

**Third Saturday Seminar 2009-2010**  
**Humanity at a Crossroads**  
**Session 05**  
**16 December 2010**

**Dealing with Foreclosure**  
**Dale Robertson**

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

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

*Grace Lee Boggs*

## **Program for TSS Meeting 21 November 2009**

- 9:30 am Introduction & Current Events (30 Minutes +/-) –  
*Curt Gibby*
- 10:15 am – **“Dealing with Foreclosure” Dale Robertson**
- 10: 40 10 minute break
- 10:50 am -- **“Dealing with Foreclosure” Continues**
- 11:55 am- Closure – Feedback
- 11:00 am Session ends
- Next Session 20 February 2010 – Happy Holidays**

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**If you have any questions please contact me.**

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**The donuts are free to law enforcement.**

# “Cartoons of the Week”

We make extensive use of political cartoons in this presentation.

The Source of these Cartoons is TIME in cooperation with CNN. You can find the ones I’ve included and more at:

<http://www.time.com/time/cartoonsoftheweek>

**Curt Gibby**

# Current Events

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

# ALL Open House Next Weekend

**ALL Open House** We look forward to seeing you in Building A on **January 23 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Each instructor will be invited to the stage to be introduced. There will be signs designating an area for each cluster where ALL members may meet instructors for discussions or questions. We hope you will be able to attend. Many of you have already responded, If you have not already responded, please do so by **Friday, January 15, 2010**. This will allow us to allot enough time in the program to introduce everyone. You may respond by email or telephone listed below. Lynda Woodruff 713-589-2384

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# PSA 2

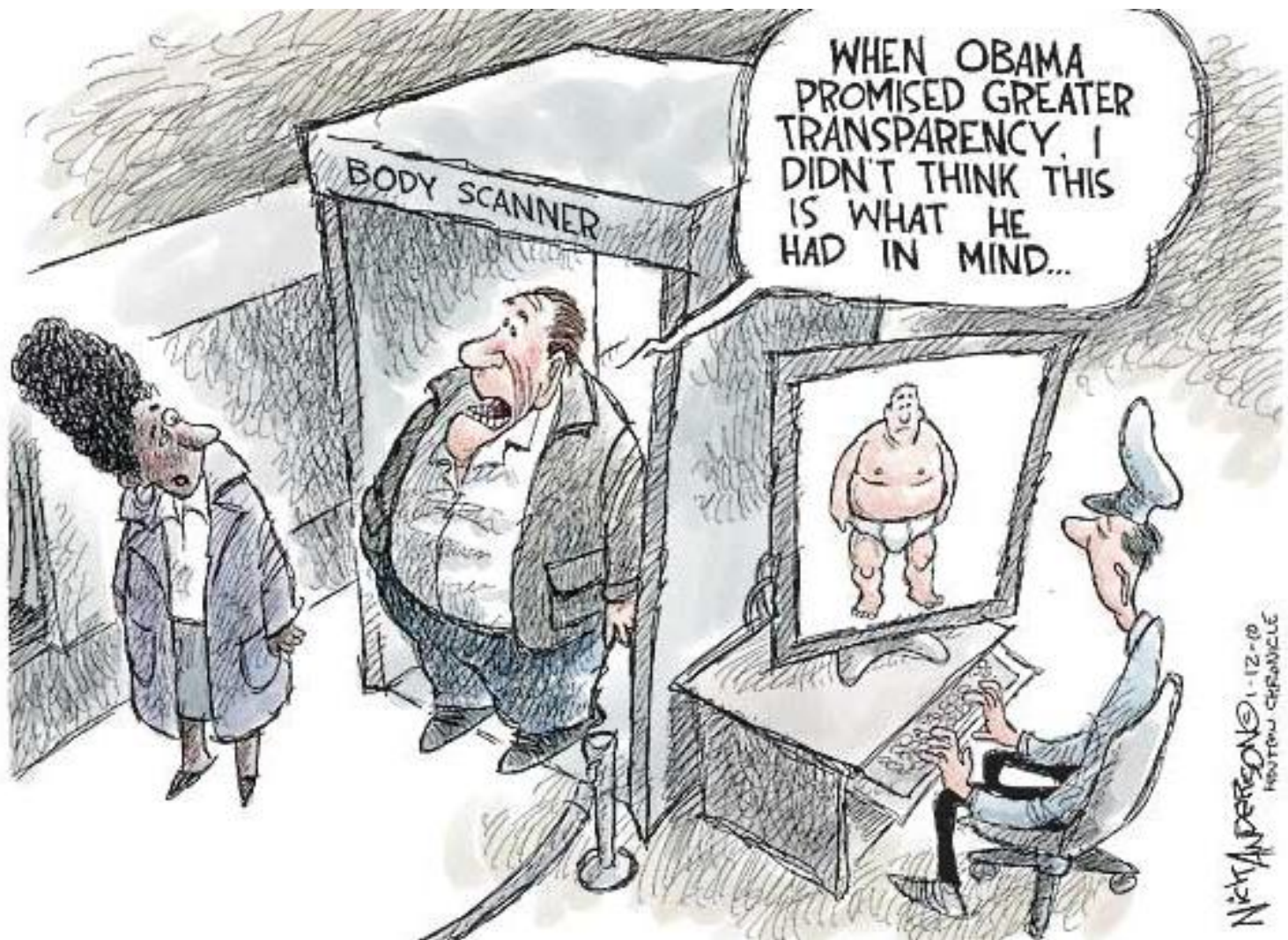
**The first meeting of the Saturday Science Seminars will be 23 January (Wally Gardner)**

In collaboration with the Asimov Chapter of the American Humanist Association, this series of science lectures is geared to help promote better understanding of the science involved in issues of current public interest and debate. If you would like know more about the latest scientific data and speculation relating to global climate change or information about the most important new advances in biotechnology, join us for this series led by biotechnology professors, geologists and geophysicists. (Class meets 1/23; 2/27; 4/24 & 5/22. No meeting in March.) 4 Sessions. No Fee. LSC-Montgomery B-102 29278 Sa 1/23 - 5/22

# PSAs 3 & 4

Look for a **Roy Zimmerman concert** around February 13 and/or 20th (TBD) <http://www.royzimmerman.com/> in a **fund raiser for KPFT**,  
**Call Teresa Allen at 281-350-3052 for details**

