

Third Saturday Seminar 2008-2009
Humanity at a Crossroads
Session 10
20 June 2009

“Believe it or Not”
Telling the difference
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

Program for TSS Meeting 18 April 2009

- 9:30 am Introduction & Current Events (30 Minutes +/-) – *Curt Gibby*
- 10:15 am – “*Believe it or Not, telling the difference*”
- 10:45 10 minute break
- 10:40 am *Curt Gibby* Discussion Continues
- 10:55 am- Closure – Feedback
- 11:00 am Session ends
- **Next Session 19 September 2009**

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If you have any questions please contact me.

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The donuts are free to law enforcement.

Current Events

20 June 2009

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

The beatings will continue ...



The word from the Supreme

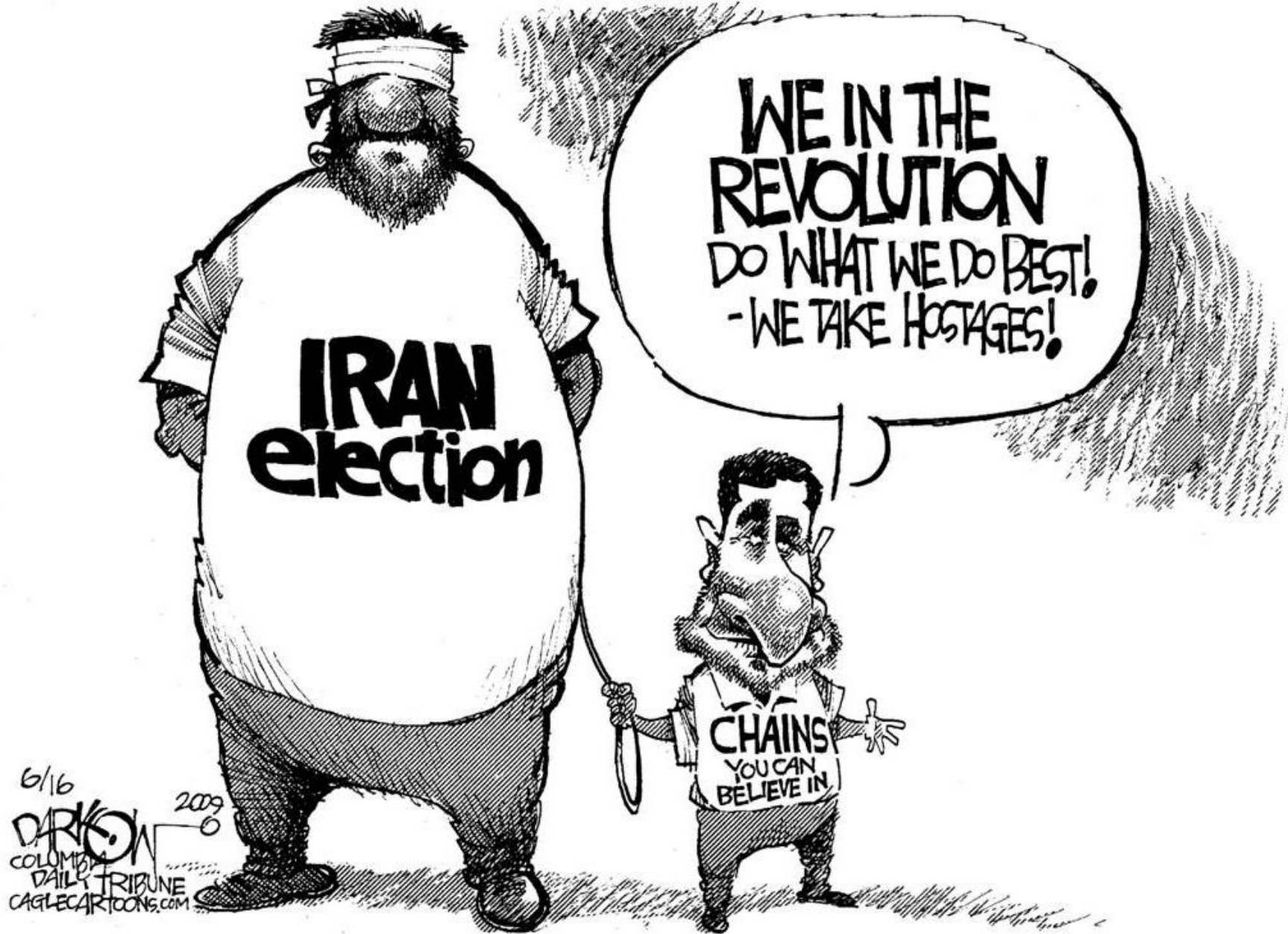


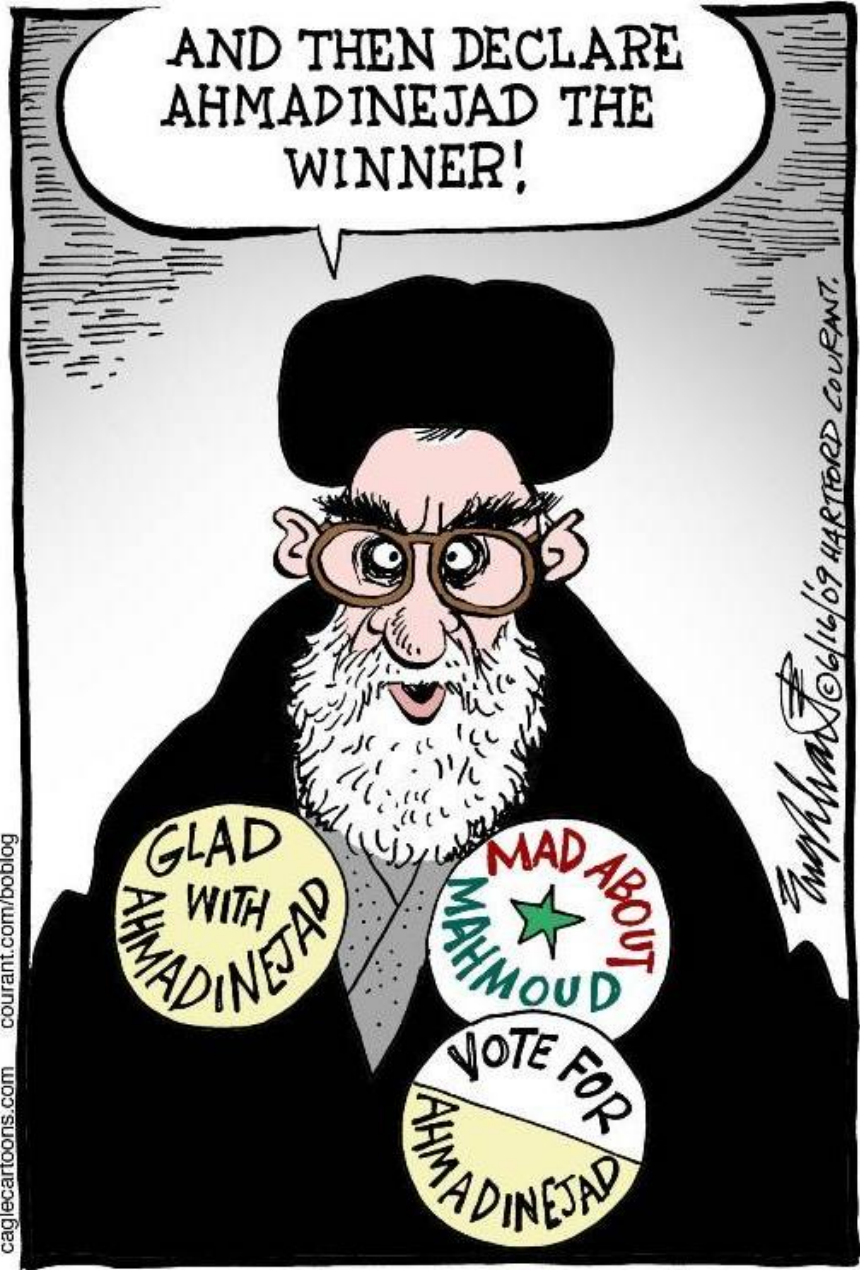
Iran's leader: End protests or risk

'bloodshed' (AP) AP - Iran's supreme leader sought Friday to end the deepening crisis over disputed elections with one decisive speech - declaring the vote will almost certainly stand and sternly warning opposition leaders to end street protests or be held responsible for any "bloodshed and chaos" to come.









A note from an old Friend

Dear Curt,

You are absolutely right my friend. Although it is very painful to see the events, Iran after this experiment will be a different Iran. The legitimacy of many of these institutions will be questioned. The theory of Velayat-e Faqih, which has been under the scrutiny, will be questioned vehemently by many forces and its usefulness and viability will be doubted. But more than anything else, the role of the clergy will be drastically curtailed. I am following the situation very closely. I am in contact with reformist forces in Iran. I am writing a piece on the election for a journal. I will send it to you.

Thanks,

Mehdi Mehdi Noorbaksh Ph.D., MBA, MHA

Associate Professor of International Affairs Coordinator, General Education

Words of wisdom

"Do not say, that if the people do good to us, we will do good to them; and if the people oppress us, we will oppress them;

but determine that if people do you good, you will do good to them; and if they oppress you, you will not oppress them."

