WRITING ASSIGNMENT #3c:
REVISION OF LETTER TO THE EDITOR + R&R MEMO
Due: September 23rd
(5% of Overall Class Grade)

This assignment is a REVISED VERSION of the Letter to the Editor paper (in line with instructor and peer review comments, and with new work done). Students must submit:

(1) the revised paper
(2) the original version containing instructor comments
(3) marked up copies of the previous set of peer comments
(4) a detailed cover letter to the instructor (R&R [Revise & Resubmit] Memo) explaining how the student responded to each of the peer reviewers' comments.

The instructor will then grade this revised paper anew both on quality of the new draft and on the degree to which critiques were addressed and incorporated (or not) into the paper, as well as the amount and quality of effort put into revision of the assignment.

Victoria L. Romero (2002, 1) provides a good discussion of how to respond to reviewers' comments ["Getting Published: Revise and Resubmit." Observer, 15 (7): "Try your best to address the concerns of all the reviewers. Be flexible about making changes that don't significantly alter the thrust of your paper. Although it may not feel like it at the time, the suggested changes generally do improve your paper... If you choose not to make a specific revision you should acknowledge and support this decision in the cover letter. In this way, you can respectfully disagree with the reviewer and plead your case."