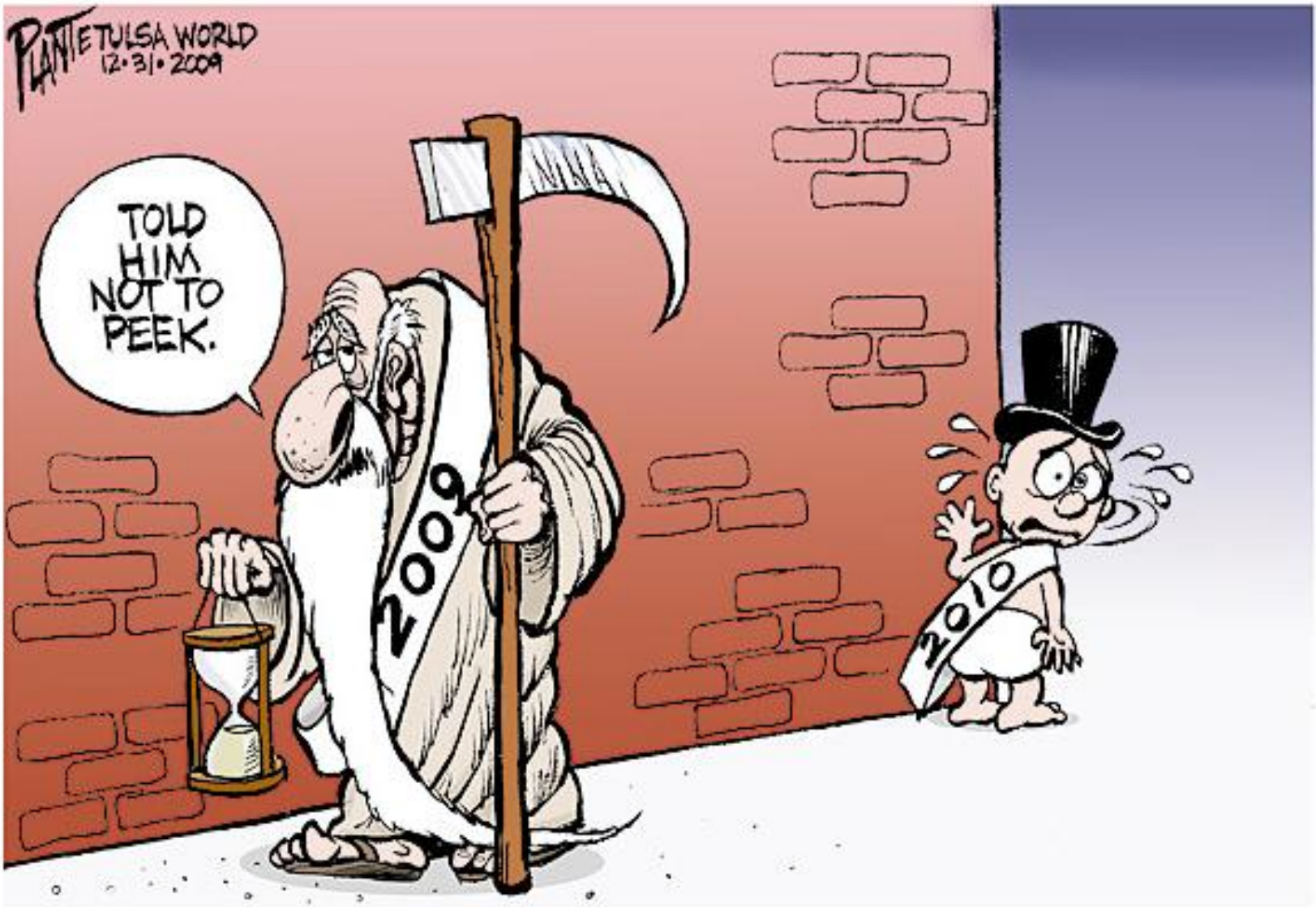
**Book Signing at Brazos Bookstore** by Bill Montaglio author of **Molly Ivins, A Rebel Life**, Wednesday February 17, 2010, 7:00 PM, 2421 Bissonnet (713) 523-0701) [brazosbookstore.com](http://www.brazosbookstore.com)  
<http://www.publicaffairsbooks.com/publicaffairsbooks-cgi-bin/display?book=9781586487171>





# Happy New Year #1

- What will we be talking about 1 year from today?
  
- What will we be talking about 10 years from today?



# Happy New Year #2

Will the next war be:

- Iran
- Yemen
- Civil War in the US
- World War III
- None of the above

# If it is World War III

Who will be on what side?

- Economic War – 1<sup>st</sup> vs 3d worlds?

- Religious War? Muslim vs Christian



# In Vt., 9 candidates for governor, other state offices run on secession platform

JOHN CURRAN Associated Press Writer

January 13, 2010 | 12:21 a.m.

SHELBURNE, Vt. (AP) — Peter Garritano thinks it's time for Vermont to call it quits with America.

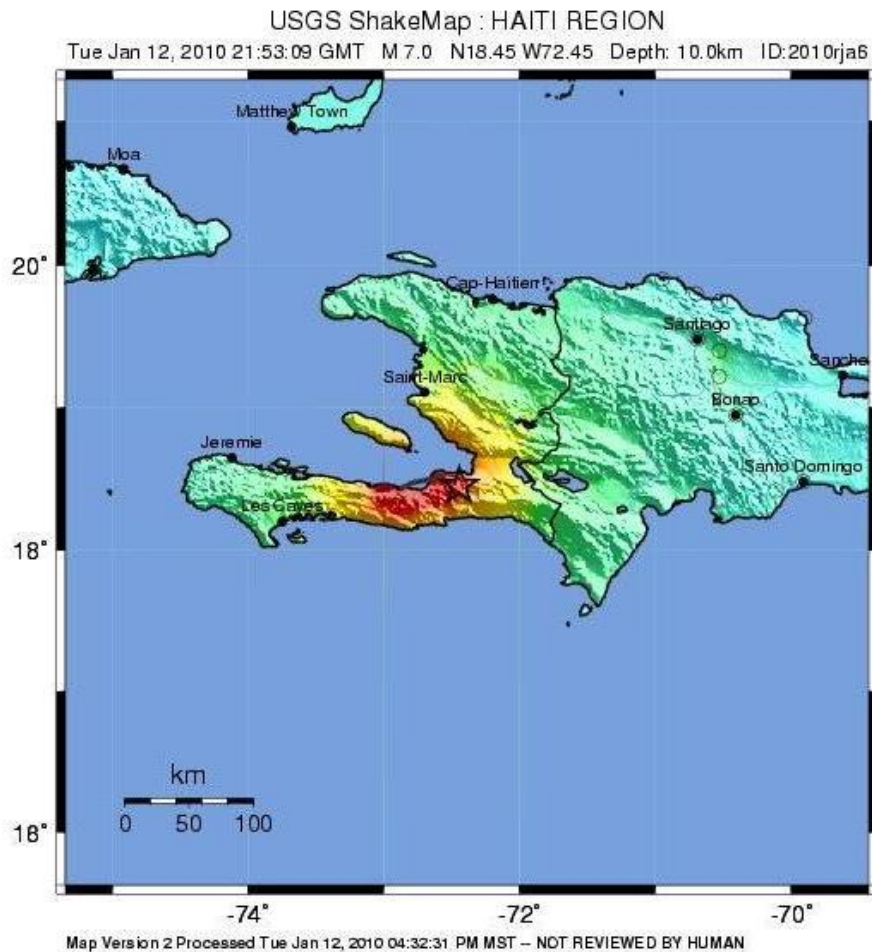
The way the 54-year-old automobile salesman sees it, the "empire" is about to implode and tiny Vermont can lead the way by becoming its own independent republic. So he's running for lieutenant governor, topping a slate of secession-minded candidates seeking statewide offices this year.

