

## Alert

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After Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, and Minneapolis/St. Paul, I am now in Ann Arbor, Michigan where later today I will give a lecture at the University. For the most part this has been an uneventful trip, made pleasant by good people in each city. One unnerving moment when I got an email from my oil company in Maine telling me that my furnace may have gone off and my pipes may have frozen.....but it turned out not to be the case. Whew.

Now, another concern, which I will pass along, though I suspect readers of this blog are adults rather than children.

This morning I received an email (through my website) from a boy who had received a message, an email, purportedly from me. He had astutely perceived, from the wording and a mis-spelling, that it was not. But someone has created a g-mail address with my name in it and had contacted him (so I am assuming other kids as well) inviting him to a "party."

I've contacted the police and am waiting for a call back from the detective who handles computer fraud. In the meantime I can only hope that other young people who received this email will recognize it as a fake and won't respond to what could potentially be dangerous.

For all the benefits that computers provide for us.....there is a whole new set of problems.

And also: Massachusetts is expecting a snowstorm! Not fair!

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