

Third Saturday Seminar 2008-2009

Humanity at a Crossroads

Session 08

18 April 2009

“Heros and Super Heros”

*Have you evolved (mutated) to your highest potential level
or, are you living your myth?*

Curt Gibby

**ALL Program, Lone Star College - Montgomery, Conroe,
Texas**

**“...we are the leaders we've
been looking for.”**

Grace Lee Boggs

**“Do not call for black power or
for green power. Call for brain
power.”**

Barbara Jordan

“You don't ever want a crisis to go to waste; it's an opportunity to do important things that you would otherwise avoid.”

Rahm Emanuel

Desire

**If you want the American
Dream you must take
back the Constitution**

Program for TSS Meeting 18 April 2009

- 9:30 am Introduction & Current Events (30 Minutes +/-) – *Curt Gibby*
- 10:15 am – *"Find your inner superhero!"*
- 10:45 10 minute break
- 10:40 am *Curt Gibby* Discussion Continues
- 10:55 am- Closure – Feedback
- 11:00 am Session ends
- Next Session 18 April 2009, "Find your inner Hero", *Curt Gibby*

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Thing's you might be interested in.

ALL Political Affairs lecture series

***NEW* -- LWV series on Local Government Issues**

The series will be held on Thursday afternoons 1-3 in Room 121 of the University Center from March 26th through April 30th (except for April 16th). Room 121, The University Center.

The series is sponsored by the League of Women Voters to inform voters about those county government entities with publicly elected boards of directors. Board of directors' elections for contested positions on the MUDs and the Community College District take place in May, 2009. Helen Bostock, League of Women Voters – Montgomery County, is the coordinator for the series.

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Current Events

21 February 2009

Don't*be***Panic***ked!*

NIH speaks, not everyone happy

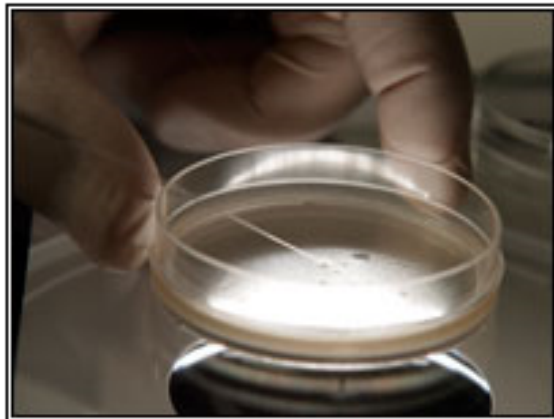
HEALTH & SCIENCE

NIH May Clear Discarded Embryos For Research

by Julie Rovner

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Paul Sancya

An image of human embryonic stem cells under a microscope. *AP*

NPR.org, April 17, 2009 · The National Institutes of Health announced Friday that it will provide federal funding for embryonic stem cell research only if the cells are left over in fertility clinics and no longer needed for reproduction.

The draft funding guidelines — implementing a policy announced by President Obama last month — have managed to anger those on both sides of the political controversy.

Ready to tea party

Anti-tax protests

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Vince Schuck of Newfane, Vt., wears a hat festooned with tea bags during a rally at the Statehouse in Montpelier, Vt., Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Schuck was one of many taking part in a national Tax Day Tea Party in Vermont. (AP Photo/Toby Talbot)

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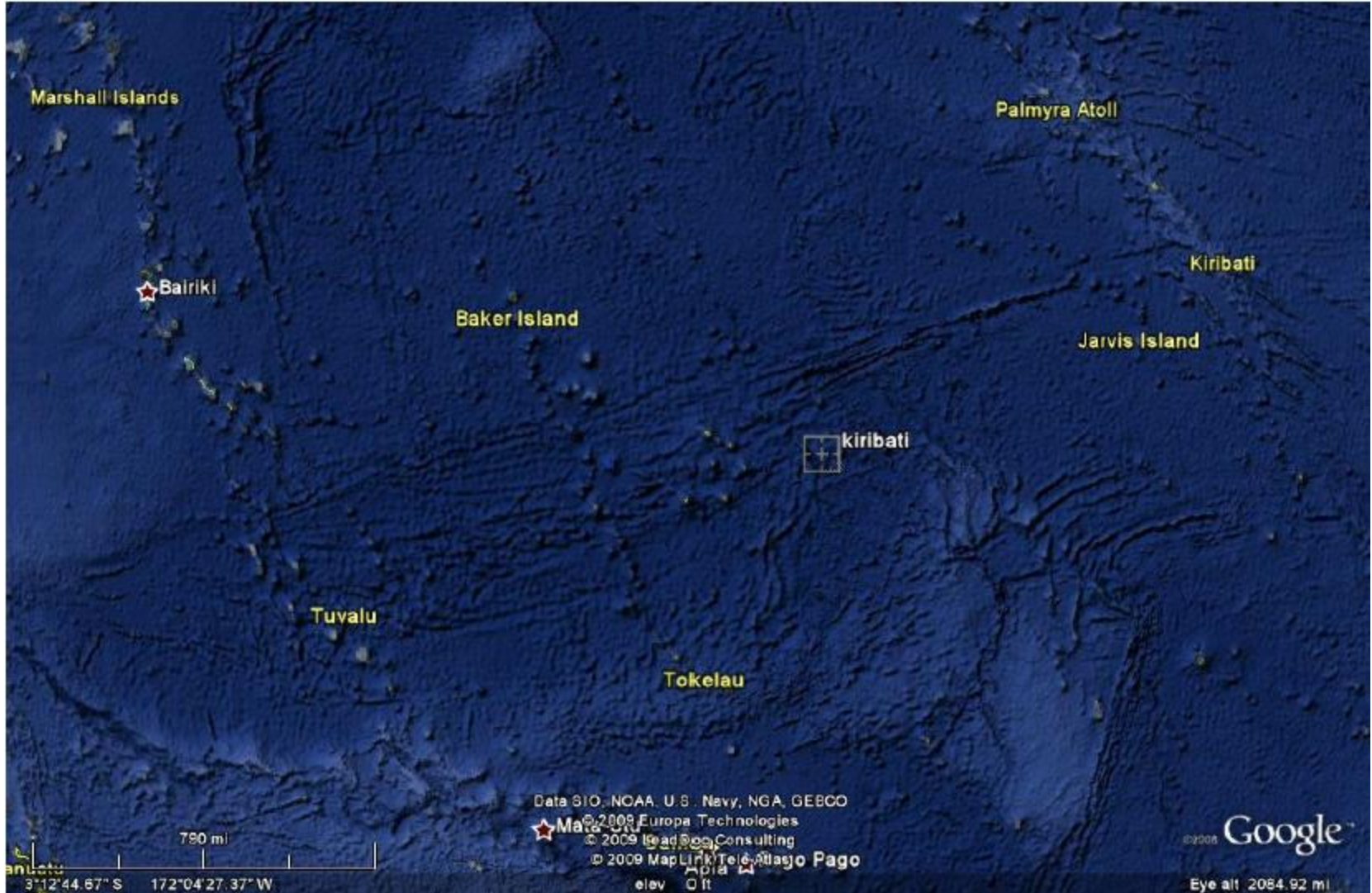
Protesters hold signs in the rain during a tax day protest on the steps of the Capitol in Harrisburg, Pa., Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Protesters around the country are gearing up to rally against tax day with 'tea parties.' Organizers say they're steamed at government spending since President Barack Obama's administration took over and are planning their own mini-revolts. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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Kiribati – Climate or Depth Change?



Light Rail

SCUBA gear wearing US Navy frogman, predecessors to the elite SEAL teams, come up for air after an underwater training exercise.

Location: US

Date taken: July 1951

Photographer: J. R. Eyerman

Recovery

OPINION: The Divinity Of Dogs
Contributor Ben Stein has some thoughts on how to get through the recession. His advice? Get a dog.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/1998/07/09/sunday/main13562.shtml>

Big Brother Fires GM CEO

Mob Rules!

Pirates of the Indian Ocean

HIGH-SEAS DRAMA AS SHIP HIJACKED



THE CAPTAIN: The Somali pirates fled in a lifeboat with Capt. Richard Phillips of Underhill, Vt., as their hostage.



SECOND IN COMMAND: Capt. Shane Murphy knew the dangers of the sea and has the skills "to execute a plan," his father says.

■ U.S. crew retakes cargo ship from Somali pirates, who make off with vessel's captain and demand ransom

By **MARK MAZZETTI**
and **SHARON OTTERMAN**
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — A high-seas drama unfolded off the coast of Africa on Wednesday, as Somali pirates seized a U.S.-flagged cargo ship and held 20 American sailors hostage. The crew managed to retake the ship within hours, but not before the pirates had spirited away the ship's captain and held him for ransom.

The unarmed container ship, the Maersk Alabama, was the first American vessel to be captured in a wave of pirate attacks off the Horn of Africa, one of the most notoriously lawless stretches of international waters.

An episode that at times seemed ripped from the pages of a Robert Louis Stevenson novel had its own 21st century twist: The pirates conducted ransom negotiations using satellite telephones, and a U.S. Navy-guided missile destroyer and other warships were sent to the Gulf of Aden

HOUSTONIANS ABOARD VESSEL

The third mate of the cargo ship hijacked off the Somali coast and another of its crew members are from the Houston area, their unions said Wednesday.