Their name: *Vermont Independence Day*.

"The only hope is to just say, 'Look, this isn't working for us. We want to start fresh again, with a real democracy,'" Garritano said. "I think that's the answer. Hopefully, it won't take another horrible economic breakdown to realize that the people running things don't look out for the little guy, or us, or the soldiers. It's all about profit and getting the last drops of oil on Earth and trampling people's rights."

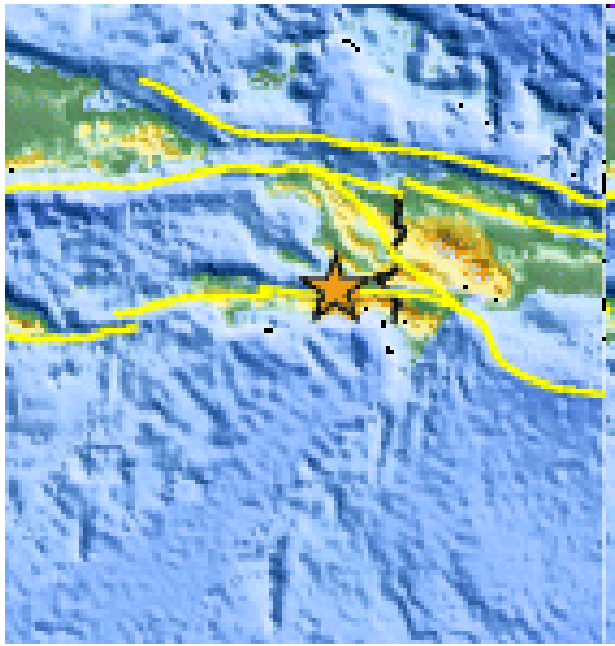


# Haiti Earthquake 12 Jan 2010



The earthquake occurred on 12 January 2010 approximately 25 kilometres (16 mi) WSW from the country's capital Port-au-Prince at 16:53 UTC-5<sup>[3]</sup> on the Enriquillo-Plantain Garden fault system.<sup>[4]</sup> The earthquake was measured a magnitude of 7.0  $M_w$  earthquake<sup>[3]</sup> and was followed by a series of aftershocks, fourteen of them between magnitudes 5.0 and 5.9.<sup>[5]</sup> The main areas affected by the quake were Port-au-Prince and its suburbs, though it was also felt in several surrounding countries and regions, including Cuba, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and the bordering country of Dominican Republic.<sup>[6][7]</sup> In spite of this, casualties from the earthquake were only reported in Haiti.

PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	none	none	none	Very light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	Very Heavy
PEAK ACC.(%g)	<.17	.17-1.4	1.4-3.9	3.9-9.2	9.2-18	18-34	34-65	65-124	>124
PEAK VEL.(cm/s)	<0.1	0.1-1.1	1.1-3.4	3.4-8.1	8.1-16	16-31	31-60	60-116	>116
INSTRUMENTAL INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X



The Septentrional fault system in northern Haiti and the Enriquillo-Plantain Garden fault system in Southern Haiti.

January 16, 2010

## **Felt Reports**

Severe damage and casualties in the Port-au-Prince area. Felt throughout Haiti and the Dominican Republic, in Turks and Caicos Islands, southeastern Cuba, eastern Jamaica, in parts of Puerto Rico and the Bahamas, and as far as Tampa, Florida and Caracas, Venezuela.

## **Tectonic Summary**

The January 12, 2010, Haiti earthquake occurred in the boundary region separating the Caribbean plate and the North America plate. This plate boundary is dominated by left-lateral strike slip motion and compression, and accommodates about 20 mm/y slip, with the Caribbean plate moving eastward with respect to the North America plate.

Haiti occupies the western part of the island of Hispaniola, one of the Greater Antilles islands, situated between Puerto Rico and Cuba. At the longitude of the January 12 earthquake, motion between the Caribbean and North American plates is partitioned between two major east-west trending, strike-slip fault systems -- the Septentrional fault system in northern Haiti and the Enriquillo-Plantain

Garden fault system in southern Haiti.

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# Compare Haiti to the Dominican Republic

<b>Country</b>	<b>Republic of Haiti</b>	<b>Dominican Republic</b>	<b>Ratio D.R./H</b>
<b>Languages</b>	<b>Creole, French</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	
<b>Ethnic Groups</b>	<b>95% Black 5% Mullato and White</b>	<b>73% Multiracial 16% White 11% Black</b>	
<b>Independence</b>	<b>1804 From France</b>	<b>From Spain 1821 From Haiti 1844 From Spain 1865</b>	
<b>Area</b>	<b>10,714 sq mi</b>	<b>18,704 sq mi</b>	<b>1.75</b>
<b>Population</b>	<b>10,033,000</b>	<b>10,090,000</b>	<b>1.01</b>
<b>Pop. Density</b>	<b>936.4/sq mi</b>	<b>539.4/sq mi</b>	<b>0.58</b>
<b>GDP</b>	<b>\$6.943 Billion</b>	<b>\$44.716 Billion</b>	<b>6.44</b>
<b>GDP per Capita</b>	<b>\$790</b>	<b>\$4,952</b>	<b>6.27</b>
<b>Gini</b>	<b>59.2 (high)</b>	<b>49.9 (high)</b>	<b>0.84</b>

# Dominican Republic aid to Haiti eases historic tensions

January 13, 2010 10:01 p.m. EST

(CNN) -- The Dominican Republic was the first country to give aid to Haiti in the aftermath of Tuesday's devastating earthquake. Some of the first video images of the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince came from a Dominican television crew.

