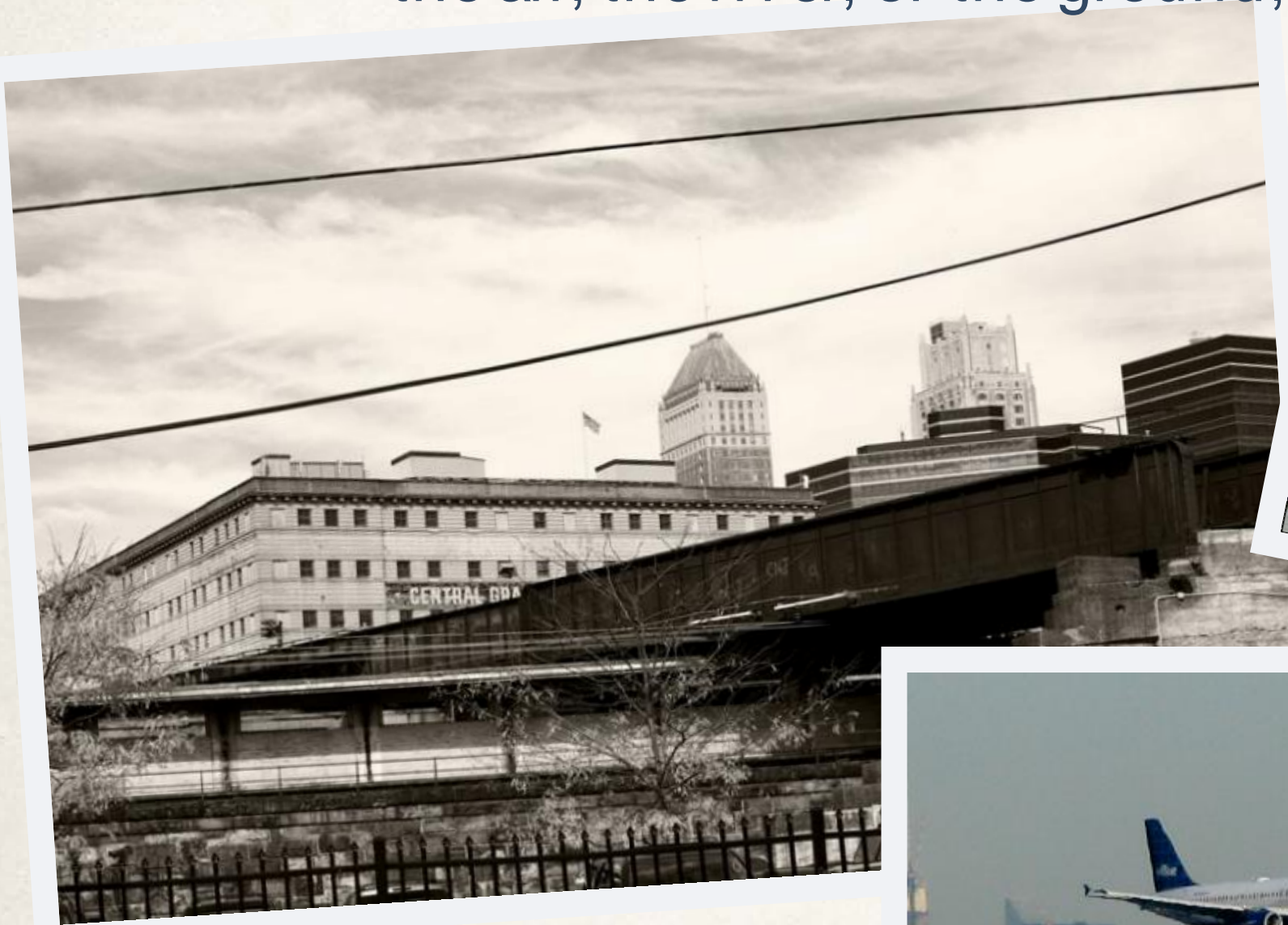
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The community boundaries are defined by the railroad tracks, the airport, the river and the highway. Whether pollutants come from the air, the river, or the ground, residents suffer.