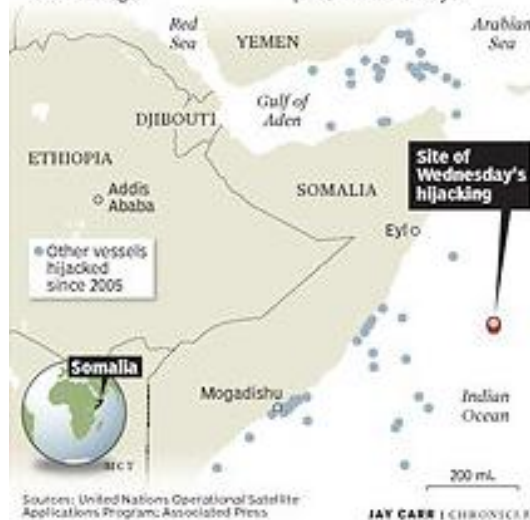
A Houston official of the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots union confirmed that Colin Wright, third mate on the Maersk Alabama, is a member.

The Marine Engineers Beneficial Association said one of its members from the area also is on the crew, but wouldn't identify the member. The union sources declined to be identified.

to come to the hostages' aid.

But by this morning local time, more than 15 hours after the pirates first took control of the Alabama, the talks were still at a standstill.

There have already been
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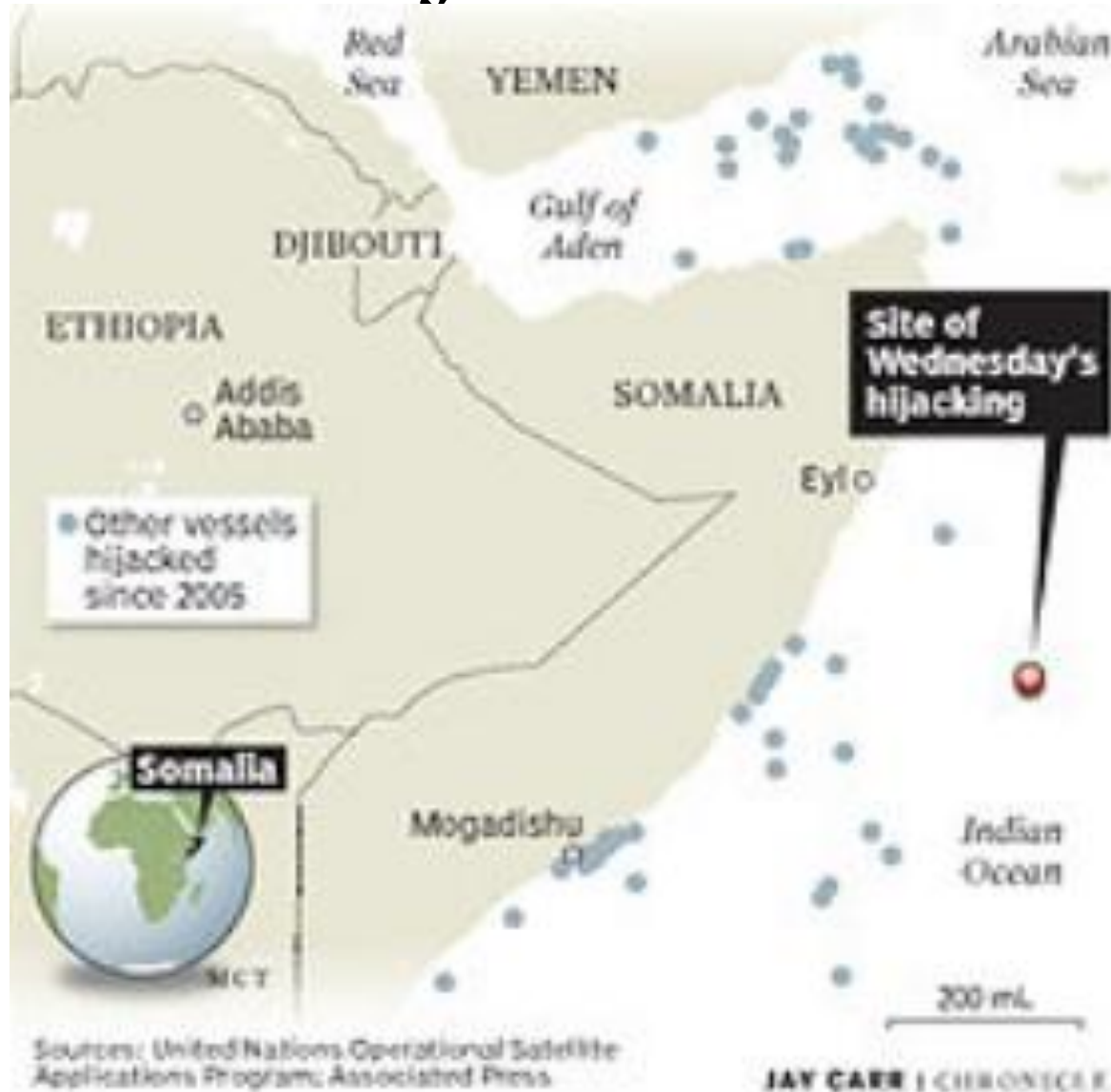


Maersk Alabama



THE SHIP: The Maersk Alabama container ship, formerly the Maersk Alva, was heading to a Kenyan port carrying food and materials for the U.N. World Food Program and other clients when it was hijacked. The U.S. crew disabled the ship as the pirates were coming aboard, rendering it a useless prize, especially with the U.S. military closing in. That's when the pirates fled with the captain.

Vessels Hijacked since 2005



Southerly trend

In recent months, pirate attacks near Somalia have shifted southward from the Gulf of Aden to evade naval warship patrols.

Pirate attacks in 2009

• Jan. • Feb. • March • April



SOURCES: ICC International Maritime Bureau; ESRI AP

Steady, steady



THE US NAVY

Not only will they shoot you dead from the fantail of a destroyer while you're in a life raft in choppy seas ... they'll do it at night... on Easter Sunday.

A Hero Returns Home



Rescued captain: 'The military is the hero'

Capt. Richard Phillips, whose capture and dramatic rescue in the pirate-infested waters off the coast of Africa last week captivated the nation, returned home to Vermont on Friday. Phillips spoke for a short time and mostly thanked the military for saving him. [full story](#)

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U.S. considering whether to charge captured pilot

By **MATT APUZZO**

Associated Press

April 13, 2009, 12:04AM

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WASHINGTON — The Justice Department was considering whether to prosecute a Somali pirate in Washington or New York, U.S. officials said following the rescue of a U.S. hostage and the apprehension of his only surviving captor.

The decision will determine where the pirate will be flown in what is shaping up as the first U.S. piracy case in recent memory.

Three pirates were killed Sunday in a military operation that rescued Capt. Richard Phillips, who had been held hostage aboard a lifeboat for days. A fourth pirate was in discussions with naval authorities

about Phillips' fate when the rescue took place.

Both piracy and hostage-taking carry life sentences under U.S. law.

Two U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case, said the Justice Department is considering whether to leave the case in the hands of federal prosecutors in Washington or New York.

"He's in military custody right now," FBI spokesman John Miller said. "That will change as this becomes more of a criminal issue than a military issue."

Navy Vice Admiral Bill Gortney, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, said the disposition of the captured pirate had yet to be determined.

"We have multiple avenues," Gortney said at a Pentagon news conference conducted by telephone. "We could possibly bring him back here to the United States and try him since this was an American flag vessel."

He said prosecutors were also considering taking the pirate to Kenya, where the military has an agreement under which captured pirates will be tried. But that agreement has never been used following an attack on a U.S. ship.

Navy hero's dog is killed



COURTESY PHOTO

THE VICTIM: Dasy, a Lab, was given to Marcus Luttrell as a puppy to help him heal after he returned from the Afghan war. Dasy was shot April 1 at age 4.

Survivor of war loses dog to random violence

■ Pet's shooting sends ex-SEAL on 100 mph car chase



FOR THE CHRONICLE

THE OWNER: Former Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell, shown at a book signing, said the attack on his dog pushed him into a place he didn't want to be.

SEAL Team 10



050628-N-0000X-001 [United States Navy](#) file photo of Navy SEALs operating in [Afghanistan](#) in support of [Operation Enduring Freedom](#). From left to right, Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class Matthew G. Axelson, of Cupertino, Calif; Senior Chief Information Systems Technician Daniel R. Healy, of Exeter, N.H.; Quartermaster 2nd Class James Suh, of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Marcus Luttrell; Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Eric S. Patton, of Boulder City, Nev.; and Lt. Michael P. Murphy, of Patchogue, N.Y. With the exception of Luttrell, all were killed June 28, 2005, by enemy forces while supporting [Operation Red Wing](#).

We are gods!

Obama looking at cooling air to fight warming

By SETH BORENSTEIN AP Science Writer © 2009 The Associated Press

April 8, 2009, 8:33PM

WASHINGTON — Tinkering with Earth's climate to chill runaway global warming — a radical idea once dismissed out of hand — is being discussed by the White House as a potential emergency option, the president's new science adviser said Wednesday.

That's because global warming is happening so rapidly, John Holdren told The Associated Press in his first interview since being confirmed last month.

The concept of using technology to purposely cool the climate is called geoengineering. One option raised by Holdren and proposed by a Nobel Prize-winning scientist includes shooting pollution particles into the upper atmosphere to reflect the sun's rays.

Using such an experimental measure is only being thought of as a last resort, Holdren said.

"It's got to be looked at," he said. "We don't have the luxury ... of ruling any approach off the table."