On the face of it, the quick reaction from Haiti's neighbor may not seem surprising given their proximity. **But historically, a much wider gap in relations has existed between Haiti and the Dominican Republic since colonial times.** The Dominican Republic's outpouring of support to Haiti is a reminder of how the less-than-friendly legacy between the two nations has been buried even deeper.

**Some tensions still exist between citizens of both countries. Dominicans recall how they were under Haitian rule for a period in the mid-1800s, and how they repeatedly fought Haitian aggressions. Today, Haitians provide cheap labor in the Dominican Republic, a trend that has caused resentment on both sides, not unlike the illegal immigration debate in the United States.**

# Just to keep things interesting ...

The Massachusetts Special Election and Health Reform

Kate Steadman, KHN, January 15th, 2010

The special U.S. Senate election in Massachusetts is causing a stir as Congress hussles to wrap up its landmark health overhaul legislation.

Bob Laszewski is unhappy with the deal Democrats announced yesterday on the “Cadillac” tax on expensive health plans and thinks it could sway the Massachusetts race: “It will be interesting to see how proponents, or should I say apologists, for this health care effort spin the latest. I would just ask that you please, please, please, not call this mess health care reform.” He continues, saying “This kind of stunt may just be enough to push [the Massachusetts election] over the edge.”

The American Spectator’s Philip Klein looks at the latest poll suggesting a GOP surge: “Another interesting finding in the Suffolk poll ... is that it finds 51 percent of those [surveyed] in deep blue Massachusetts say they oppose the Democrats’ health care bill, while 61 percent say they don’t think the federal government can afford to pay for it. It’s quite a stunning development that in the race to fill the seat once held by Ted “health care is the cause of my life’ Kennedy, a majority of those polled now say they oppose the legislation he championed.”<http://blog.kaiserhealthnews.org>





# Taliban suicide attack kills CIA agents at US outpost in Afghanistan

Daniel Nasaw in Washington, guardian.co.uk, Thursday 31 December 2009 19.54 GMT

The CIA yesterday vowed to avenge the deaths of seven of its agents who were killed in a suicide bombing on Wednesday in Afghanistan, as it emerged that the bomber may have been invited on to the base as a potential informant according to two former US officials.

**"This attack will be avenged through successful, aggressive counterterrorism operations," a US intelligence official said on condition of anonymity.**

One former senior intelligence official said the bomber was being courted as an informant and that it was the first time he had been brought inside the camp. An experienced CIA debriefer came from Kabul for the meeting, suggesting the purpose was to gain intelligence, the official said.

Seven agents died, including the base's female chief, a mother of three, former CIA officials told AP. Six others were injured in the attack on Forward Operating Base Chapman in eastern Afghanistan, near Khost. One of the dead was reported to be Harold Brown Jr, according to his father, Harold Brown Sr. The elder Brown said Thursday that his 37-year-old son, who grew up in Bolton, Massachusetts, served in the army and worked for the state department. He is survived by a wife and three children ages 12, 10 and 2.



# Christmas bomber 'jacket clue'(i.a.) should have raised alarm bells



***Don't panic!***

Our politicians do that  
for us!!

[14/01/2010](http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/top-stories/14/01/2010) , <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/top-stories/>

Failed jet bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab should have raised alarm bells - for entering wintry America with no coat, a US politician said yesterday.

Democrat Congressman Bill Pascrell, of the Homeland Security Committee, said: "He was flying to Detroit without a coat. That's interesting if you've been in Detroit in December."

Other politicians blasted the fact he evaded capture for the Christmas Day plot after officials misspelt his name. The Nigerian, 23, denies six terror charges.



# Ft Hood Tragedy

## Fort Hood shooting suspect Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan permanently paralyzed from chest down, says lawyer

BY BRIAN KATES  
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

Originally Published: Monday, November 23rd 2009, 8:32 AM  
Updated: Monday, November 23rd 2009, 10:37 AM

Maj. Nidal M. Hasan, the alleged Fort Hood gunman recuperating from the gunshot wounds that ended the murderous rampage, is expected to be permanently paralyzed from the chest down, his lawyer said.

Hasan, the Army psychiatrist charged with killing 13 people in the Nov. 5 massacre, "has no sensation from the nipple area down," Hasan's civilian attorney, John P. Galligan, told the Washington Post.

Galligan said Hasan has been told the paralysis is permanent.

The attorney participated Saturday in an hour-long, closed-door hearing in an intensive care room at Brooke Army Medical Center, where a magistrate ruled that the Hasan will be held until he can be transferred to jail.

"In the middle of this hearing, he started to nod off and go to sleep," Galligan said. "When I've spoken with him, he's coherent, but your ability to have any meaningful exchange with him is limited in time and subject."



AP  
Alleged Fort Hood gunman Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan has been charged with the 13 murders in the Fort Hood massacre.

### Poll Results

Thank you for voting.

The Ft. Hood shooting suspect was charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder. If convicted he could face the death penalty. Does he deserve it?