# **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

**ISSUE #1: Air pollution**

**ISSUE #2: Unfair share of waste related facilities**

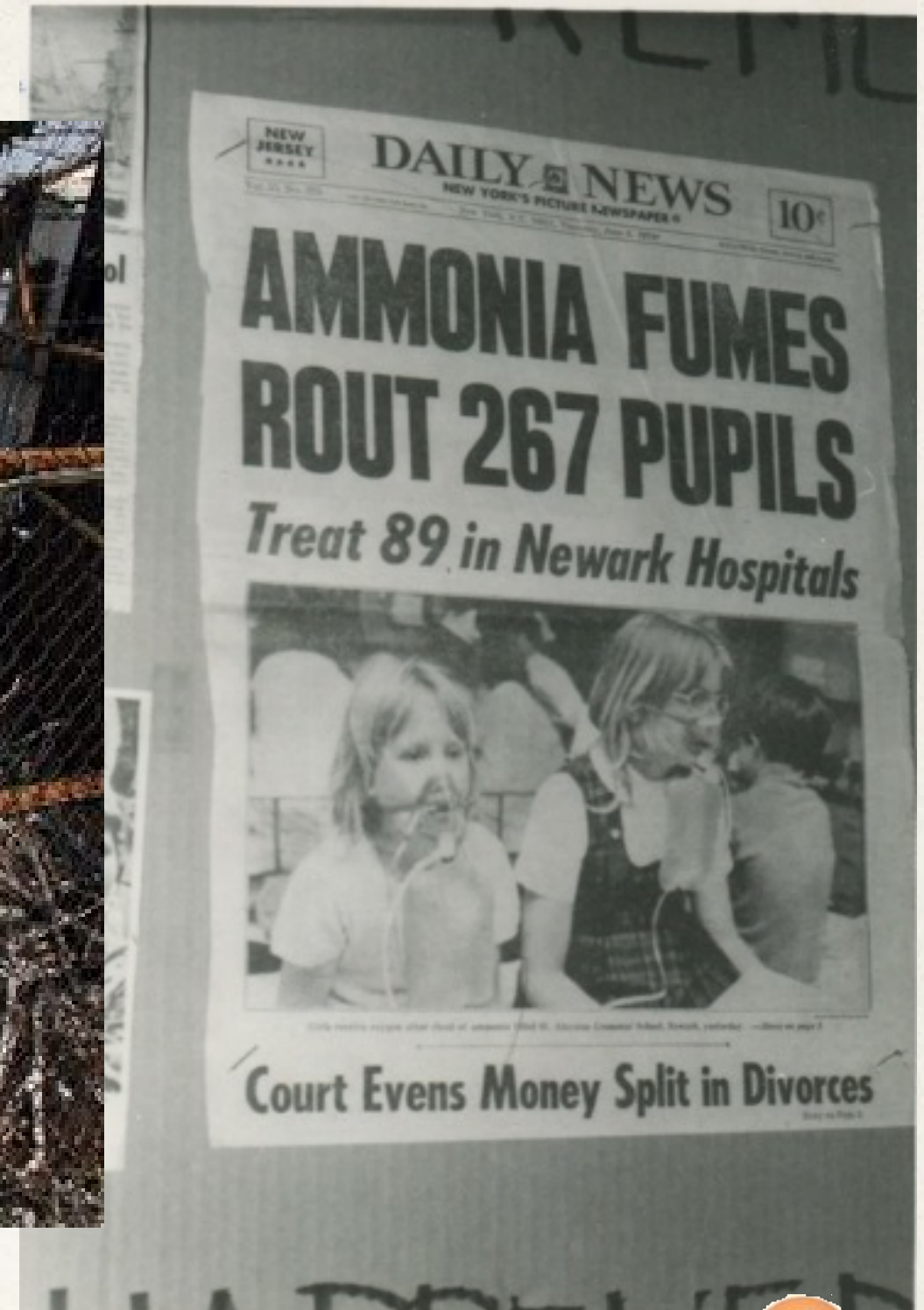
**ISSUE #3: Brownfields – Contaminated land &  
groundwater**