His concern is that the United States and other nations won't slow global warming fast enough and that several "tipping points" could be fast approaching. Once such milestones are reached, such as complete loss of summer sea ice in the Arctic, it increases chances of "really intolerable consequences," he said

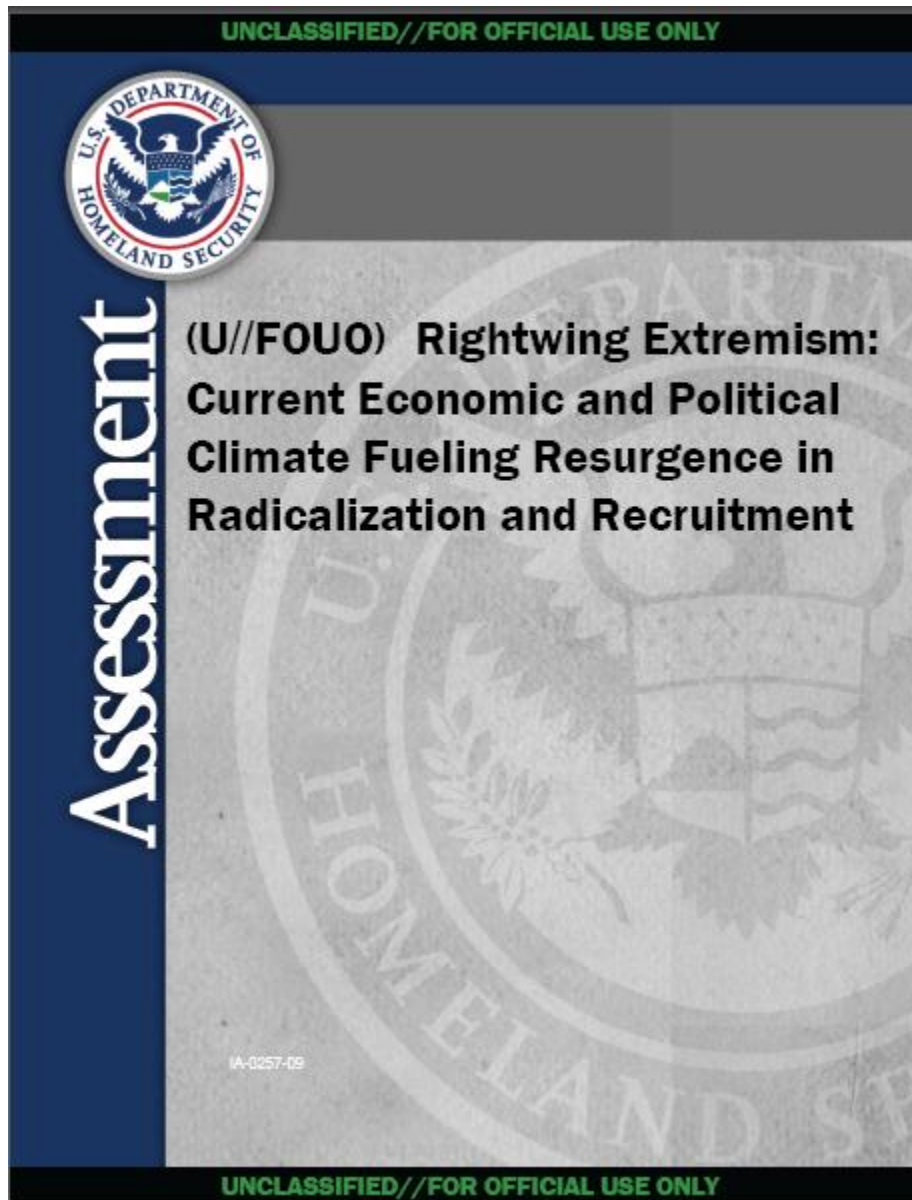
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Create panic and look for a scapegoat



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Defense Secretary Gates Highlights Changes to US Defense Budget

April 6, 2009 1:53 PM EDT

says the new budget will "profoundly reform" the way the Pentagon buys weapons and does business

- recommends that Lockheed Martin's (NYSE: [LMT](#)) \$13 billion presidential helicopter be ended
- to recommend Lockheed's F-22 halt at 187 jets
- Air Force's \$11 billion transformation satellite to be canceled
- Boeing's (NYSE: [BA](#)) Airborne laser to be confined to one test plane
- General Dynamics (NYSE: [GD](#)) to build 3 DDG-1000 destroyers in Maine
- Northrop Grumman (NYSE: [NOC](#)) to build DDG-51 ships in Mississippi
- wartime needs must receive steady, long-term funding
- US to boost intelligence, surveillance budget by \$2 billion
- the US will increase production of unmanned aircraft
- US will recruit, train more Army helicopter crews
- has set a goal of buying 55 littoral combat ships
- Gates will recommend F-35 buy of 30 in 2010, costing \$11.2 billion

New Aircraft

F-22 Raptor



F-22 Raptor

Role	Stealth Air superiority fighter
National origin	United States
Manufacturer	Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Boeing Integrated Defense Systems
First flight	YF-22: 29 September 1990 F-22: 7 September 1997
Introduction	15 December 2005
Status	Active ^[1]
Primary user	United States Air Force
Number built	135 as of February 2009 ^[2]
Program cost	US\$65 billion ^[3]
Unit cost	US\$137.5 million (2008 flyaway cost) ^[4]
Variants	X-44 MANTA FB-22

F-35 Lightning II



An F-35 Lightning II, marked AA-1, lands on 23 October 2008 at Edwards Air Force Base.

Role	Stealth multirole fighter
First flight	15 December 2006 ^[1]
Introduction	2011 (scheduled)
Status	Under development / pre-production
Produced	2003–present
Number built	13 flight-test aircraft; ^[2] 14 LRIP aircraft on order.
Unit cost	US\$83 million (flyaway cost in Then-Year dollars) ^[3]
Developed from	Lockheed Martin X-35

F-35

Inventory Objectives

U.S. Air Force 1,763 aircraft

U.S. Marine Corps
480 aircraft.

U.K Royal Navy 60 aircraft

U.S. Navy 480 aircraft

**"Every government interference in the economy consists of giving an unearned benefit, extorted by force, to some men at the expense of others." --
-Ayn Rand**

Will the icecap melt before ...

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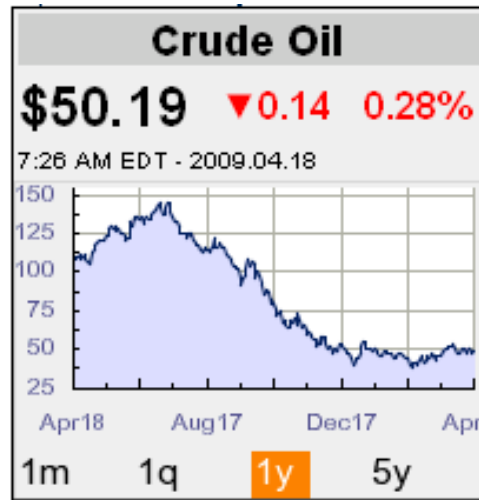
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Coleman vs. Franken continues. Will Arctic ice cap melt before Minnesota gets new senator?



They are calling it the longest Senate election in U.S. history. So far, it's been 126 days since voters in Minnesota went to the polls to cast their ballots between incumbent **Norm Coleman** and Democratic challenger (and comedian) **Al Franken**. Actually, as you'll see from this clip, the election aftermath seems to have taken the funny out of Franken, who now looks and talks just like a politician.

Crude Oil Price

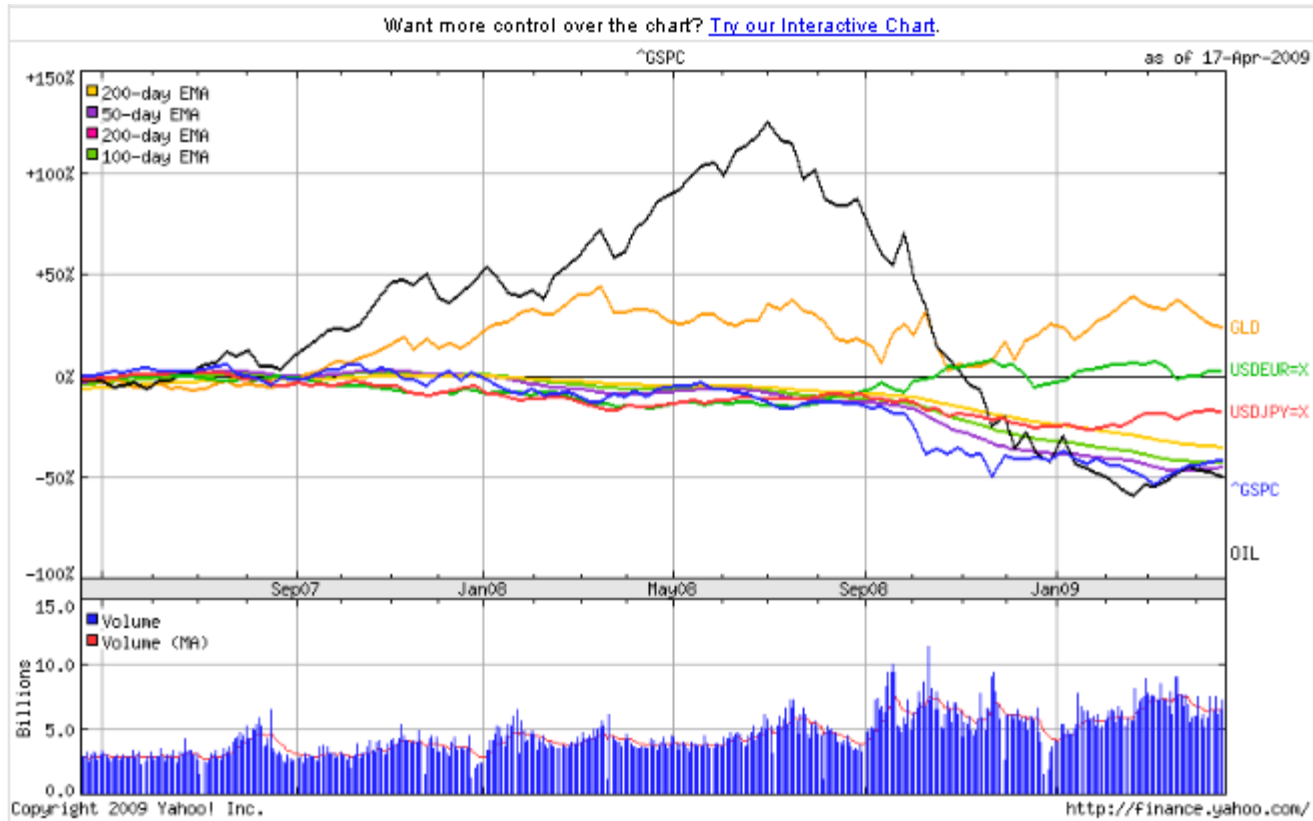


Crude Oil Price by OIL-PRICE.NET ©

Price		Change	Trades	Volume
07:27 - \$ 50.19		↓0.14 0.28% ↓	38,415	118,146
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49.41 - 51.37	49.93	32.41 - 147.27	\$ 58 / Barrel	