Muhammad



Congress condemns Iran crackdown

Republicans pushed for vote as way to criticize Obama strategy The

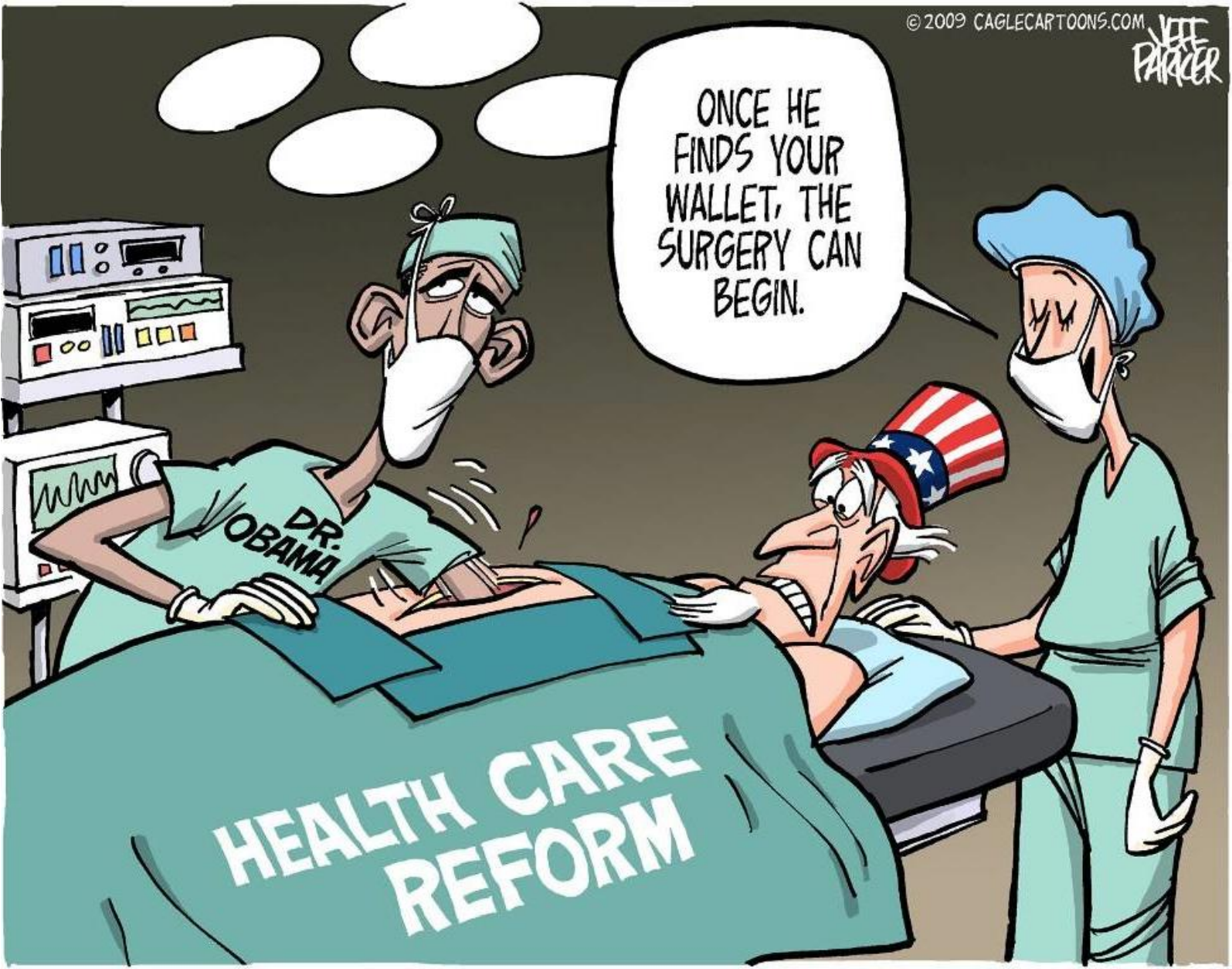
Associated Press updated 3:57 p.m. CT, Fri., June 19, 2009 WASHINGTON –

The Obama administration on Friday stuck to a measured response to the uprising in Iran over a disputed presidential election, even as both houses of Congress voted overwhelmingly to condemn an official crackdown on mostly peaceful demonstrations in the streets of Tehran.

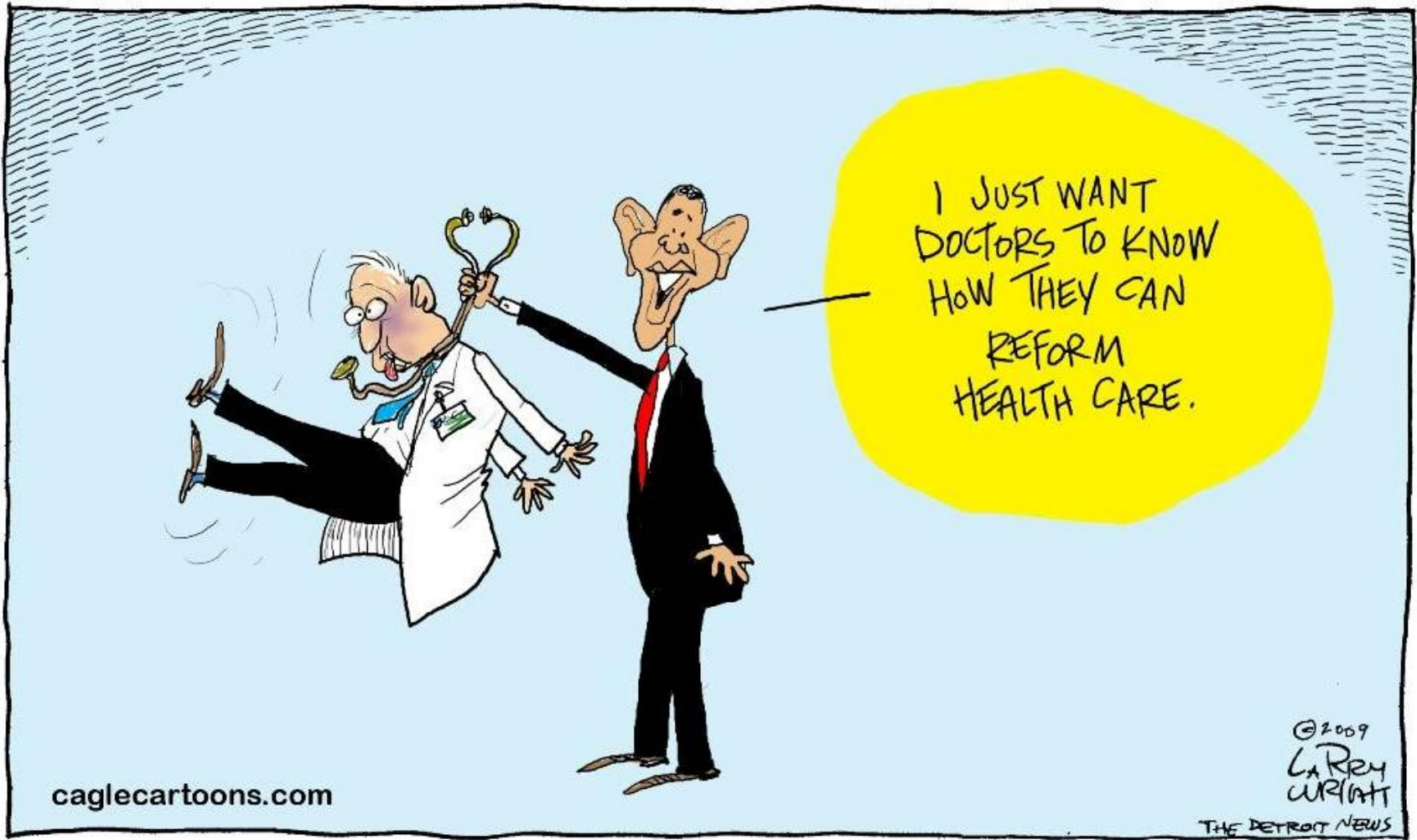
In the strongest message yet from the U.S. government, the House voted 405-1 to condemn Tehran's crackdown on protest rallies and the government's interference with Internet and cell phone communications.

The resolution was initiated by Republicans as a veiled criticism of Obama, who has been reluctant to criticize Tehran's handling of disputed an election that left hard-liner President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in power.

The resolution expresses support for “all Iranian citizens who embrace the values of freedom, human rights, civil liberties and rule of law” and affirms “the importance of democratic and fair elections.” It also condemns “the ongoing violence” by the government and pro-government militias against demonstrators, as well as government “suppression of independent electronic communications through interference with the Internet and cell phones.”



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Dems try to regain health care momentum

Lawmakers unveiled bill to cover nearly all 50 million uninsured Americans



Charles Dharapak / AP

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., right, accompanied by Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee ranking Republican Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., presents a stack of documents comprising the health care reform bill.