# Gates says Fort Hood review exposes problems

The Associated Press, Posted on Fri, Jan. 15, 2010

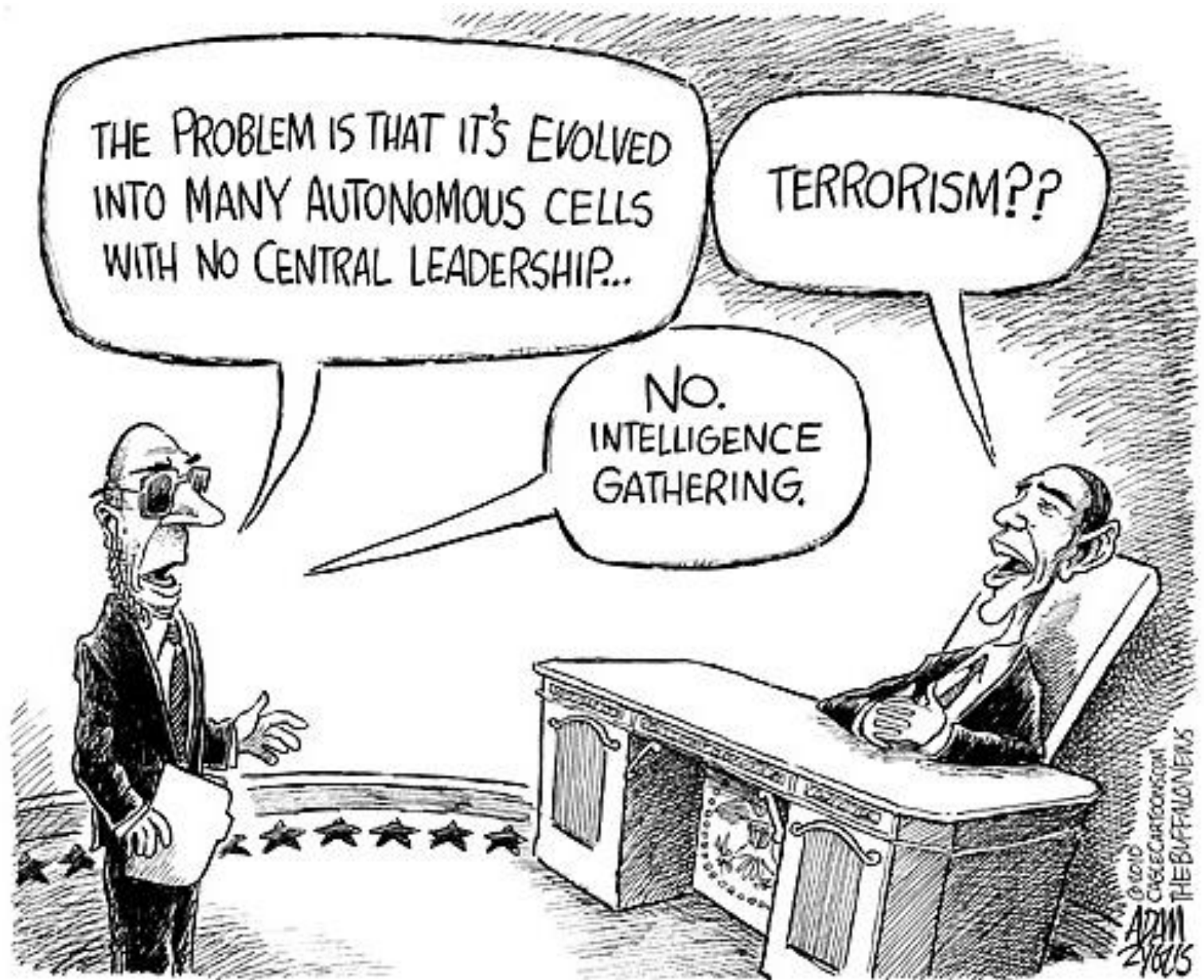
WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Robert Gates says an internal Pentagon policy review stemming from the Fort Hood massacre "raises serious questions" about the military's ability to cope with security threats within its ranks.

Speaking to reporters at the Pentagon Friday, Gates said he could not talk in detail about elements of the review involving Army Maj. Nidal Hasan, the man suspected in the mass shootings at the Texas military base last year.

Gates did say the review shows that "it is clear that as a department we have not done enough to adapt to the evolving internal security threat." The secretary also said it demonstrates that the Pentagon "is burdened by 20th century processes and attitudes mostly rooted in the Cold War."

As many as eight Army officers could face discipline for failing to do anything when the alleged shooter in the Fort Hood rampage displayed erratic behavior early in his military career, two officials familiar with the case said.

<http://www.philly.com>







# Climategate: You should be steamed

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/editorial/outlook/6795858.html>

*Neil Frank, who holds a Ph.D. from Florida State University in meteorology, was director of the National Hurricane Center (1974–87) and chief meteorologist at KHOU (Channel 11) until his retirement in 2008.*

By NEIL FRANK, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, Jan. 2, 2010, 4:28PM

... there should be an immediate and thorough investigation of the scientific debauchery revealed by “Climategate.”

If you have not heard, hackers penetrated the computers of the Climate Research Unit, or CRU, of the United Kingdom's University of East Anglia, exposing thousands of e-mails and other documents. Many of the exchanges were between top mainstream climate scientists in Britain and the U.S. who are closely associated with the authoritative (albeit controversial) IPCC. Among the more troubling revelations were data adjustments enhancing the perception that man is causing global warming through the release of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and other atmospheric greenhouse gases

## Climategate Continued

Particularly disturbing was the way the core IPCC scientists (the believers) marginalized the skeptics of the theory that man-made global warming is large and potentially catastrophic. The e-mails document that the attack on the skeptics was twofold. First, the believers gained control of the main climate-profession journals. This allowed them to block publication of papers written by the skeptics and prohibit unfriendly peer review of their own papers. Second, the skeptics were demonized through false labeling and false accusations.

Climate alarmists would like you to believe the science has been settled and all respectable atmospheric scientists support their position. The believers also would like you to believe the skeptics are involved only because of the support of Big Oil and that they are few in number with minimal qualifications.

But who are the skeptics? A few examples reveal that they are numerous and well-qualified. Several years ago two scientists at the University of Oregon became so concerned about the overemphasis on man-made global warming that they put a statement on their Web site and asked for people's endorsement; 32,000 have signed the petition, including more than 9,000 Ph.Ds. More than 700 scientists have endorsed a 231-page Senate minority report that questions man-made global warming. The Heartland Institute has recently sponsored three international meetings for skeptics. More than 800 scientists heard 80 presentations in March. They endorsed an 881-page document, created by 40 authors with outstanding academic credentials, that challenges the most recent publication by the IPCC.

# **Climategate Continued- What do the skeptics believe?**

What do the skeptics believe? First, they concur with the believers that the Earth has been warming since the end of a Little Ice Age around 1850. The cause of this warming is the question. Believers think the warming is man-made, while the skeptics believe the warming is natural and contributions from man are minimal and certainly not potentially catastrophic – la Al Gore.