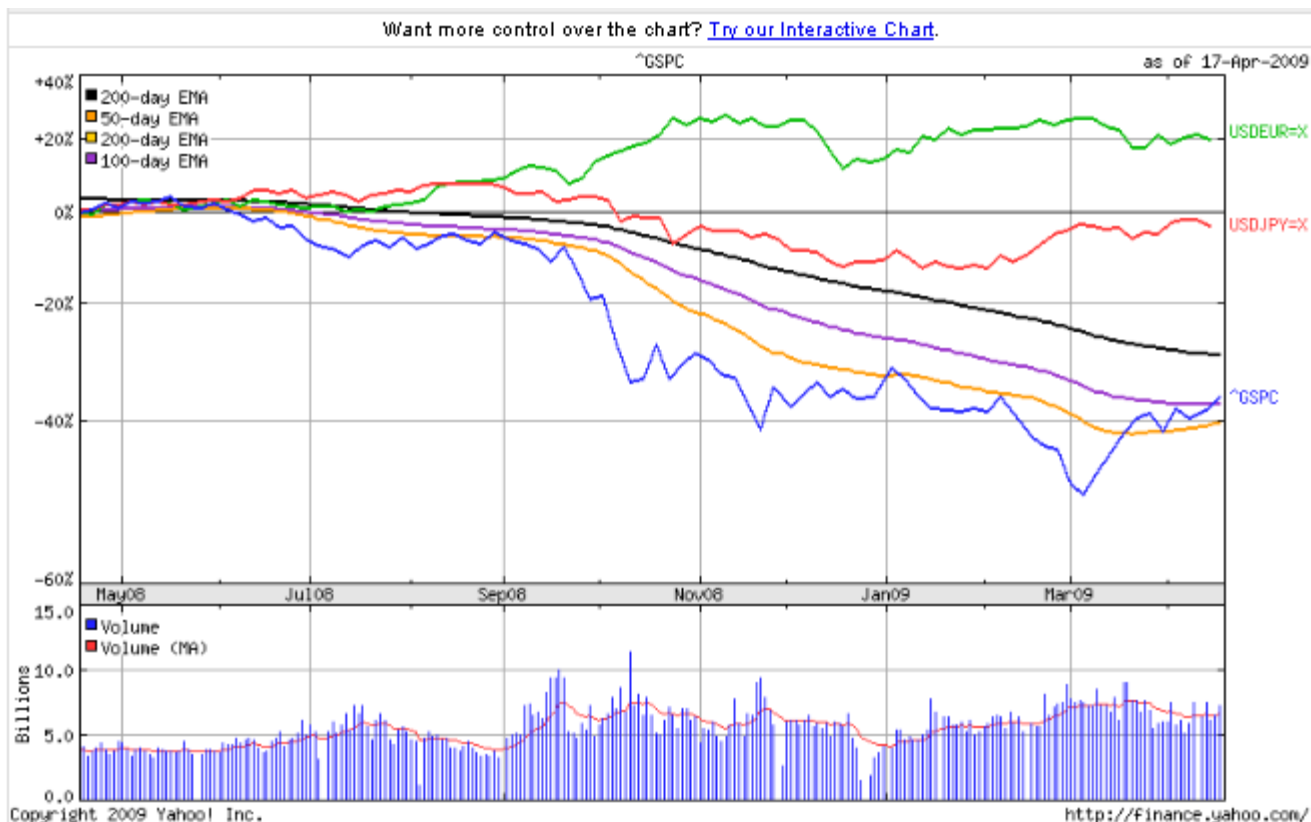
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S&P vs OIL (2 yr.)



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Change:	↑ 4.30 (0.50%)
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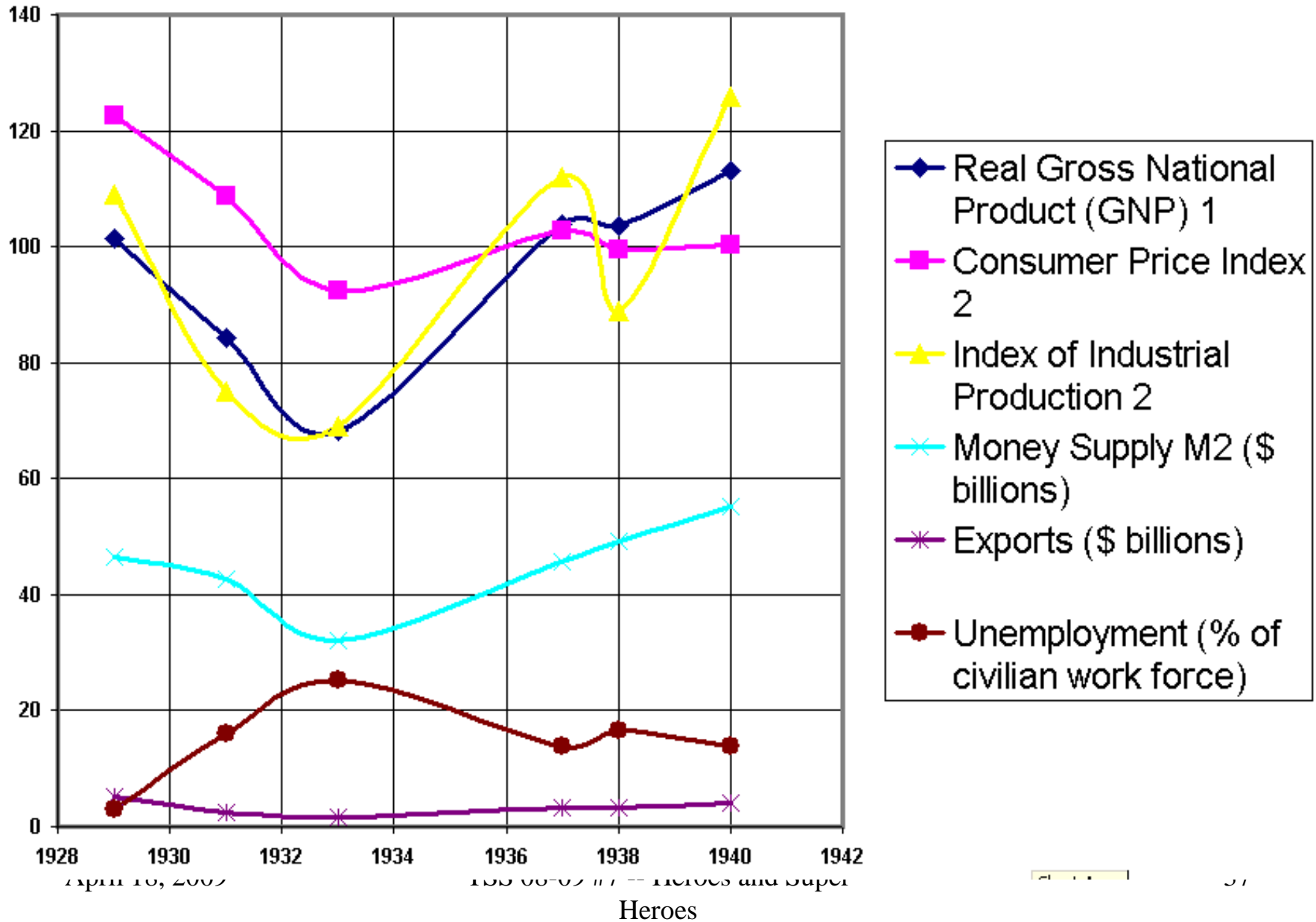
S&P 500 – 1 Year