**ISSUE #4: Lack of trees, parks and recreational space**

**ISSUE #5: Quality of life issues**

**ISSUE #6: Indoor toxics and air pollution**

**ISSUE #7: Workplace health & safety**





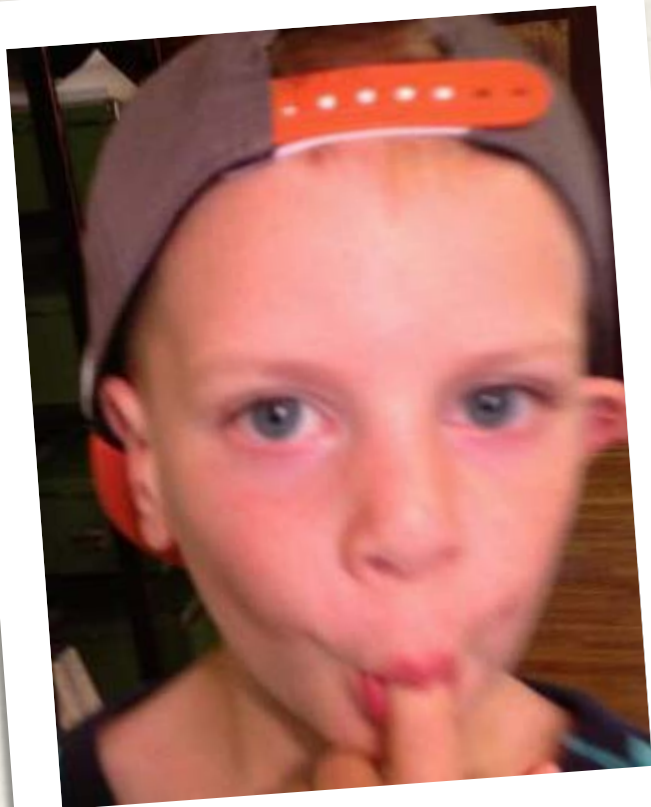