Second, skeptics argue that CO<sub>2</sub> is not a pollutant but vital for plant life. Numerous field experiments have confirmed that higher levels of CO<sub>2</sub> are positive for agricultural productivity. Furthermore, carbon dioxide is a very minor greenhouse gas. More than 90 percent of the warming from greenhouse gases is caused by water vapor. If you are going to change the temperature of the globe, it must involve water vapor.

Third, and most important, skeptics believe that climate models are grossly overpredicting future warming from rising concentrations of carbon dioxide. We are being told that numerical models that cannot make accurate 5- to 10-day forecasts can be simplified and run forward for 100 years with results so reliable you can impose an economic disaster on the U.S. and the world.

# Climategate Concluded

**The revelation of Climategate occurs at a time when the accuracy of the climate models is being seriously questioned. Over the last decade Earth's temperature has not warmed, yet every model (there are many) predicted a significant increase in global temperatures for that time period. If the climate models cannot get it right for the past 10 years, why should we trust them for the next century?**

**Climategate reveals how predetermined political agendas shaped science rather than the other way around. It is high time to question the true agenda of the scientists now on the hot seat and to bring skeptics back into the public debate.**



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# Geithner, AIG and the need for Fed Transparency

## Why the Fed Likes Independence

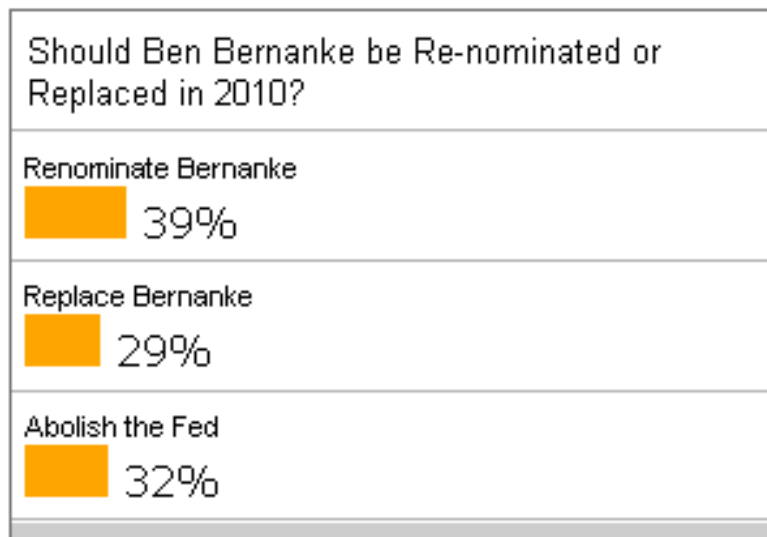
by [Ron Paul](#) 1/11/2010

Last week it was revealed that when Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner was Chairman of the New York Federal Reserve, he urged AIG officials not to disclose to the Securities Exchange Commission relevant details of agreements with banks to bail out Goldman Sachs. Apparently he felt at the time that regulators and the public would be angry that taxpayer money was used to fully compensate bankers who made some horrifically bad investment decisions. These banks should have suffered the consequences of the huge risks they were taking. After all, they kept plenty of rewards when times were good. Instead, the Fed found a way to socialize these major losses so these banks could survive and continue making more bad decisions, at the expense of the American people and the value of the dollar.

Geithner claims that they had to take politically unpopular actions to save the economy from collapse. Half of that is right – it was politically unpopular, but it is extremely premature at best, to claim the economy has been saved. It was just reported that 85,000 more jobs in December. Unemployment stands at 10% officially, and 22% according to more traditional calculations. It is hard to argue that this sort of government waste has done anything but harm to our economy. Raiding Main Street to bail out Wall Street is a foolish idea. Main Street productivity and the strength of the dollar is the bedrock of the economy. You cannot gut this foundation without eventually toppling everything else. This is what too many policy makers either don't understand or refuse to face. Or even worse, perhaps they do understand, but don't care!

### Poll Question: Should Bernanke be Granted another Term?

Currently, Fed Chairman Bernanke is snaking his through the re-nomination process by the skin of his teeth. The full Senate vote probably won't come before January 19, 2010, at the earliest. Even *The Wall Street Journal* has called for a new chairman, citing Mr. Bernanke's stubborn inflationary bias since 2002, when he first appointed to the Federal Reserve Board. A proven veteran like Paul Volcker may be too old to serve now, but regardless of the name of the replacement, do you favor a fresh start at the Fed next year, or four more years of Ben B?



[http://blogs.navellier.com/all\\_cap/entry/beware\\_santas\\_secret\\_legislation/](http://blogs.navellier.com/all_cap/entry/beware_santas_secret_legislation/)

# President Barack Obama finds populist pulpit, in the big bonuses proposed by major banks.

Published: Friday, January 15, 2010 12:17 PM CST

Calling the bonuses “obscene,” the president fired an oratorical barrage aimed at least in part at blunting criticism from the Tea Party crowd.

“We want our money back.”

He proposed a 10-year, \$90 billion tax on big banks to cover any shortfall in Uncle Sam’s aid.

Obviously, Congress will tinker with the plan, and it needs tinkering.

And it applies only to big banks, not to General Motors and Chrysler, which together received \$66 billion in help and are not expected to repay the money any time soon.

This bonus season comes at a time when unemployment is still high.

“My determination to achieve this goal is only heightened when I see reports of massive profits and obscene bonuses at some of the very firms who owe their continued existence to the American people, folks who have not been made whole and who continue to face real hardship in this recession,” Obama said.

<http://www.parispi.net/articles>



WHOA, WHOA!  
WE NEED TO  
SEE WHAT'S  
IN YOUR  
UNDERWEAR!



# Maybe we could learn from the Chinese

## China executes rogue trader, millions still missing



Tue Dec 8, 6:29 am ET

BEIJING (Reuters) – China on Tuesday executed a former securities trader for embezzlement, the first person in the industry to be put to death, but millions of yuan are still missing, a state newspaper said.

Yang Yanming was sentenced to death in late 2005 and took the secret of the whereabouts of 65 million yuan (\$9.52 million) of the misappropriated funds to his grave, the [Beijing Evening News](#) said.

The report added that Yang was the first person working in China's securities sector to be executed.

"Preserve your moral integrity and don't set too much store by business results," Yang told the newspaper before the sentence was carried out.

He was the general manager of the Beijing securities trading department of the China Great Wall Trust and Investment Corp., which became Galaxy Securities, from 1997 to 2003.