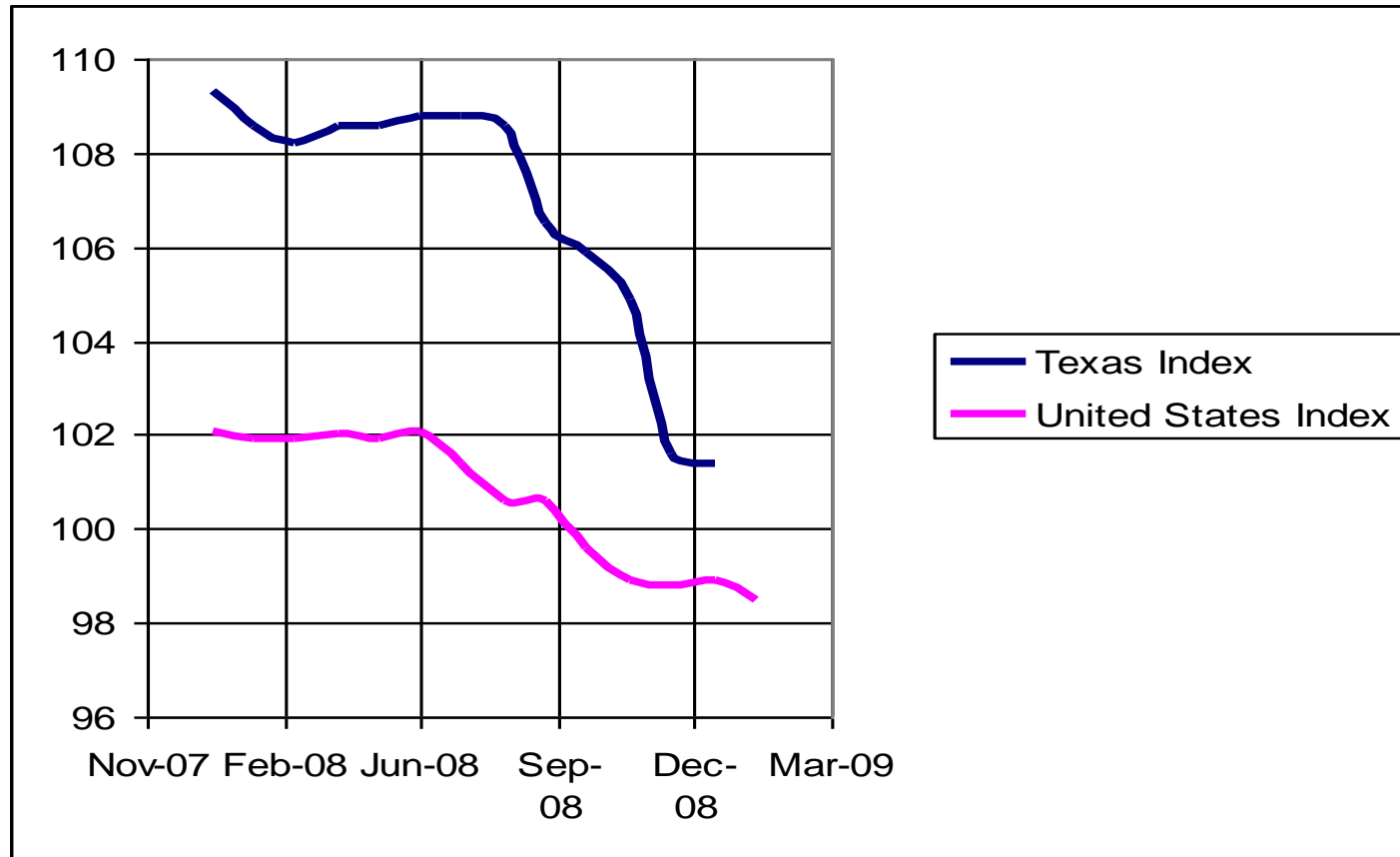
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The Years of the Great Depression



Texas Leading Economic Indicators



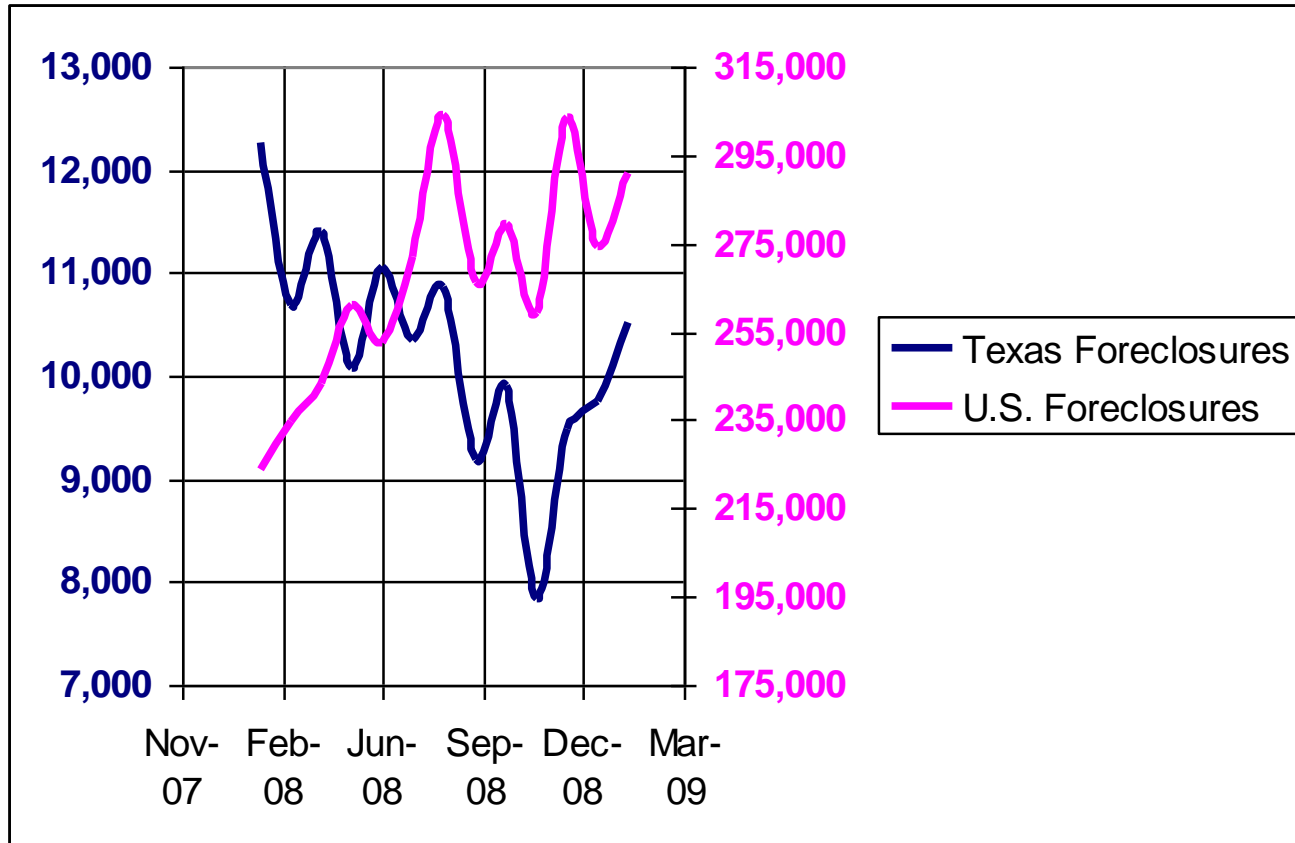
Change from previous year:

The leading indicators for Texas are down 7.3%

The leading indicators for the United States are down 3.3%

<http://www.texasahead.org/economy/tracking/>

Mortgage Foreclosures



Change from previous year:

Texas is down 14.1%

U.S. is up 29.9%.

If you miss the Cold War

Report: Cuba, Venezuela Could Host Russian Bombers

Report: Russian bombers could be based in Cuba, Venezuela; Kremlin says it is hypothetical

By **DAVID NOWAK** Associated Press Writer
MOSCOW March 14, 2009 (AP)

The Associated Press
[12 comments](#)



In this photo released by the U.S. Navy, one of two Russian Tupolev 95 Bear long rang bomber...
(U.S. NavyAP Photo)

A Russian air force chief said Saturday that the country could base some strategic bombers in Cuba or on an island offered by Venezuela, the Interfax news agency reported, but a Kremlin official quickly said the military had been speaking only hypothetically.

The U.S. and Russia have been trying to reset their relationship, severely strained over U.S. plans to position missile defense elements in Poland and the Czech Republic and by Russia's

invasion of U.S. ally Georgia last year.

Russia has nothing to gain strategically from basing long-range craft within relatively short range of U.S. shores, independent military analyst Alexander Golts said, calling the military statement a retaliatory gesture aimed at hitting back after U.S. ships patrolled Black Sea waters near Georgia.

North Korea's Satellite Launch Fails

North Korea Satellite Launch Fails

World | April 5, 2009, Sunday



US and South Korean officials refuted earlier statements of the North Korean state media that the country had succeeded in putting a satellite into orbit. Photo by BBC.

Korea and his son, the current leader.

The US, Japan and South Korea condemned the launch which they suspect was a cover for a long-range missile test. The move was also met with anger and condemned by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and the European Union. China and Russia both called on all sides to act with restraint.

US President Barack Obama, who is in Prague for a US-EU summit, defined the launch as "a clear violation" of a resolution barring North Korea from any activities related to ballistic missiles.

North Korea gave prior warning of the launch and repeatedly claimed the launch was part of its "peaceful space program," as is its right under international law.

North Korea failed in its attempt to get a satellite into space, according to US and South Korean officials, cited by BBC.

Two stages of the rocket and its payload landed in the Pacific Ocean, the US military statement says, meaning no object has been put into orbit.

North Korea, through its state media, claimed earlier satellite "Kwangmyongsong-2" had successfully been placed into orbit and was transmitting data. The "Song of General Kim Il-sung" and "Song of General Kim Jong-il" are references to the late founder of North

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'The Drunken Driver Has the Right Of Way'

by Ethan Coen

The loudest have the final say,
The wanton win, the rash hold sway,
The realist's rules of order say
The drunken driver has the right of way.

The Kubla Khan can butt in line;
The biggest brute can take what's mine;
When heavyweights break wind, that's fine;
No matter what a judge might say,
The drunken driver has the right of way.

...

'The Drunken Driver Has the Right Of Way' Concluded

...

However much you plan and pray,
Alas, alack, tant pis, oy vey,
Now — heretofore — til Judgment Day,
The drunken driver has the right of way.

Excerpted from 'The Drunken Driver Has The Right Of Way' by Ethan Coen. Excerpted by permission of Crown Publishing Group/Random House.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=103175352>

What's a Superhero?

OK, what's a superhero? (I grew up in the age of Superman.) A superhero is somebody or thing who comes equipped with such special powers that he has no reason to fear anybody or anything but failure in his personal life. Actually, a superhero isn't a real hero at all, because he has no limits. His special powers enable him to do anything. The only time he gets into trouble is when he has to interact with mortals or various and sundry supervillains. Have you ever noticed that superheroes and supervillains are strangely incapable of annihilating each other.

A hero is ...