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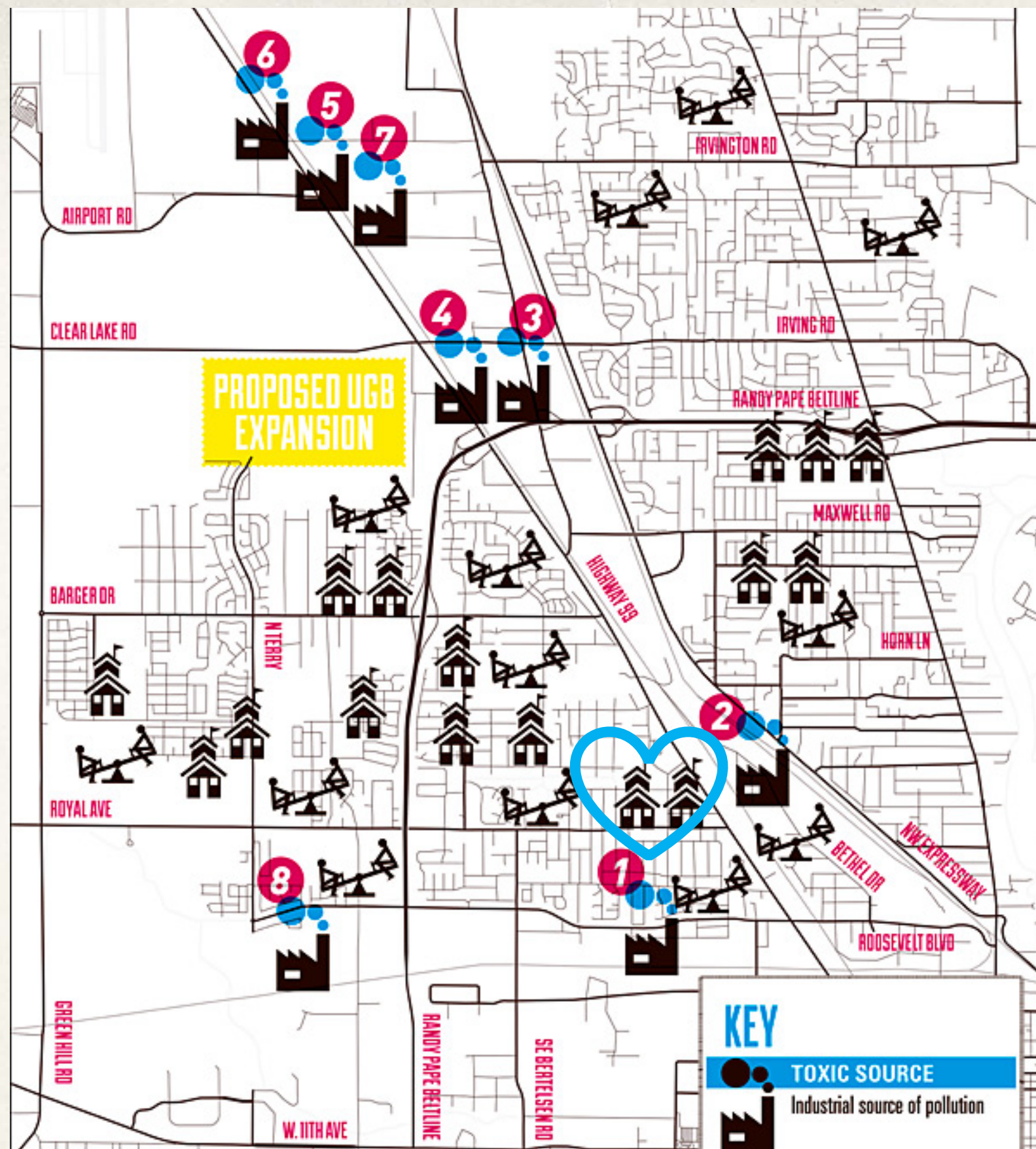
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### Fairfield Elementary