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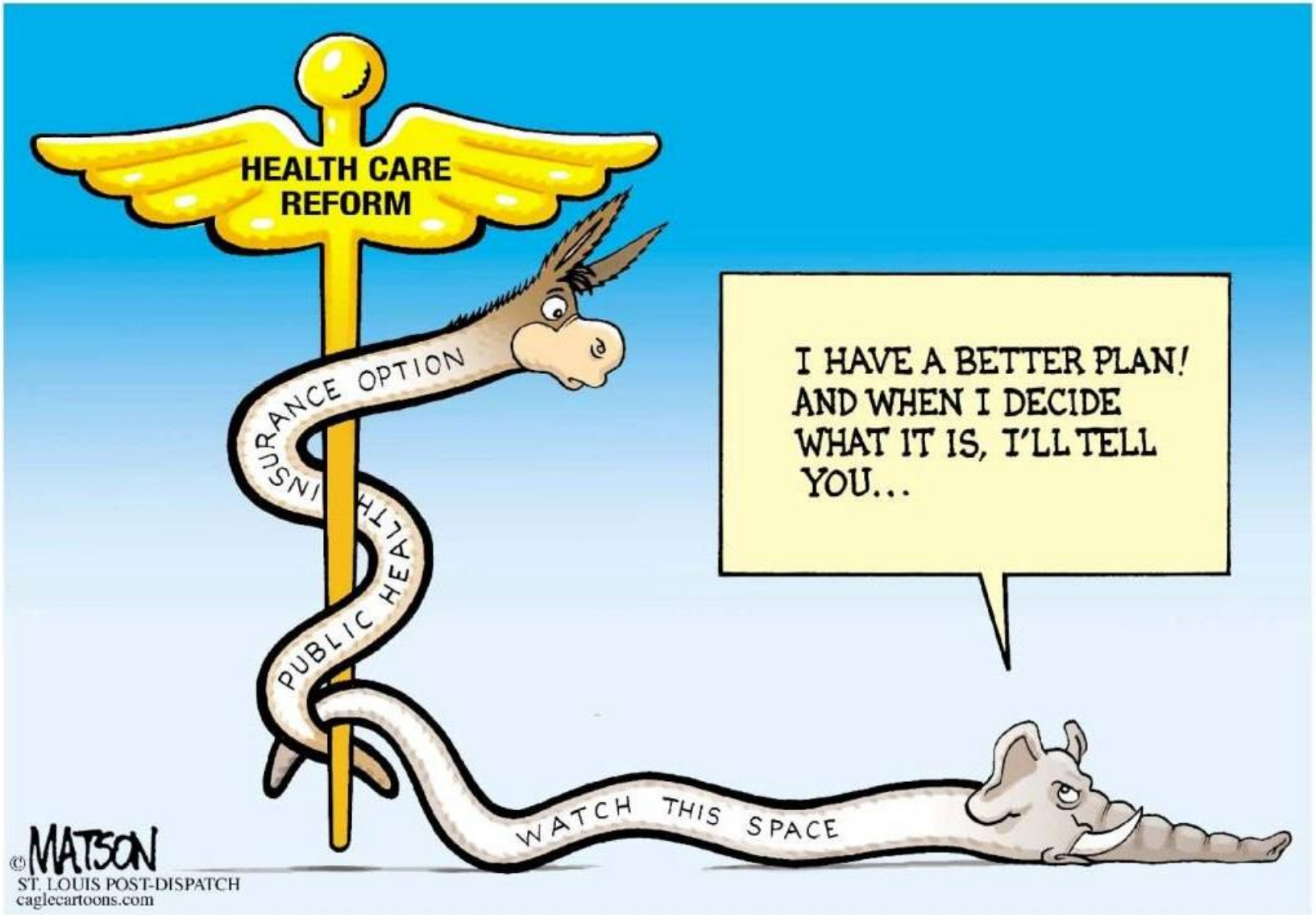
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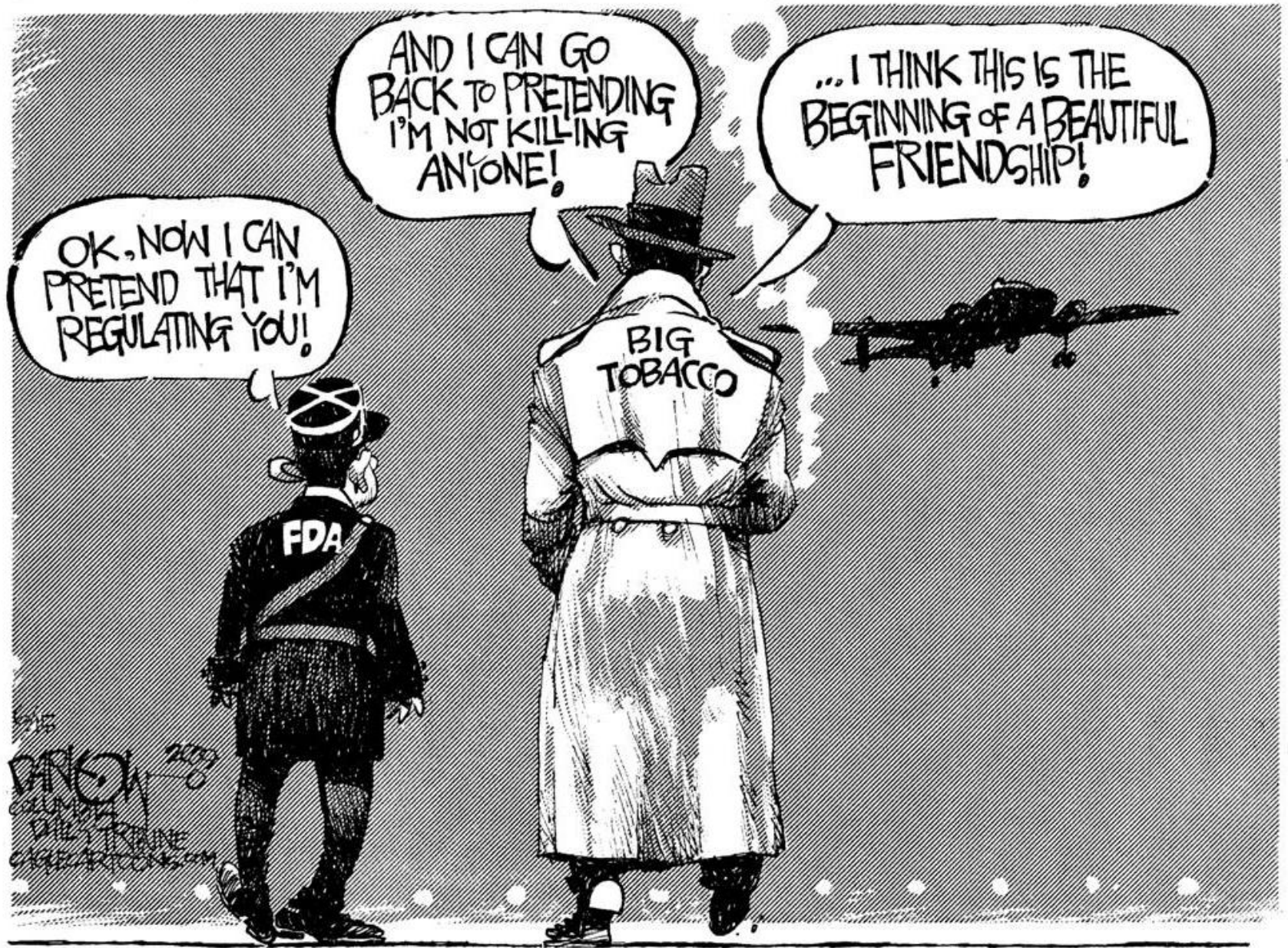


Launch

 **Health care sticker shock shaking lawmakers?**
June 18: Details and cost may be to blame for the delay on Capitol Hill while attempting to meet President Obama's August deadline for an American health care reform bill. NBC's Kelly O'Donnell reports.

MSNBC





Eissler Sells his Soul

Sunset measure killed

Other bills that attempted to limit the board's powers appear headed for the shredder.

That includes one that would have transferred the board's authority over the Permanent School Fund to a newly created council with actual financial expertise. Under the board's watch, as of January, the fund had slid more than \$8 billion from October 2007.

The one piece of legislation that got further than the rest would have simply required a Sunset review of the board, without the usual threat of abolishing the body. But an amazing thing happened after it passed the House on second reading.

The next day, during what's usually just a procedural final vote that nobody pays much attention to, a couple of Republican members changed their votes and ended up killing the measure.

Those Republicans included Rep. Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, chairman of the House education committee, occasional critic of the board and a guy with a reputation as a fair-minded, not overly political sort.

But, somehow, the bill had turned into a political sword in the sand. It became about party welfare rather than the welfare of schoolchildren.

Eissler told The Dallas Morning News later that some GOP groups interpreted the bill as a Democratic move to abolish the board.

“When push came to shove,” Eissler was quoted saying, “I had to show what team I was on.”

Officials: Hawaii anti-missile move a safeguard

By ANNE GEARAN and PAMELA HESS, Associated Press Writers Anne Gearan And Pamela Hess, Associated Press Writers – 29 mins ago

WASHINGTON – A new anti-missile system ordered for Hawaii is partly a strategy to deter North Korea from test-firing a long-range missile across the Pacific and partly a precaution against the unpredictable regime, military officials said Friday.

The United States has no indication that North Korean missile technology has improved markedly since past failed launches, and military and other assessments suggest the communist nation probably could not hit the westernmost U.S. state if it tried, officials said.

•AP – This image provided by the U.S. Navy shows the heavy lift vessel MV Blue Marlin entering Pearl

Harbor, ...

June 20, 2009

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The North's Taepodong-2 could travel that far in theory, if it works as designed. But

Playing Kim's Game



AP – This image provided by the U.S. Navy shows the heavy lift vessel MV Blue Marlin entering Pearl Harbor, ...