On the other hand a hero, is by my definition a normal, mortal human being, who, when by circumstance or fate is presented with an opportunity (or demand) that makes him forget his human limitations (perhaps by transferring control to his mid-brain) and performs brilliantly some feat far outside his recognized capabilities. Often the hero will seem to disregard his own safety and sometimes it will cost him his life, while accomplishing his mission. This phenomenon is not limited to a physical performance, it may entail mental accomplishment in a time in the face of danger or extreme need or lack of confidence. If you ever meet a hero, and ask him to tell his story, he will usually tell it matter of factly and modestly, and may simply explain that he did what was necessary and is glad he was able to do it.

Superhero not a hero?

So, if you buy my definition; a superhero is not a hero at all. He is merely performing what the writer decided he could do. He is incapable of doing exceptional things, because for him nothing is exceptional. We mere mortals see him in relation to our personal limits and visualize him as "great".

A hero is ...

And, a hero is a product of opportunity and momentarily unquestioned confidence and ability to perform that is turned into action that saves people or important things, that if we witness, we witness will want in some way to memorialize. (or for some, mythologize)

I'm not sure what you would call it when a parent in the middle of something can automatically reach out and catch their child just before he hits the floor. That is probably in our genes.

Where are we?

Along with the mythical superhero and the the very real but exceptional hero, I suspect, that if we think about it, we all have important stories to tell. We can still tell them because they are burned firmly into our psyches because they were exceptional to us and those who are important to us.

Real people, we, the occasional heroes ...

Many of the good things we have are here because we all did what we could most of the time and every now and then we were able to do something exceptional that all in all have helped make things better for ourselves and others.

Heroes or villains ?



<http://www.wwe.com/superstars/divas/galleries/divashalloweencontest/>

<http://www.wwe.com/shows/wrestlemania/wrestlemaniamadness/>



Path to Hero

Hero On Call

The Hero on Call program gives you the chance to talk to Army National Guard Soldiers. Get answers about benefits, bonuses, enlistment waivers or training from Army National Guard Soldiers who have "been there and done that."

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<http://www.nationalguard.com/guardtalk/index.php>

Navy SEALs



Navy Seals with MP5N

While all of MP-5 can be fitted with silencers, there also a dedicated silenced version of MP-5, called MP5SD2 or SD3 (depending on the stock type). This version is equipped with non detachable integral silencer, and the vented barrel, to reduce the bullet muzzle velocity down below the speed of sound. The MP-5SD is intended to fire standard 9mm ammunition, not the special subsonic one.

Semi-automatic only versions of the MP-5 were once made for civilian market under the designation of HK-94. some

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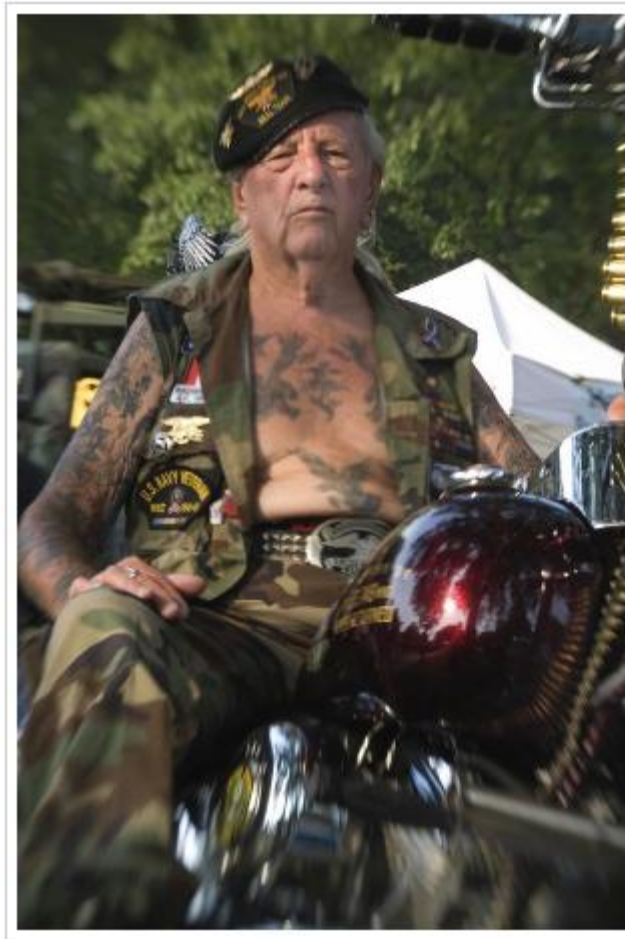
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Hero retired



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War veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, Elton Ensor, SS, a Navy frogman, SEAL and a volunteer with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) by spending time with wounded soldiers and airmen at Walter Reed Medical Center, takes part in the annual Rolling Thunder motorcycle rally in Washington, D.C., 26 May 2007. Thousands of bikers and nonriders are participating in the 2007 edition of the "Rolling Thunder" annual bike rally which this year marks the 20th anniversary of the event staged during the Memorial Day weekend as a sign of support to the United States Armed Forces and its soldiers.

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Queen of Burps aka Jodie Parks

I'm a mom first, paranormal investigator, and the queen of burps. I just have a strange talent of burping. My oldest son loves Guinness and told me to go for the record. I never imagine that I would get a record, get in the book, do show's over seas and meet wonderful people from all over the world. I feel very blessed. It's been a interesting journey and hope it continues.

I hold the record for Female Loudest Burp at 104.75 decibels.

“Silly Olympics”

Inter-Youth Silly Olympics Competition

Here It Is:

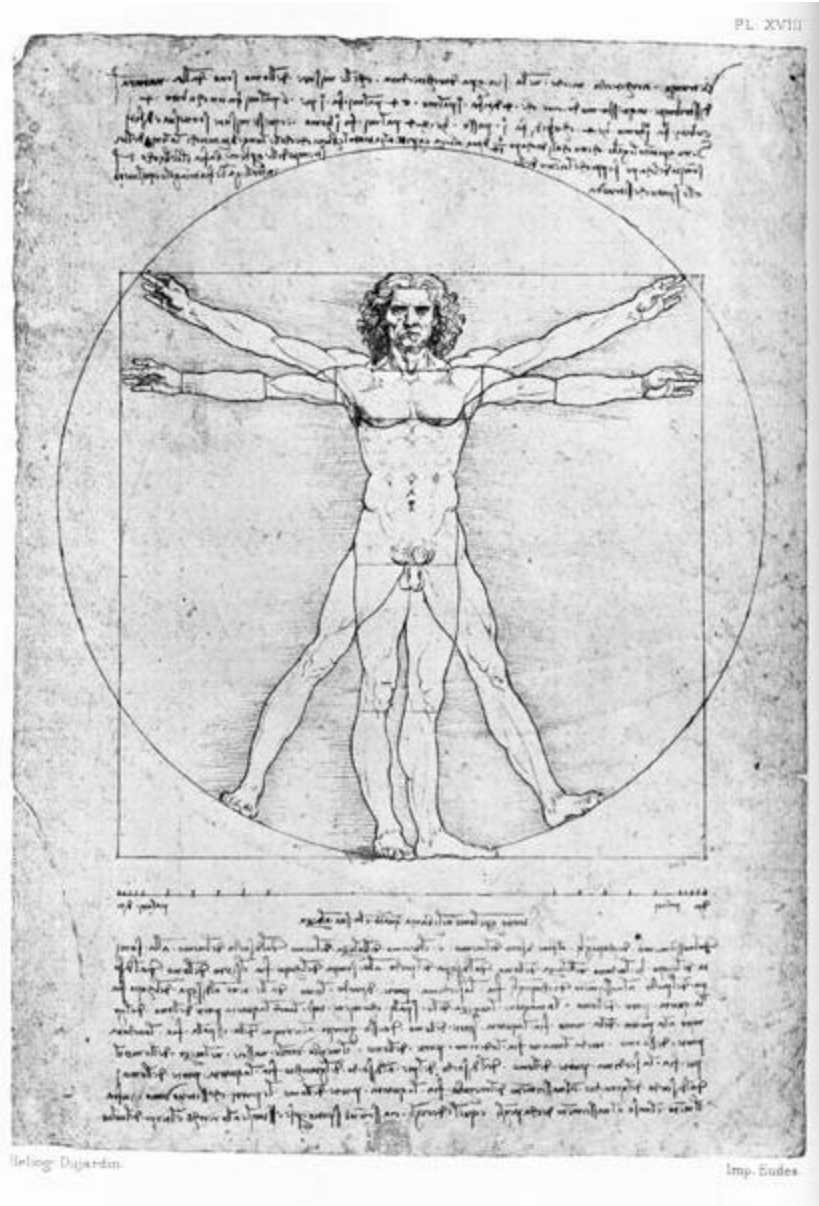
A list of youth group [SIL](#) games, complete with records for youth trials.
 A complete set of instructions is available, but if you have any other questions, please contact Graeme, at info@youth.co.za.