Published August 15, 2011



#### Fairfield Information

Enrollment: 280

Grades: Kindergarten – Grade 5

Phone number: 541-689-3751

Fax number: 541-689-9956

Address: 3455 Royal Avenue, E

School Hours: 8:45 am to 2:45

Driving instructions: Beltline R  
South on Highway 99. West on

### News From Fairfield

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Margaret Pierson

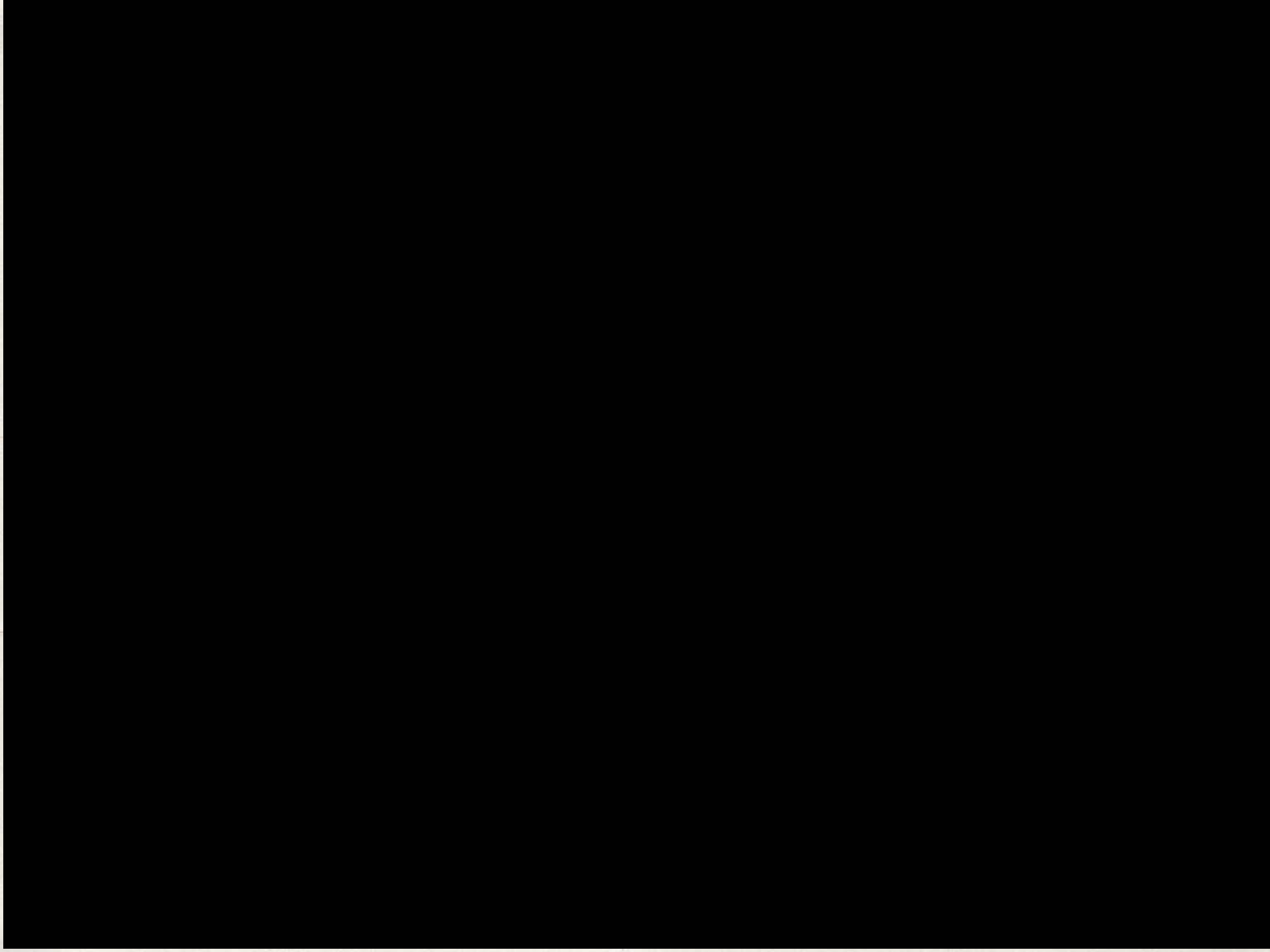
*Born May 9, 1914*



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# ASARCO Smokestack Tacoma, WA





# What's in a name? 'Mixed,' 'biracial,' 'black'

By Martha S. Jones, Special to CNN  
updated 8:42 AM EST, Wed February 19, 2014

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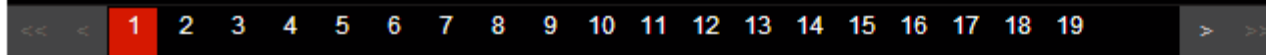
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The New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony is the child of an African-American mother and was named after his Puerto Rican father. "I'm still trying to get that message out there, to let them know that I'm one of them and part of that community, too," he told ESPN Deportes about his Latin roots.

HIDE CAPTION

## Famous names on their identity



### STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Professor Martha Jones sparks debate about how we identify black Americans
- "The language of race has always been a moving target," she writes
- Jones: Listen to what people call themselves for guidance on how to address them

**Editor's note:** Martha S. Jones is a professor of history, law and Afro-American and African studies at the University of Michigan. She wrote a previous piece that explored her journey identifying as both biracial and black. Join her for a live Google Plus Hangout at 6 p.m. ET Monday about the evolving identity of African-Americans.

(CNN) -- When the census listed Negro as a race option in 2010, a controversy erupted.

My students at the University of Michigan were eager to denounce the term's use: "Negro? It has to go!"