This image provided by the U.S. Navy shows the heavy lift vessel MV Blue Marlin entering Pearl Harbor, Hawaii with the Sea Based X-Band Radar (SBX) aboard Jan. 9 2006. SBX is a combination of the world's largest phased array X-band radar carried aboard a mobile, ocean-going semi-submersible oil platform. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday June 18, 2009 that the military has set up additional defenses around Hawaii, consisting of a ground-based mobile missile system and a radar system nearby. Together they could shoot an incoming missile in mid air. (AP Photo/US Navy - Ryan C. McGinley)

(AP)

WEDGIE TIME...

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TO NORTH KOREA
FOR WHAT CLEARLY
APPEARS TO BE
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It's time to
get rid of
those who
ruin this
country!...



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what I
meant!





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PEACE**

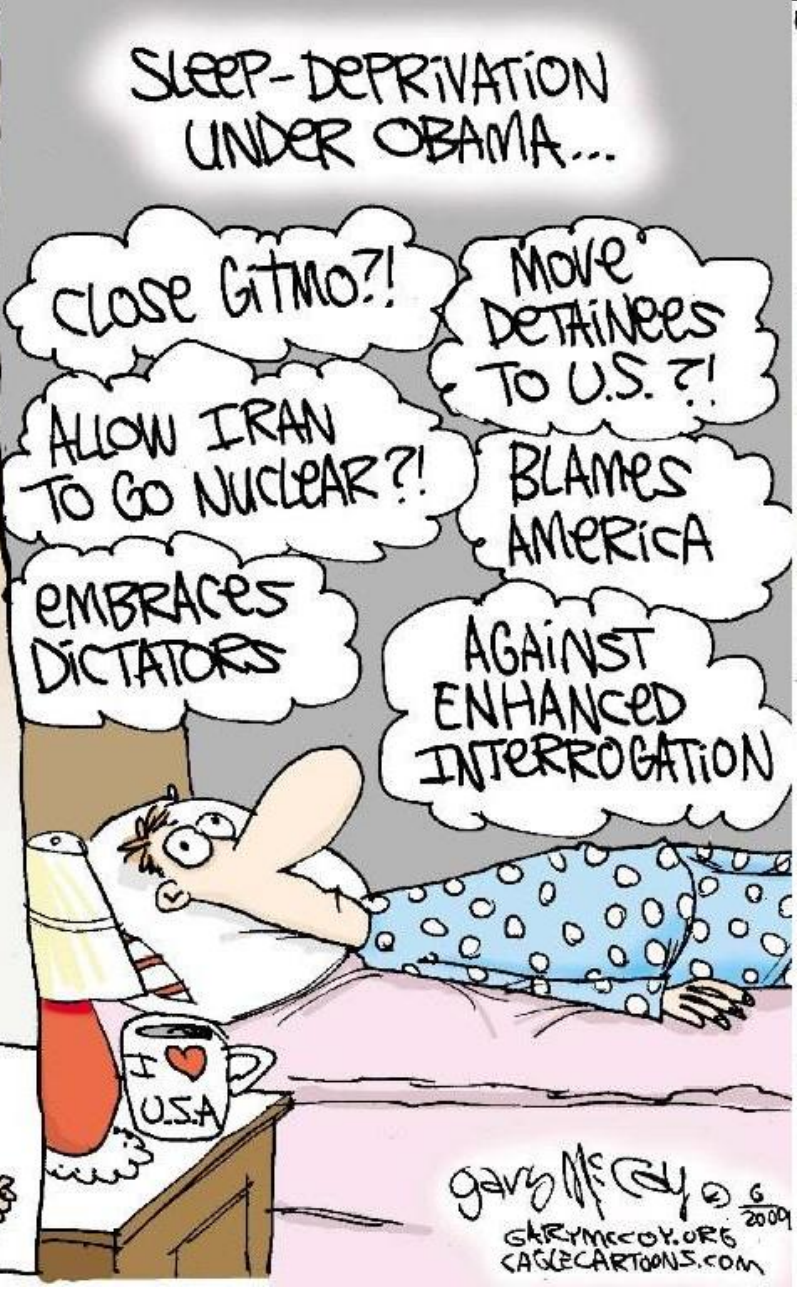
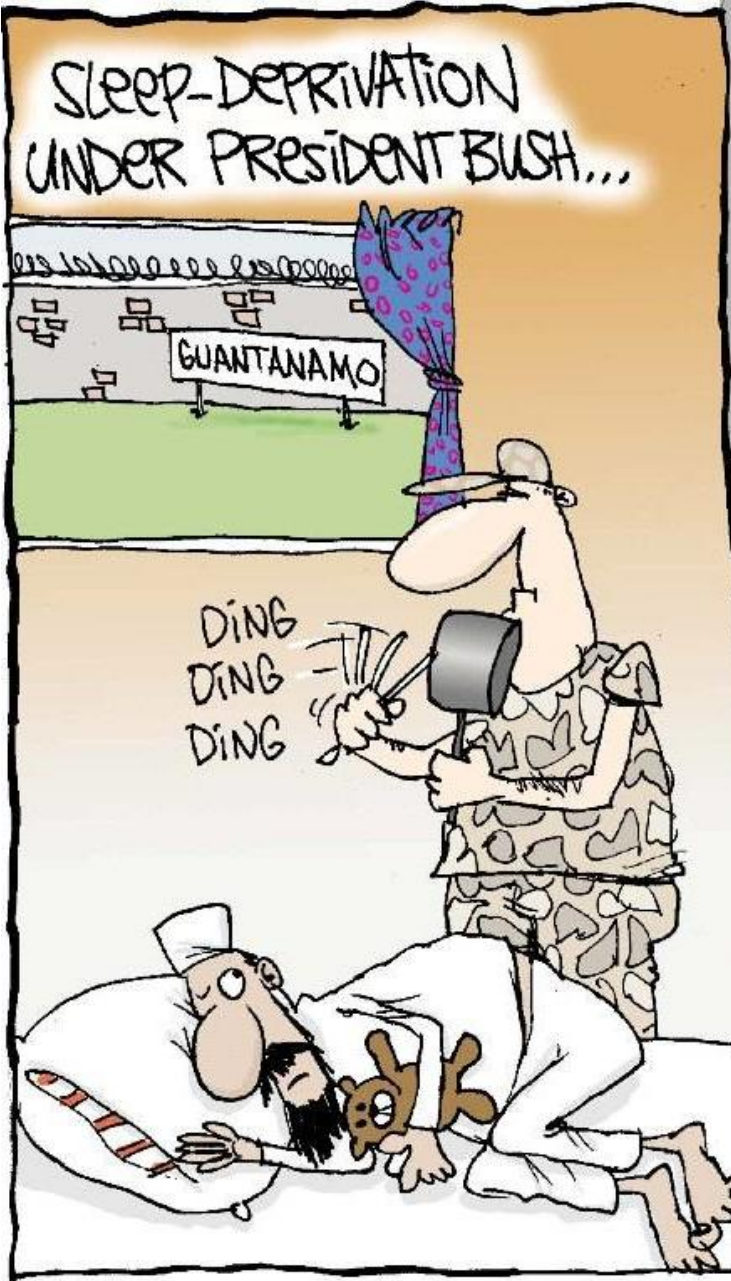
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**"Every government interference in the economy consists of giving an unearned benefit, extorted by force, to some men at the expense of others." --
-Ayn Rand**



The seduction of Barack (The Re-Revolution)