Conscious that the growing gap between rich and poor could generate resentment, China is battling corruption and stock trading abuses. It has used the death penalty as a deterrent in serious cases.

(\$1=6.828 Yuan)

(Reporting by Ben Blanchard; Editing by Nick Macfie)

You want to stop illegal immigration? Talk to these two!



**EDUARDO VERGUGO:** ASSOCIATED PRESS

**MEXICO'S ELITE:** Mexican businessman Carlos Slim confers with President Felipe Calderon at the inauguration of a nonprofit health institute in Mexico City in 2007. Mexico has been hit hard by the global downturn. The country that managed to produce the billionaire Slim, said to be the second richest man in the world, also has a population of 50 million people who live below the poverty line.

# Three times in the recent past ...

**Under President Eisenhower, Operation Wetback was a 1954 operation by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to remove about one million illegal immigrants from the southwestern United States. It focused on Mexican nationals.**<sup>[1]</sup>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation\\_Wetback](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Wetback)

**Back during The Great Depression, President Herbert Hoover ordered the deportation of ALL illegal aliens in order to make jobs available to American citizens that desperately needed work.**

**Harry Truman deported over two million Illegal's after WWII to create jobs for returning veterans.**



# Board to weigh religion in Texas social studies curriculum

By GARY SCHARRER AUSTIN BUREAU

Jan. 13, 2010, 9:09AM

Excerpt from the article... *(Is this a threat or a promise)*

The Rev. Marcus McFaul, senior pastor at Highland Park Baptist Church in Austin, said “the instruction of religious faith, discipleship and a life of service — one shaped by devotion and piety — is the responsibility of each faith community, whether church, synagogue or mosque. It is the responsibility of parents and parishes, not public schools.”

**Board member David Bradley, R-Beaumont, a leader of the board's seven social conservative members, said he respected the Baptist theologians “but I listen to my own pastor.”**

**Bradley said he's certain “there will be efforts (by board members making amendments) to preserve, protect and strengthen America's godly heritage.”**

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# Reid's remarks threaten to change his game

## Republicans put heat on the Senate majority leader to step down as he faces a tough reelection this year (Why?)

January 11, 2010|By Ashley PowersJ. Scott Applewhite, Associated Press

Reporting from Las Vegas — Is this the gaffe that will haunt Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid?

The Nevada Democrat -- who over the years has called Alan Greenspan a hack, Washington tourists smelly and President George W. Bush a liar -- was pummeled by Republicans on Sunday for impolitic comments about President Obama's potential for winning the White House.

In their new book "Game Change," authors Mark Halperin and John Heilemann say that in 2008 Reid described candidate Obama as a " **'light-skinned' African American 'with no Negro dialect unless he wanted to have one,'** " whom **many voters would embrace**



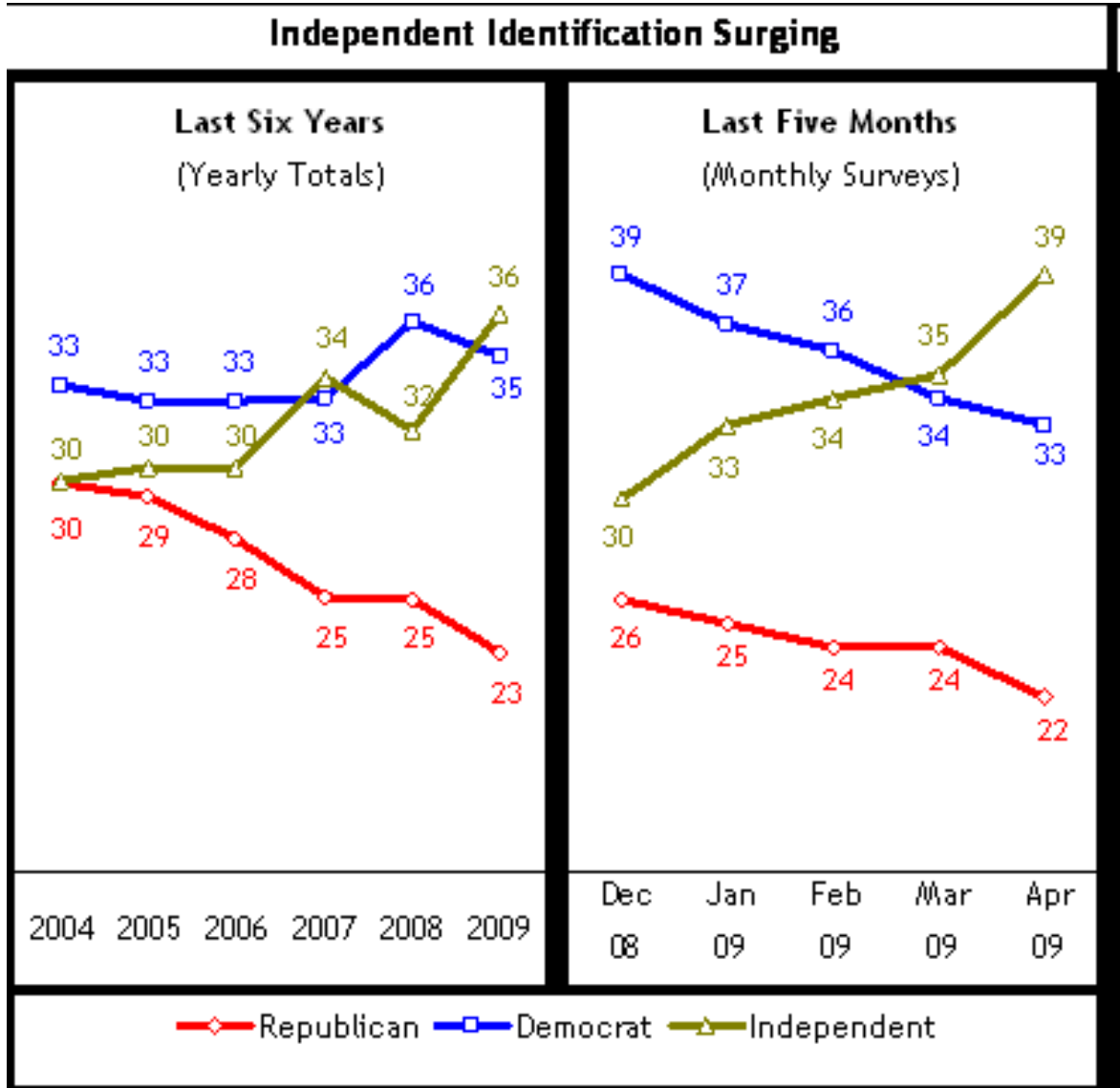


# Sarah Palin Joins Fox as an Analyst



# Independents Take Center Stage in the Obama Era

Why Obama might be a one term president.

