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Stuff We Liked: Science Quizzes and Long Subway Rides

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Pew Research has created a [quiz to test your scientific knowledge](#). No political questions on climate change or evolution, just the kind of stuff you should know by the time you get to high school. Then it tells you how you did compared with various demographic groups. It's amusing how many older people flubbed the cellphone question compared with the younger ones.

The American Enterprise Institute, a right-leaning think tank, compiled data to show that [shootings of police officers](#) are near a low. The high point after Prohibition was the late 1960s and early 1970s, when law and order was a particularly potent political issue.

[Failure to adjust for inflation](#) when tracking historical data is one of our pet peeves. Catherine Rampell at The Washington Post points out how many organizations fell for Hollywood's proclamation of the best summer box office in years. It's not true. It's not even close.

How good do Americans have it? The libertarian Cato Institute argues that even with wage stagnation, we [buy more stuff](#).

The Marshall Project, which examines the criminal justice system, just put up an interactive graphic tracking [who will be the next prisoners executed](#). It also explains the crimes the prisoners committed.

In closing, something fun. A blogger rode [the longest, nonrepeating New York subway route](#). It took 14 hours and 54 transfers to cover 155 miles. The longest subway route was determined by WNYC's [Subwaytron5000](#).