Silly "Olympic" Official World Records and Rules, as of 3 July 2002

Event/Rules	Record	Person	Church	Year
String Eating 5m	10.91 sec	Tim Vincent & I J. Hollin	Barberton Evangelical Friends Church, Barberton, Ohio, USA	March 1998
Eat 3 Marie Biscuits and Whistle 3 Notes		NOTE: Due to inconsistency in biscuit types used, this record is no longer being kept Internationally.		
Down a Can of Coke	4.43 sec	Russell Smith	Walshill Baptist Church, Broad Street Coventry, England	March 1998
Marshmallow in Mouth (with or without wings or claw wings)		NOTE: Due to inconsistency in marshmallow types used, this record is no longer being kept Internationally.		
Chair sitting against a wall (with no chair)	2 hour 5 minutes	Chris DeWaele	Christian Fellowship Outreach Church, Kenya, WV USA	March 1998
Push a matchbox across a carpeted floor - 20m (wings only your nose)	17 seconds	Monty Jumbo	Evangelical Free church, Grindsted, Denmark	September 2000
Holding Lit Math (with Lion math)	1 min 48.44 sec	Carolyn Zedler	Evangelical Union Church, Sandton, South Africa	March 1998
Holding Lit Math (Canadian math - 5mm long)	1 min 33 sec	Glen Dow	Christwick Baptist Church, Ontario, Canada	1994
Holding Lit Math (Australian Safety math)	34 sec	Ken Milnes	North Belconnen Baptist Church, Canberra, Australia	March 1998
Lighting Candles with One Match	95 times	Ben Ambush	Greenville FMV, IL, USA	1994
Paper Plate Frisbee Discus (outdoor)	103 feet (32 metres)	Mike Smith	Long Beach Christian Reformed Church, California, USA	March 1998
Plastic straw Javelin	17.1 m	IIE: Garth Luke Steve Gardner	Evangelical Union Church, Sandton, South Africa St Paul Lutheran School, New York, USA	1998 Sep 2000
Put the Peanut	11.02 m	Name to follow	Jesus in Christ Harvest Christian Fellowship, Harare, Zimbabwe	April 2002
Coin Catching	41 coins	Garth Luke & Andrew Harris	Evangelical Union Church, Sandton, South Africa	March 1998
Coin Catching - Canadian/American penny	70 coins	Melanie Pharaoh	Christwick Baptist Church, Ontario, Canada	1994
Coin Catching - Australian 5c	87 coins	Adrian Lance	North Belconnen Baptist Church, Canberra, Australia	March 1998
Coin Catching - British penny piece	45 coins	Matthew Spencer	SNCC, Keith North Church, Scotland	September 2000
House of Cards	15 stories	Jessica Pulshock, assisted by Jordan Strac and James Zimmerman	K-tums Youth, Windsor, ON, Canada	September 2000
Shi Race (3 person teams)	17 sec.	Erin Lavrus/Simley	Mission Baptist Church, Pyonghae, Korea	March 1998
Standing Jump - guy	3.1 m	Jonathan Robinson and Grant Weyer	Honeyridge Baptist, Randburg, South Africa	1994
Standing Jump - girl	2.37 m	Jessica Pulshock	K-tums Youth, Windsor, ON, Canada	September 2000
Cotton Wool Ball Shotgun	12 m	George Gerike	Jabulani Jurgale's SNG Ekolobini, Eris, South Africa	September 2000
Shoelace Tying	3.94 sec	Diana Duthie	MSC's (Middle School group) St John the Baptist	December 2000
Kerling La guth	None yet	New event	New event	New event

[Link](#) for the above events are now available

The measure of man

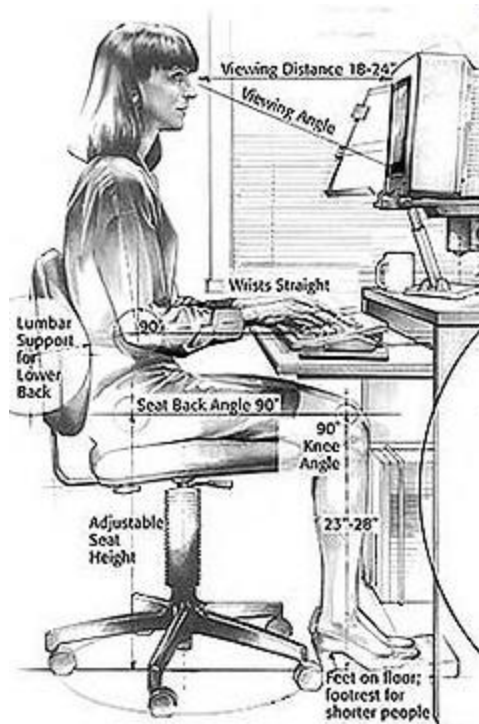


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Ergonomics



Ergonomics is the science of designing the job, equipment, and workplace to fit the worker. Proper ergonomic design is necessary to prevent repetitive strain injuries, which can develop over time and can lead to long-term disability.^[1]

One size fits all?

Exhibit 14.3.2.1 (continued) Static human physical characteristics (standing)

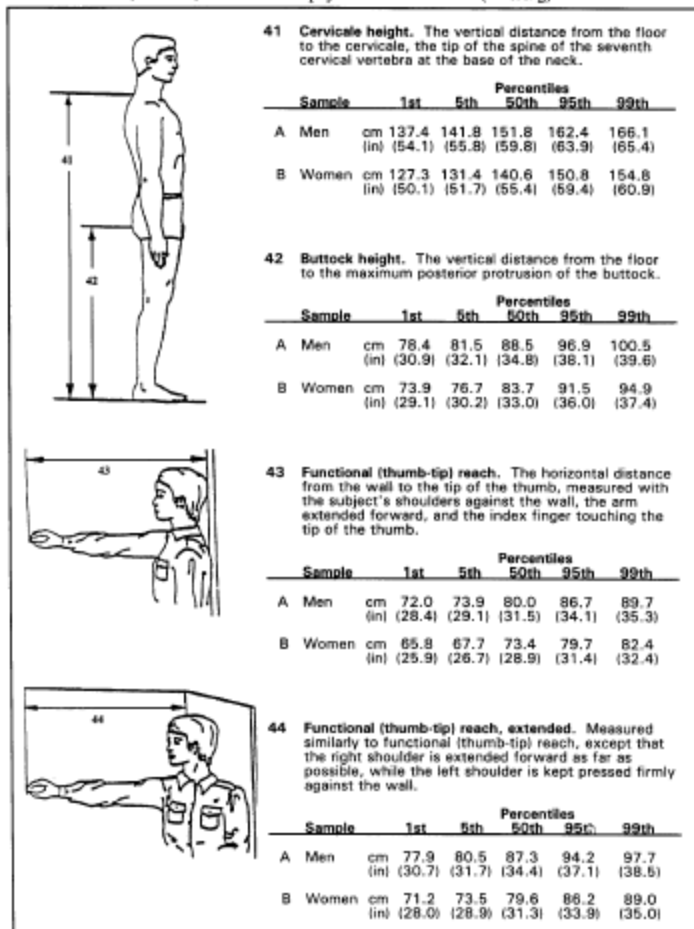
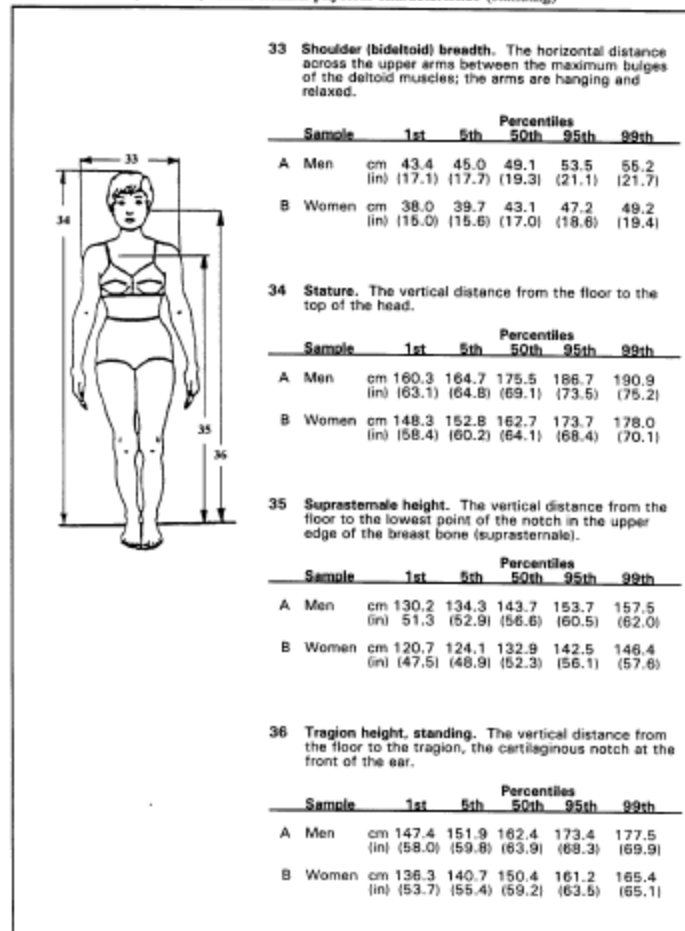


Exhibit 14.3.2.1 (continued) Static human physical characteristics (standing)



How much can you lift?

6.2.2 Weight

The weight limits provided in this section assume that they will be lifted by able-bodied people not by those covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- 6.2.2.1 Maximum weight of units of equipment to be lifted by one person. If a unit of equipment is designed to be lifted by a single person, its weight shall not exceed the value in exhibit 6.2.2.1 that is appropriate for the height to which it is to be lifted and the size of the unit as it affects the distance between the body and the grip.

Exhibit 6.2.2.1 Maximum weight limits for objects lifted by one person using both hands; data are for a male or female

Height to which lifted	Distance between body and grip			
	150 mm (6 in)	300 mm (12 in)	460 mm (18 in)	610 mm (24 in)
.9 m (3 ft)	20.2 kg (44 lb)	13.3 kg (29.3 lb)	10.1 kg (22 lb)	6.6 kg (14.7 lb)
1.5 m (5 ft)	16.8 kg (37 lb)	11.2 kg (24.7 lb)	8.4 kg (18.5 lb)	5.6 kg (12.3 lb)

Human “Super Powers”

- To appreciate beauty and elegance.
- To show compassion.
- To Reason
- To say, “Yes” or, “No”
- To decide and when necessary to change decision.
- To learn by observation and experience and adaptation of what has been learned.