Torture Photos

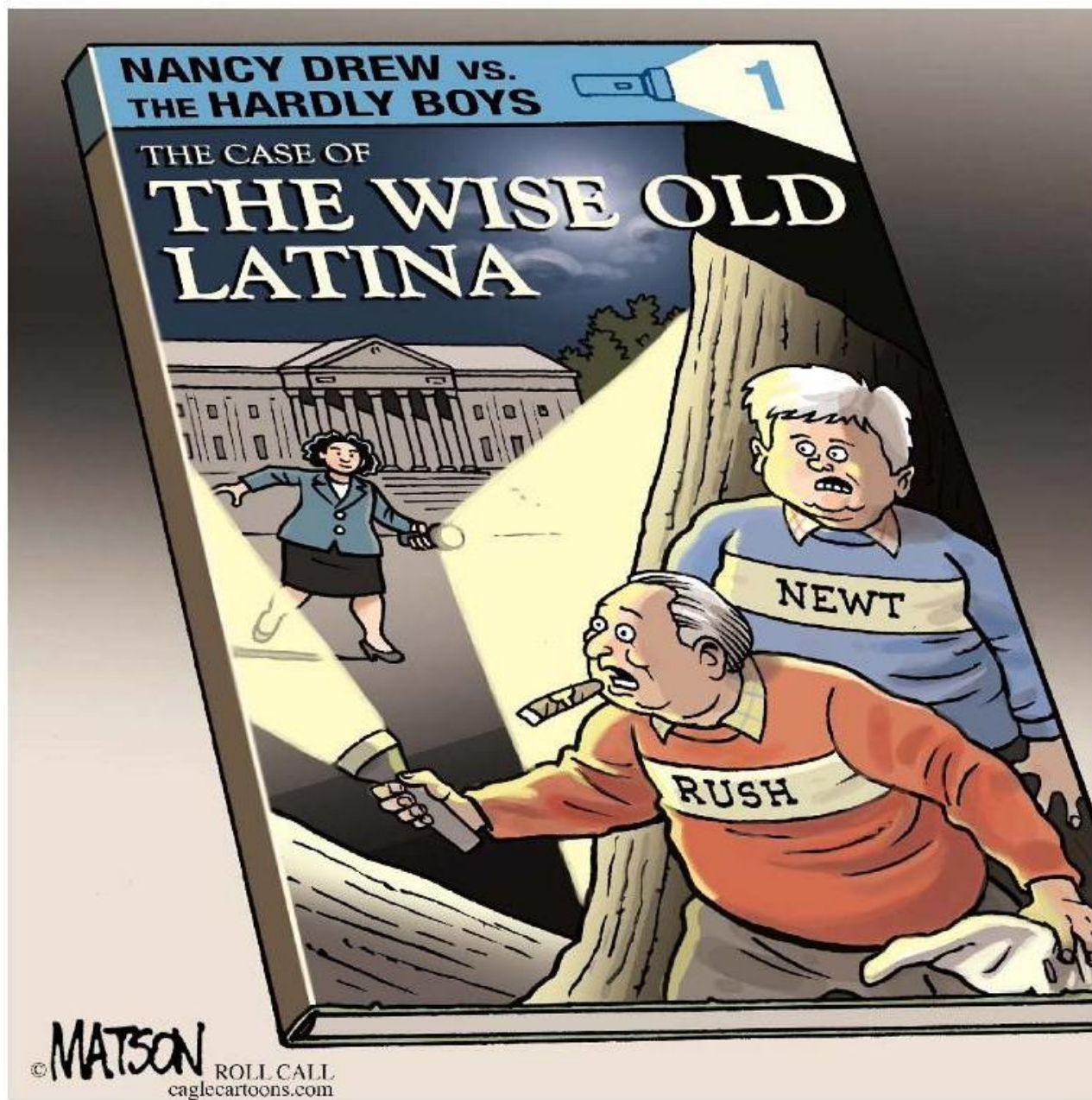
Don't ask, don't tell

Military Commissions

Rendition

Warrantless wire taps

Etc.



Sotomayor high-court nominee



AP/ALEX BRANDON

President Barack Obama presents federal Judge Sonia Sotomayor as his nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court during a ceremony Tuesday at the White House.

Obama picks Hispanic for Souter's seat

BY DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE STAFF AND WIRE SERVICES

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama announced Tuesday the nomination of federal appeals judge Sonia Sotomayor for the Supreme Court, choosing a daughter of Puerto Rican parents raised in a Bronx public housing project to become the nation's first Hispanic justice.

Sotomayor, 54, would replace retiring Justice David Souter and join Ruth Bader Ginsburg as the only women on the nine-member court, if confirmed by the Senate.

A FIRST FOR Hispanics? Experts don't agree on that. Page 9A.

Sotomayor (pronounced soh-toh-my-YOR), who stood next to the president during the announcement, was described by Obama as "an inspiring woman who I am confident will make a great justice."

The president said he had made his decision after "deep reflection and careful deliberation," and he made it clear that the judge's personal story was crucial in his decision. Obama praised her as someone possessing "a rigorous intellect, a mastery of the law."

But those essential qualities are not enough, the president said. Quoting Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Obama said, "The life of the law has not been logic, it has been experience." It is vitally important that a justice know "how the world works and how ordinary people live," the president said.

Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., said the fact that Sotomayor would add "diversity" to the court is important but added, "It is critical, first and

See **NOMINEE**, Page 9A

She's called tough, brilliant

BY KEITH B. RICHBURG
THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK — Sonia Sotomayor's journey to a seat on the prestigious U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit began in a public housing project in the Bronx in the 1950s, as the neighborhood was changing from majority white to predominantly Puerto Rican.

Sotomayor's father died when

she was 9, leaving her mother to raise her and her brother alone on a nurse's salary. But her mother instilled in the two children a strong ethic of hard work and the importance of education. After graduating from a Catholic high school, Sotomayor attended Princeton University, where she graduated summa cum laude, and then Yale Law School.

At Yale, her classmates recall

a young woman with a brilliant legal mind who was tough when arguing for her views. And although they said she never forgot her modest background, and always identified with the disadvantaged, her main passion was for the law, not a particular political agenda.

Most legal analysts expect Sotomayor — President Barack

See **SOTOMAYOR**, Page 9A

In a California speech in 2001 now under renewed scrutiny, she remarked that, on a court, "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life." On Friday, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Sotomayor acknowledges she made a poor word choice.

'EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY'

HIGH COURT: First Hispanic nominee grew up in Bronx public housing

LABELED ACTIVIST: Republicans see her past comments as cause for concern

SONIA SOTOMAYOR

AGE: 54

BORN: June 25, 1954; New York, N.Y.

EXPERIENCE: Judge, 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, 1998-present; Judge, U.S. District Court Southern District of New York, 1992-1998; private practice, New York City, 1984-1992; assistant district attorney, New York County, 1979-1984

EDUCATION: B.A., Princeton University, 1976; J.D., Yale Law School, 1979.

FAMILY: Divorced; no children.

QUOTE: "I don't believe we should bend the Constitution under any circumstance. It says what it says. We should do honor to it." — During a 1997 nomination hearing.



OLIVIER DOULIERY PHOTOS | ABACA PRESS/MCT

SHE'S THE ONE: After his advisers culled the candidates to nine, President Barack Obama picked four finalists. From those he chose Judge Sonia Sotomayor to replace retiring Justice David Souter.

By **PETER BAKER**
and **JEFF ZELENY**

NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Tuesday that he would nominate Sonia Sotomayor, a federal appeals court judge in New York, to the Supreme Court, choosing a daughter of Puerto Rican parents raised in a Bronx public housing project to become the nation's first Hispanic justice.

In making his first pick for the court, Obama emphasized Sotomayor's "extraordinary journey" from modest beginnings to the Ivy League and now the pinnacle of the judicial system. Casting her as the embodiment of the American dream, he touched off a confirmation battle that he hopes to wage over biography more than ideology.

Sotomayor's past comments about how her sex and ethnicity shaped her decisions and the role of appeals courts in making policy generated instant conservative complaints that she is a judicial activist, and Senate Republicans vowed to scrutinize her record. But with Democrats in reach of 60 votes needed to break a filibuster, the White House appeared eager to dare Republicans to stand against a history-making nomination at a time when both parties are courting the growing Hispanic vote.

"When Sonia Sotomayor ascends those marble steps to
Please see COURT, Page A8

Things that are important for a judge

There are three and only three things that should matter to a Supreme Court justice

The facts in case being considered.

The Law.

The Constitution.

Any personal beliefs, biases, advocacies, history, past mistakes, etc. Must be set aside when hearing and deliberating a case.

The Truth will make you?



FILE - In this Dec. 16, 1975 file photo, Sara Jane Moore looks out the window of a U.S. marshal's car in San Francisco. Moore, the woman who fired a gun at President Gerald Ford in 1975, told the "Today" show Thursday, May 28, 2009 that she believed that the country would change only through a violent revolution.(AP Photo/file) (AP)



Freedom



From playing piano on the prison walls to [repeating the "Star Spangled Banner"](#) to keep her spirits up, [former Iranian prisoner Roxana Saberi](#) said she got through her nearly three months of confinement by praying to a God she once thought had given up on her.

Former prisoner Roxana Saberi said that even though she was elated to be freed, she walked out of Iran's Evin Prison with a heavy conscious thinking of the rest of the women who were left behind. (Lauren Victoria Burke/ABC News)

Will the icecap melt before ...

TOP OF THE TICKET

POLITICS, COAST TO COAST, WITH THE L.A. TIMES

« Joe Biden, Obama's Mr. Fix-It, tells NATO time to talk to 'moderate' Taliban -- read full text here | Main | Here comes card-check/EACA: Another bipartisan bridge to nowhere »

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.

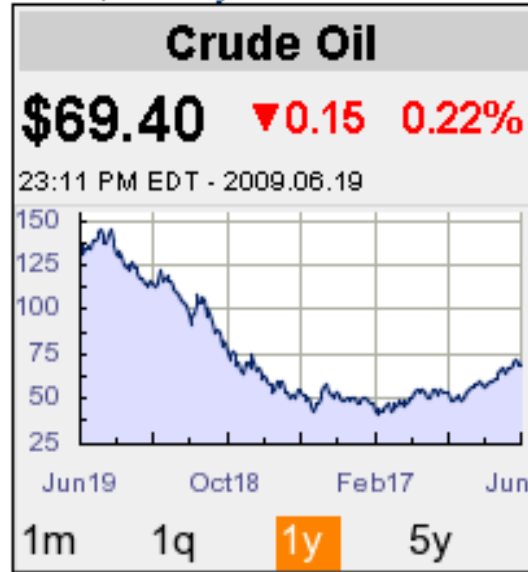
Minnesota Supreme Court Hears Coleman v Franken on June 1

May 15th, 2009 The Minnesota Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in Coleman v Franken, A09-697, on Monday, June 1. The issue is whether 4,400 absentee ballots from last year's U.S. Senate election should be counted. Because Franken leads in the official recount by 312 votes, his attorneys argue that lower courts were correct to reject those uncounted absentee ballots. Even if the Supreme Court reverses the lower court and allows some or all of the uncounted absentees to be counted, no one knows whether counting them would be good or bad for Coleman. Thanks to Rick Hasen for this news.