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Martha Jones, PhD



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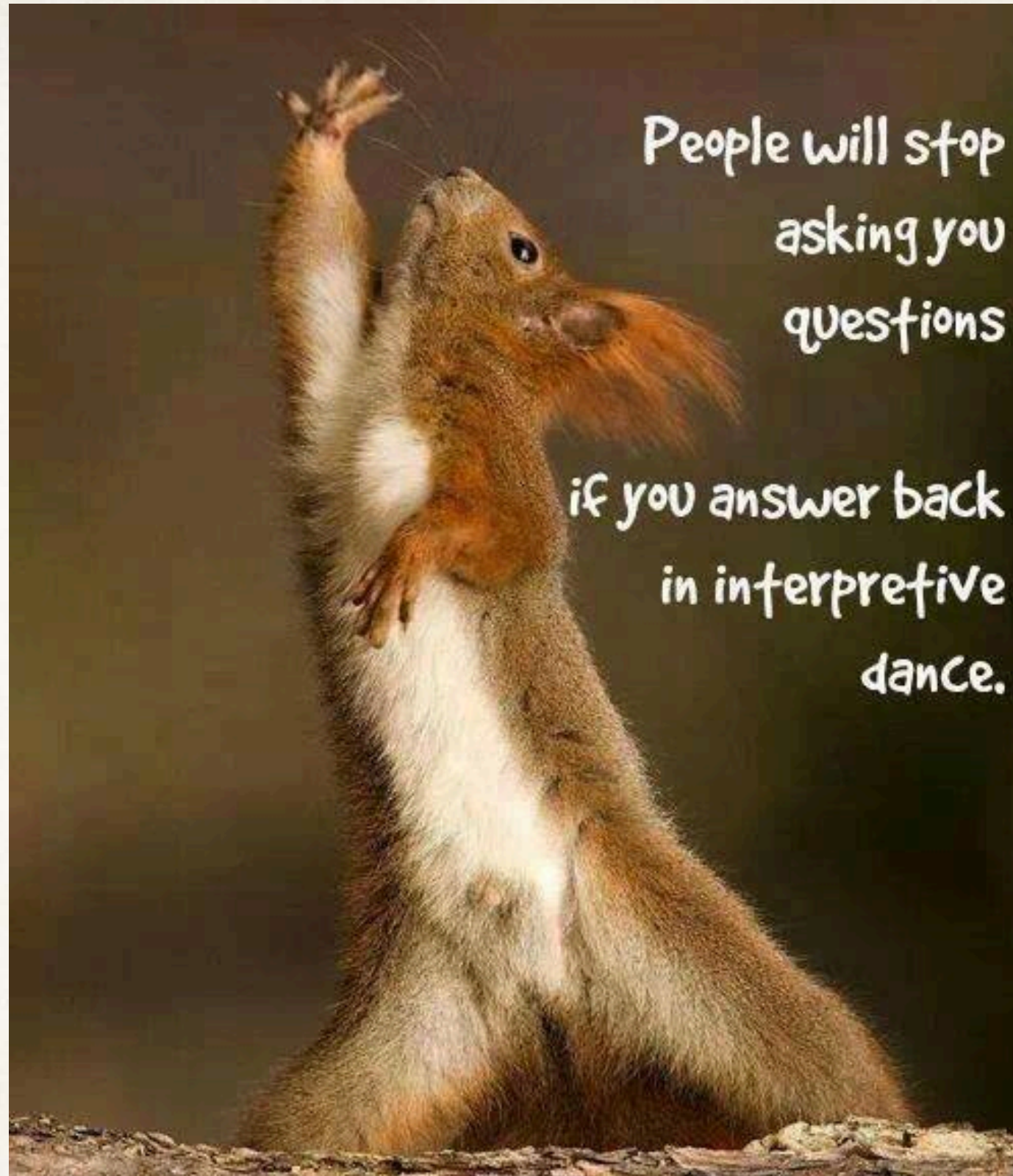




"DO THE BEST  
YOU CAN UNTIL  
YOU KNOW BETTER.  
THEN WHEN YOU  
KNOW BETTER,  
DO BETTER."

Maya Angelou





People will stop  
asking you  
questions

if you answer back  
in interpretive  
dance.



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