Human “Super Powers”

- To visualize goals and paths to goals.
- To control our actions.
- To understand and communicate with other humans at more than one level.
- To forgive others and himself.
- To remember.
- To forget.

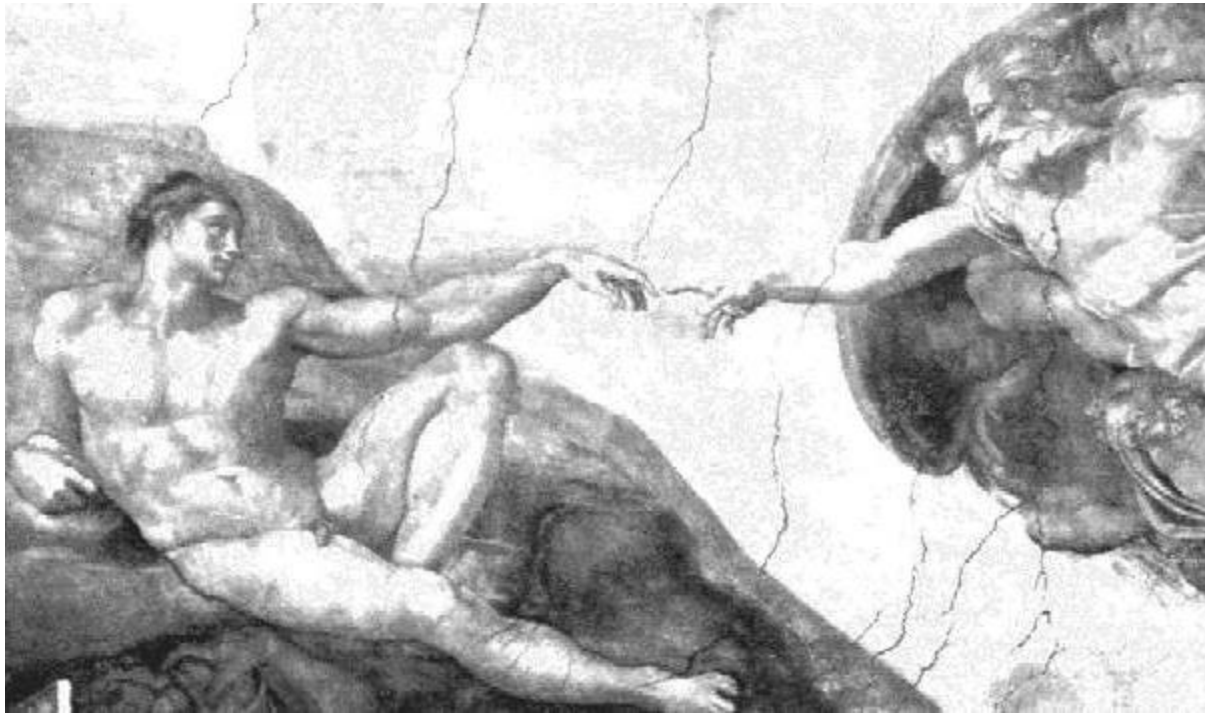
Human “Super Powers”

- To desire.
- To wonder.
- To reproduce (or not).
- To feel affection
- To survive and prosper by action and acquired knowledge.

Human “Super Powers”

- **To create the Übermensch**

Spiritual power



Übermensch

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, Oct 15, 1844 – Aug 25, 1900)

The Übermensch (German; English: **Overman, Superman**) is a concept in the Philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche. Nietzsche posited the Übermensch as a goal for humanity to set for itself in his 1883 book Thus Spoke Zarathustra (German: Also Sprach Zarathustra).

The book's protagonist, Zarathustra, contends that "man is something which ought to be overcome:"

All beings so far have created something beyond themselves; and do you want to be the ebb of this great flood and even go back to the beasts rather than overcome man? What is the ape to man? A laughingstock or a painful embarrassment. And man shall be just that for the overman: a laughingstock or a painful embarrassment...

There is no consensus regarding the precise meaning of the Übermensch, or even the overall importance of the concept in Nietzsche's thought.



If Nietzsche is right ...

**Would the Übermensch we will create
have the natural ability to get along with
each other?**

**And will “man” (we) be a laughingstock
or a painful embarrassment for the
overman that we create?**

For Further Reading

Superhero

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superhero>

Masters of Evil

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masters_of_Evil

Joseph John Campbell (March 26, 1904 – October 30, 1987) was an American mythologist, writer and lecturer, best known for his work in comparative mythology and comparative religion. His work is vast, covering many aspects of the human experience. His philosophy is often summarized by his phrase: **"Follow your bliss."**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Campbell

(Charlie Rose) A conversation (30 minutes) with Malcolm Gladwell, author of "Outliers." [Outliers](#), defined by Gladwell as people who do not fit into our normal understanding of achievement,^[3] *Outliers* deals with exceptional people, especially those who are smart, rich, and successful, and those who operate at the extreme outer edge of what is statistically possible.^[2] In statistics, an **outlier** is an observation that is numerically distant from the rest of the [data](#). (Intro gleaned from Wikipedia.org)

<http://www.charlierose.com/view/interview/9855>

(Karen Armstrong)"... if you want to make God laugh, tell Him, or Her, your plans. A self-proclaimed "freelance monotheist," Karen Armstrong is now on a mission to bring compassion, the heart of religion, as she sees it, back into modern life. "Do not do to others what you would not like them to do to you."

<http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/03132009/watch.html>

Bill Moyers Interviews Karen Armstrong

http://www.pbs.org/now/transcript/transcript_armstrong.html

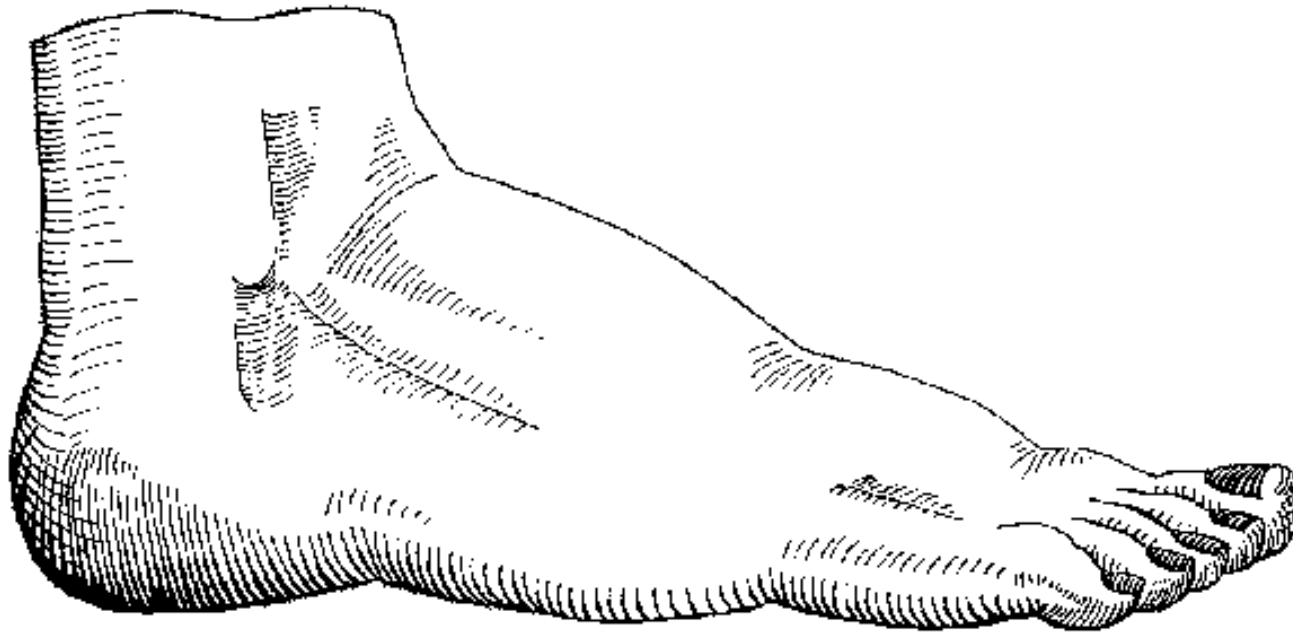
Don't panic!

Don't be Panicked!

Seriously

See You 17 May 2009

The Monty Python Foot, a convenient way to end something that would seem to go on for ever accomplishing nothing.... (*See deus ex machina*)



The famous Python Foot can here be seen in its original format in the bottom left corner of "An Allegory of Venus and Cupid" by [Bronzino](#) (~1545)

When Monty Python had no ending for a skit, this foot would appear out of the sky and squash whatever was on screen with a rude noise. Allowing the show to move on.

Enrichment Material

Don't be Panicked

Can you take responsibility for yourself and others close to you?

Can you stay calm and assess a changing or changed situation?

Can you tell the difference between fact and fabrication.

Can you delay panicking until the threat has passed?

It all connects

Fear, War, Greed

To much capital in the hands of the few

Too little money in the hands of the consumers.

Credit is not a replacement for disposable income

Oil is a limited resource

Unable to anticipate what looks obvious in retrospect

Trusting of Authority

Lacking critical ability/Education

Etc.

Don't just be a thermometer, Be a thermostat

Jill Carroll

The greater fool theory

The greater fool theory (sometimes the bigger fool theory, also called survivor investing) is the belief held by one who makes a questionable investment, with the assumption that they will be able to sell it later to "a bigger fool"; in other words, buying something not because you believe that it is worth the price, but rather because you believe that you will be able to sell it to someone else for an even better price.^[1]

Wikipedia.org

One of life's persistent questions:

“Why do cockroaches roll over before the die?”



Getting Warmer?



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We have it in our power...

**"We have it in our
power to begin the
world over again."**

Ronald Reagan quoting Thomas Paine

January 18, 2008 Bill Moyers talks with Harvey J. Kaye