Crude Oil Price

Oil Dashboard

June, Friday 19 2009 - 23:21:00

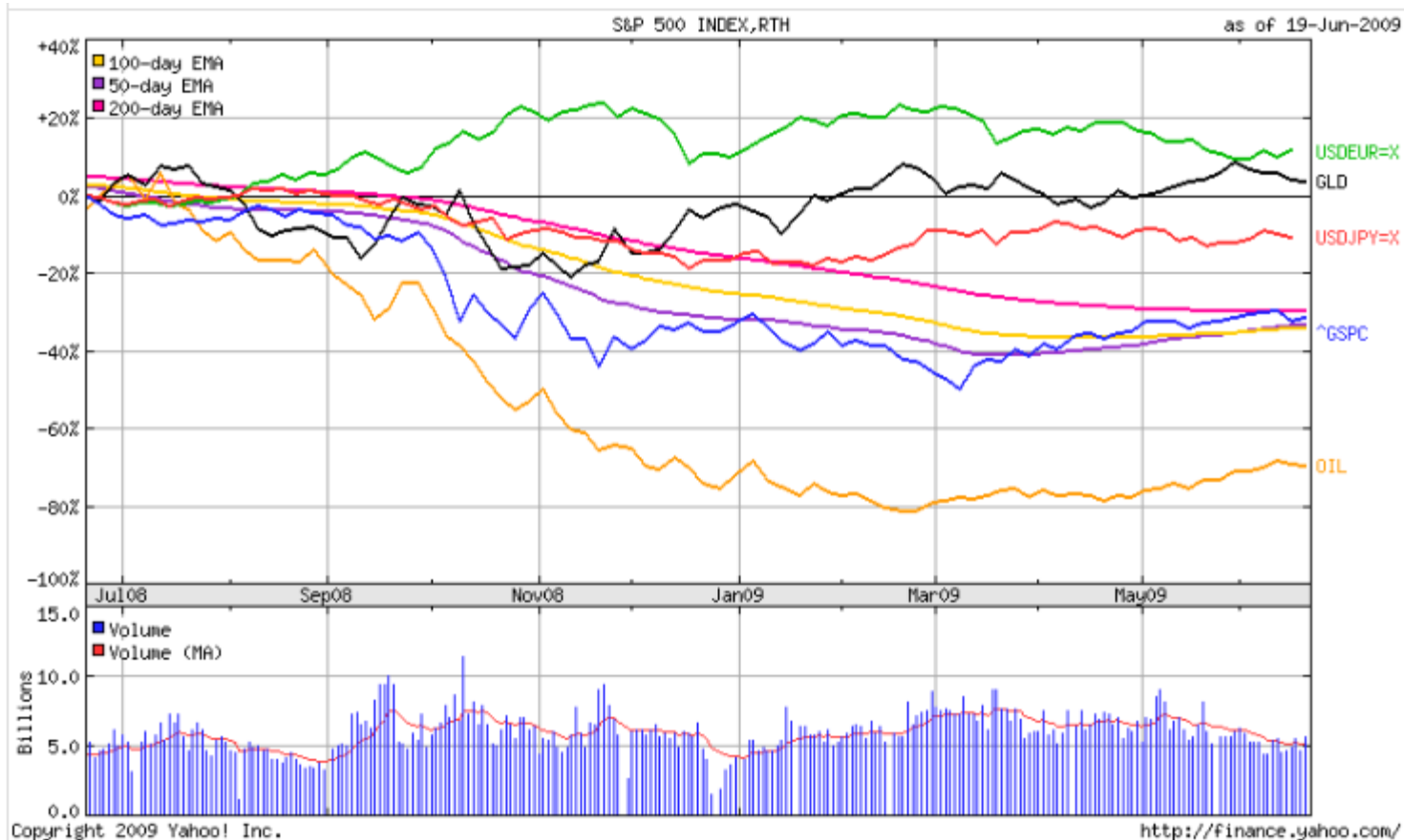


Crude Oil Price by OIL-PRICE.NET ©

Price		Change	Trades	Volume
23:21 - \$ 69.40		▼0.15 0.22% ▼	16,865	78,528
Range	Open	52 Wk Range	1 Year Forecast	
68.90 - 72.30	69.40	32.41 - 147.27	\$ 80 / Barrel	

<http://oil-price.net/>

S&P 500 – 1 Year

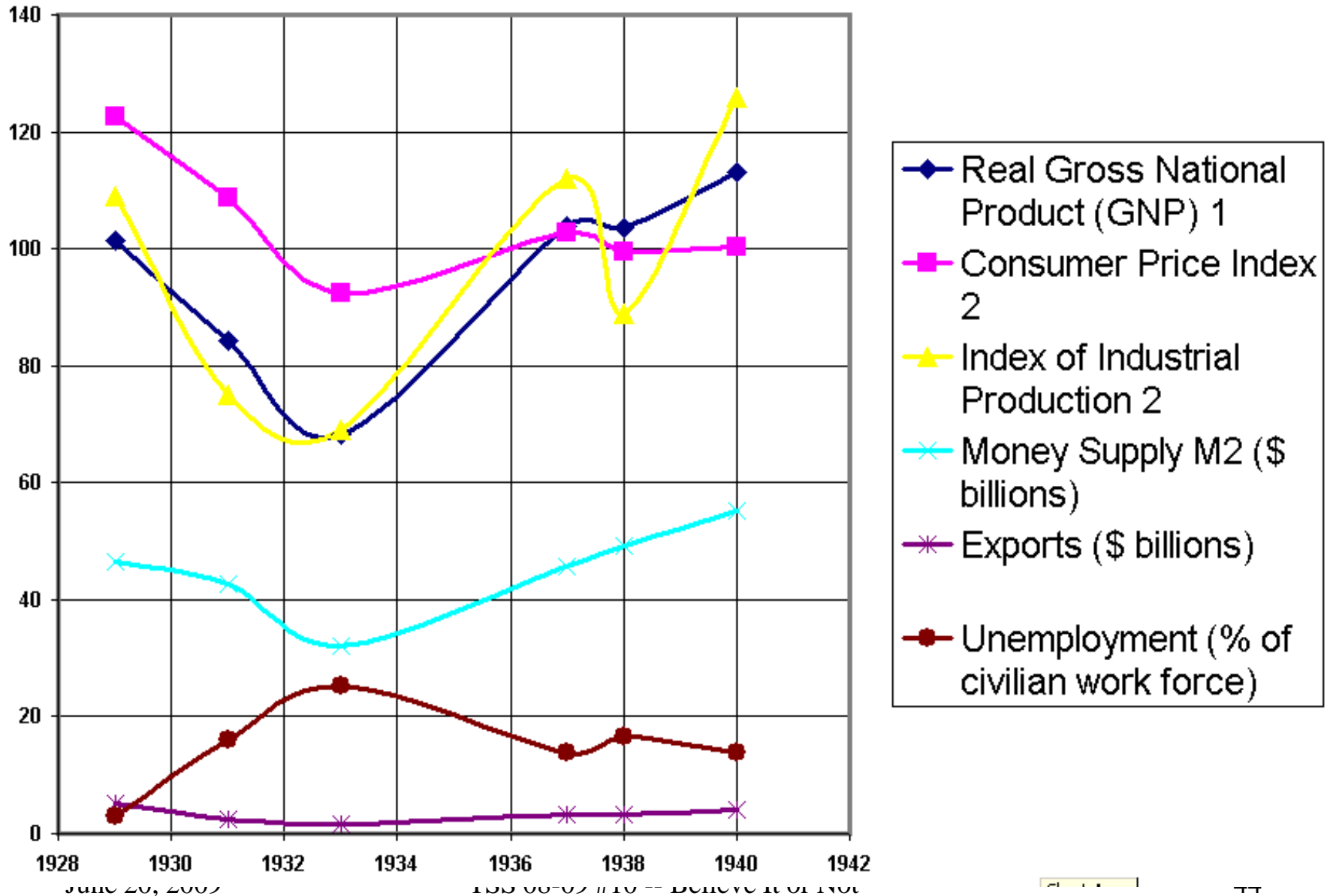


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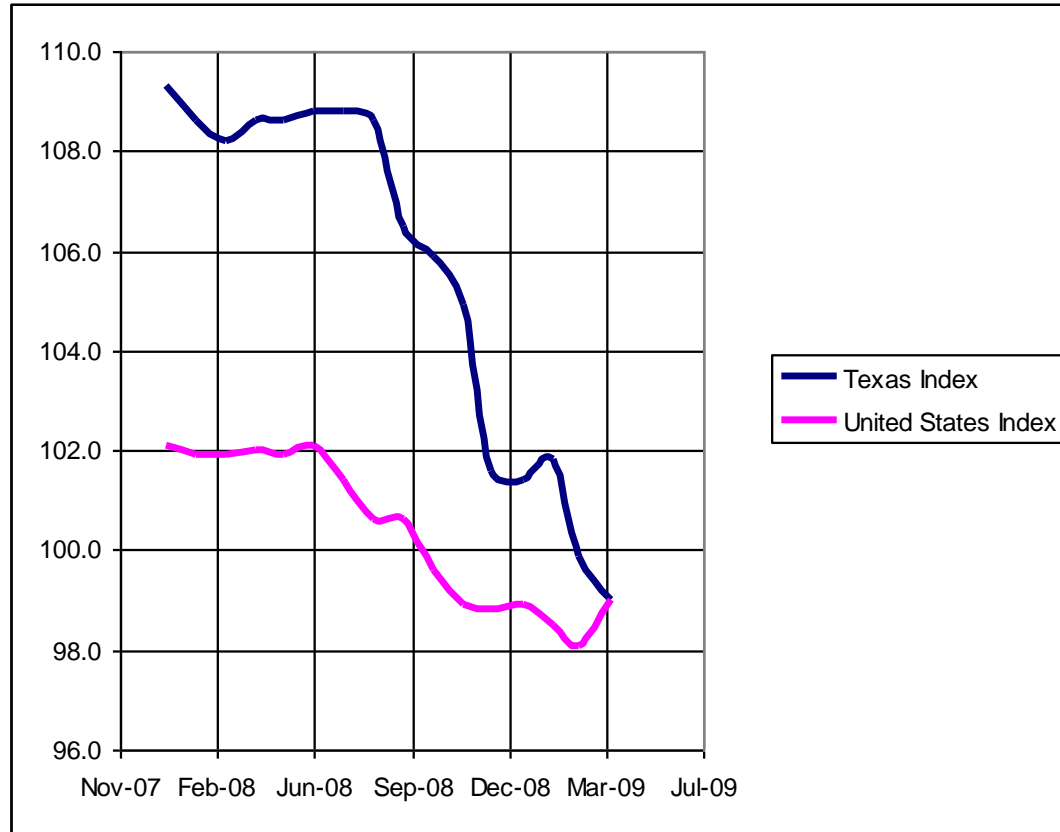
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The Years of the Great Depression



Texas Leading Economic Indicators



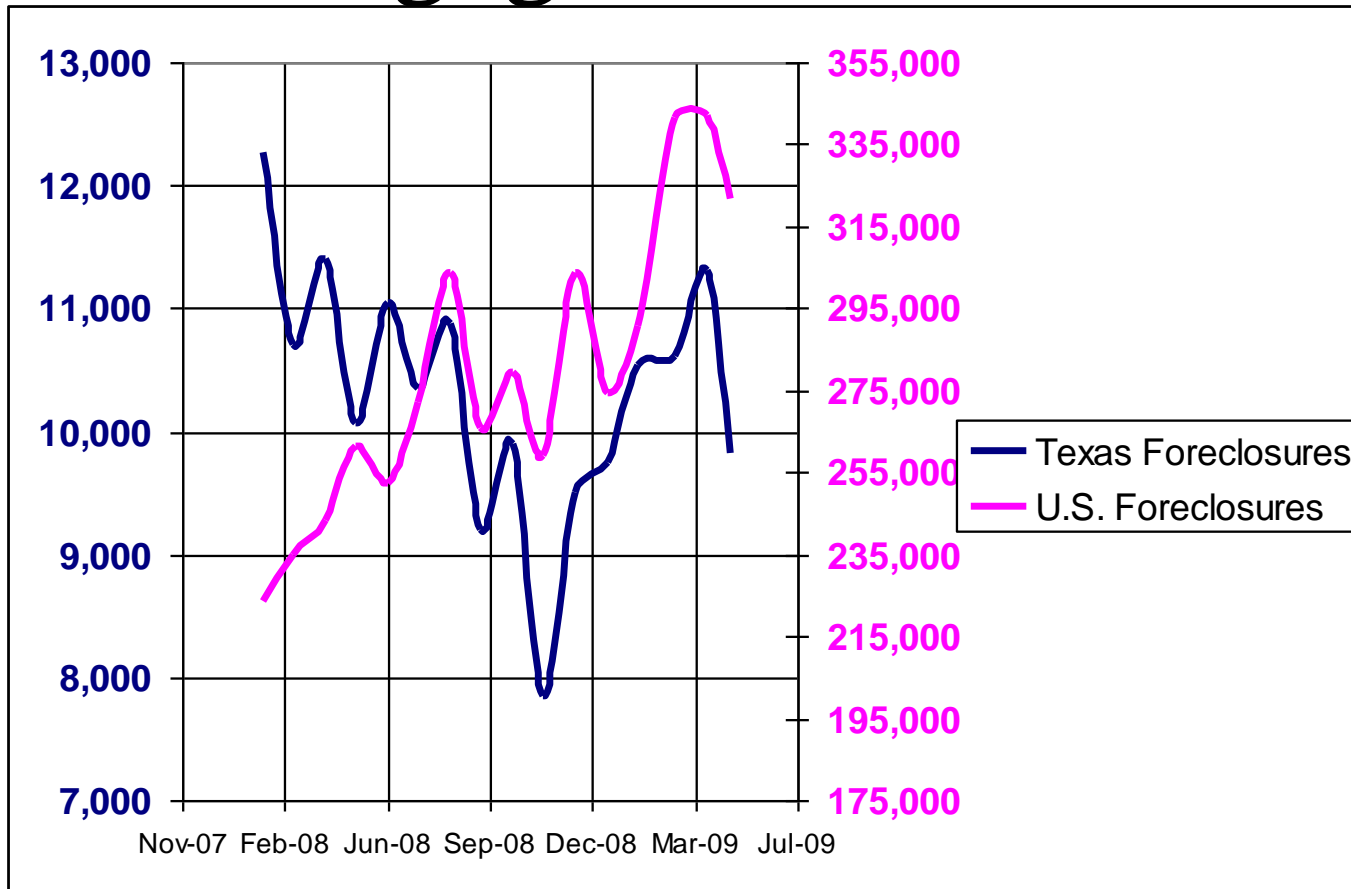
Change from previous year:

The leading indicators for Texas are down 8.8%

The leading indicators for the United States are down 2.9%

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

Mortgage Foreclosures



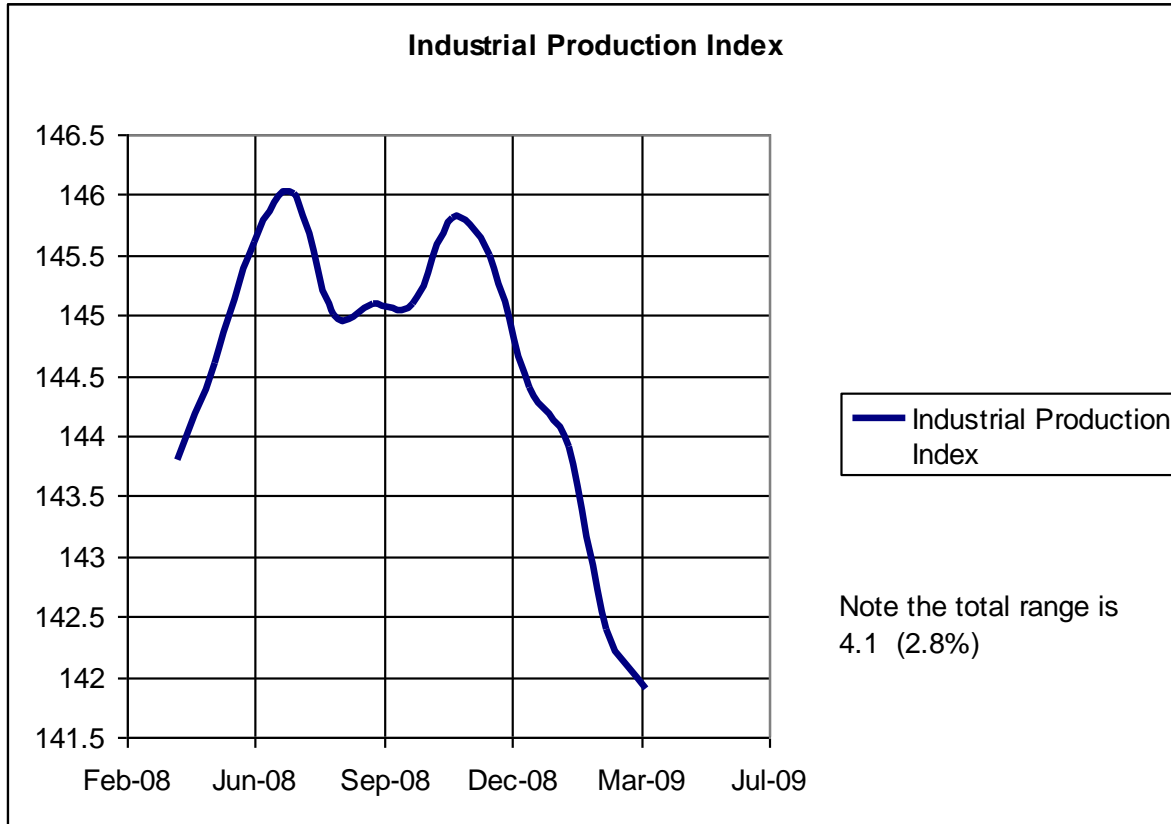
Change from previous year:

Texas is down 2.5%

U.S. is up 23.1%.

Source: RealtyTrac

Industrial Production Index (Tx)



Change from previous year: down 1.3%.

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas



Bavarian men might want to rethink their annual Oktoberfest revels in light of a new study.

There's trouble brewing, guys

You have to hope that this study is flawed, but the evidence seems irrefutable. Several months ago, scientists at Europe's annual human reproduction conference suggested that the results of a recent analysis revealed the presence of female hormones in beer, and suggest-

ed that men should take a look at their beer consumption. The theory is that drinking beer makes men turn into women.

To test the theory, 100 men were each fed six pints of beer within a one-hour period. It was then observed that 100 per cent of the men gained weight, talked

excessively without making sense, became overly emotional, couldn't drive, failed to think rationally, argued over nothing, had to sit down while urinating, couldn't perform sexually, and refused to apologize when wrong.

No further testing is planned.

Female hormones in beer?

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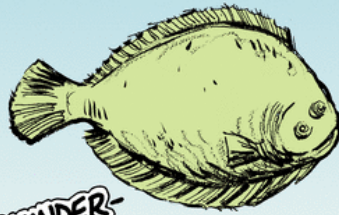
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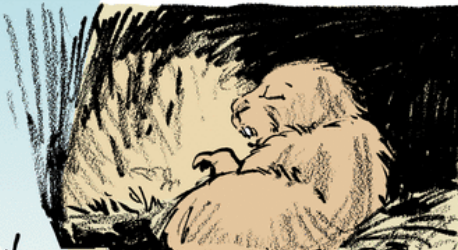
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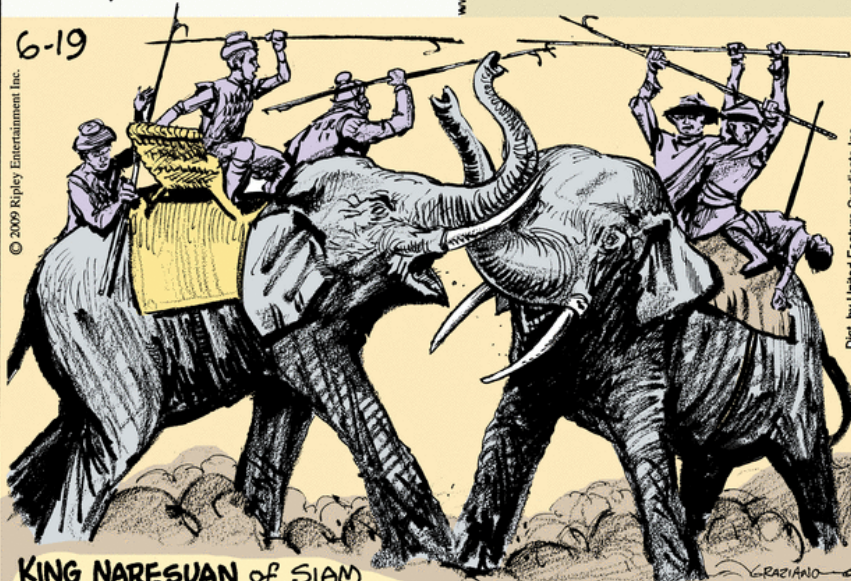
Ripley's Believe It or Not!



FLOUNDER-
FISH WITH A MIGRATING EYE!
AT FIRST THEY SWIM VERTICALLY WITH AN EYE ON EACH SIDE. LATER, ONE EYE MOVES AROUND AND JOINS THE OTHER, AND THE FISH SWIMS FLAT!



GROUNDHOGS
BREATHE ONLY ONCE EVERY 5 MINUTES DURING HIBERNATION!



KING NARESUAN OF SIAM AND THE CROWN PRINCE OF BURMA FOUGHT A DUEL WHILE RIDING ATOP ELEPHANTS IN 1592. CENTURIES LATER, NARESUAN'S VICTORY IS STILL CELEBRATED AS A HOLIDAY IN THAILAND.

http://comics.com/ripleys_believe_it_or_not/

Summer of '09

Sunday morning Bob Schieffer, started the CBS News "Face the Nation" episode by pointing out the The Obama administration had a full schedule over the summer as they planned to have the following three things accomplished by September:

- **A Health Care Reform plan**
- **A plan for relocating the inmates from Guantanamo**
- **Sonia Sotomayor confirmed as the newest Associate Justice on the Supreme Court**

Then if that weren't enough ... the news steps in to make the party more interesting. Iran – Election - was it fair? Can the Supreme Leader and the Guardian Council stand up to a technologically driven transparency that may show the world and their own citizens they had their thumb on the scale of democracy. Then there is the nuclear monster. Is it Iran's idea or ours for them to build nuclear weapons?

Palestine – Israel (the Obama Cairo speech) Why was bin Laden so upset? Was the Obama speech really good enough to put Osama out of business? Netanyahu's response, "Sure there can be a Palestine, if ..."

North Korea - Obama says we are not going to play "Kim's Game," That is Kim throws a tantrum and we sent him care packages. Their recent second test blast registered about 4 kilotons, about 8 times their first one. Oh, not to forget the two lady journalists sentenced to 12 years hard labor.

Immigration "Reform" (try to figure what "reform" means)

Oh, and let's not forget the economy, the recovery, the bailout, or as I think of it, the "rip-off" of the American people. Will it be limping along with hopeful conjecture or bearish?

How Neo Cons Reframe Liberal Views (Humor?)

I voted Democrat because I love the fact that I can now marry whatever I want.
I've decided to marry my horse

I voted Democrat because I believe oil companies' profits of 4%
on a gallon of gas are obscene but the government taxing the
same gallon of gas at 15% isn't.

I voted Democrat because I believe the government will do a better job of
spending the money I earn than I would.

I voted Democrat because freedom of speech is fine as long as nobody is offended by it.

I voted Democrat because when we pull out of Iraq I trust that the bad guys will stop what
they are doing because they now think we are good people.

I voted Democrat because I'm way too irresponsible to own a gun, and I know that my local
police are all I need to protect me from murderers and thieves.

I voted Democrat because I believe that people who can't tell us if it will rain on Friday can
tell us that the polar ice caps will melt away in ten years if I don't start driving a Prius.

I voted Democrat because I'm not concerned about the slaughter of millions of babies so long
as we keep all death row inmates alive.

I voted Democrat because I think illegal aliens have a right to free health care,
education, and Social Security benefits.

I voted Democrat because I believe that business should not be allowed to make profits for
themselves. They need to break even and give the rest away to the government for redistribution
as the democrats see fit.

I voted Democrat because I believe liberal judges need to rewrite The Constitution every few
days to suit some fringe kooks who would never get their agendas past the voters.

I voted Democrat because my head is so firmly planted up my butt that it is unlikely that I'll
ever have another point of view.

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Internet Resources

Politifact (The St. Petersburg Times)

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/>

Anneberg Political Fact Check

<http://factcheck.org/>

Snopes.COM: Urban Legends References (and internet hoaxes)

<http://snopes.com/>

Other Internet hoax checkers

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<http://vil.nai.com/vil/hoaxes.aspx>

Truth about computer security hysteria (This is mostly for geeks)

<http://vmyths.com/>

Washington Post checker, Now defunct, but was active during the election, leaves some "4 Pinocchio" bits as reminders

<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/fact-checker/>

Wikipedia, the [free encyclopedia](#) that [anyone can edit](#). (My favorite for detailed information - note warnings)

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

A Course You Can Take

If you want a real education in fact checking and urban-myth busting you can actually take a course in it here:

<http://www.factchecked.org/>

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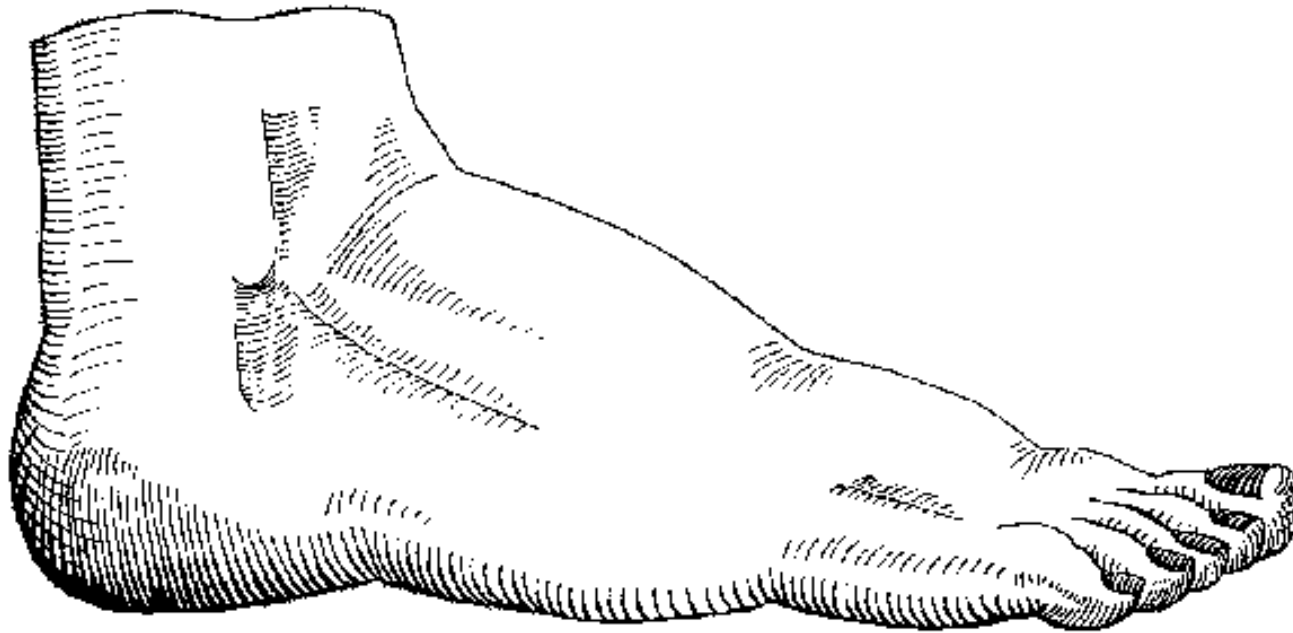
Don't panic!

Don't be Panicked!

Seriously

See You 19 September 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

One of life's persistent questions:

“Why do cockroaches roll over before the die?”



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

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

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?

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.



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