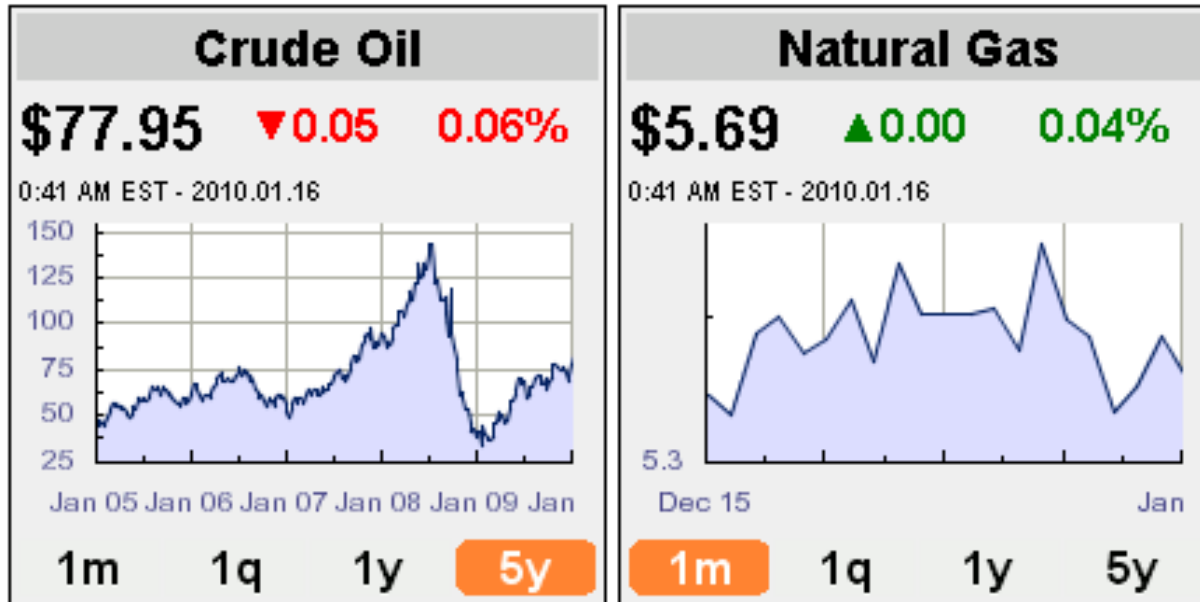


<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1229/political-values-core-attitudes-trends-2009>

# Crude Oil Price

## Crude Oil and Commodity Prices

January, Saturday 16 2010 - 00:41:35



Crude Oil Price by OIL-PRICE.NET ©

Price		Change	Trades	Volume
00:41 - \$ 77.95		▼ 0.05 0.06% ▼	52,160	176,834
Range	Open	52 Wk Range	1 Year Forecast	
77.70 - 79.31	77.95	77.70 - 79.31	\$ 90 / Barrel	

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

# S&P 12 months



## S&P 500 INDEX,RTH (SNP: ^GSPC)

Index Value:	<b>1,136.03</b>
Trade Time:	Jan 15
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# If you call them nuts maybe they'll ignore you

[http://www.democracynow.org/2010/1/11/white\\_power\\_usa\\_the\\_rise\\_of](http://www.democracynow.org/2010/1/11/white_power_usa_the_rise_of)

**CHIP BERLET:** Well, if you just say, “Look, they’re all crazy, they’re all nuts, we don’t have to pay any attention to them, and they’re not real,” that does several things. One is that it obscures this dynamic that’s occurring that Lenny Zeskind explained so well, that there’s a struggle going on in these right-wing movements right now, and white supremacist organizers are trying to pull the tea bag movement way towards more aggression and a more ideological position.

**But also, I talked to organizers who said when they try and reach out to white communities, where they have in the past had some traction around issues like immigration or issues like racism or even organizing around the political economy and the environment, that they’re getting doors slammed in their face, because, you know, people can hear the Democrats and—I’m sorry, but the Keith Olbermanns and the Rachel Maddows making fun of their neighbors and them, and they don’t want to hear from progressive organizers.**

# anger and demonization and scapegoating

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**CHIP BERLET:** Well, I think that if you're looking at it in terms of a society, people need to stand up and say this is way out of control, that whenever you have this kind of anger and demonization and scapegoating, it's very toxic to democracy. And I wrote a report called "Toxic to Democracy" to explain how that works.

The other thing is that Democrats really have to stop this snide and smug and arrogant, you know, "haha, let's laugh at the rednecks and rubes" stance, because, you know, first of all, the political right has out-organized centrist Democrats repeatedly since 1980. So I have no idea why they're laughing on the Democratic Party side. And the other thing these inside-the-Beltway spin doctors who say, you know, "It's OK to call them the radical religious right, the political extremists, they're crazy"—you know, this whole theory that came out of the '50s and '60s that these people are psychologically maladjusted has been repudiated in social science. So, you know, there are people being pulled into the right-wing populist and white supremacist movement that *skillful, progressive organizers and labor organizers could be bringing into a multi-racial, multi-ethnic coalition.*

# Carroll Pickett

The Rev Carroll Pickett, a Presbyterian Minister, served 15 years as the Chaplain of the Walls Unit of TDC and the author of “*Between These Walls*” will talk to us on March 27. Since retiring from TDC during which time his duties required that he attend many executions, he has been actively speaking against the death penalty.



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# **BIG CHANGES IN FORECLOSURE LAW**

**Recent changes in judicial rulings in key foreclosure cases around the country have brought important and empowering changes for the benefit of homeowners. The national political and economic stage on which a vast and unprecedented foreclosure activity continues to grow is destined in 2010 to grow still further - - - but against which the courts now for the first time may be empowering homeowners at the expense of the MORTGAGE LENDING BANK'S often predatory role in loan foreclosure abuse and the Bank's often too protected role in our political economy. Learn how these changes will affect every homeowner in America.**

**Dale Robertson**

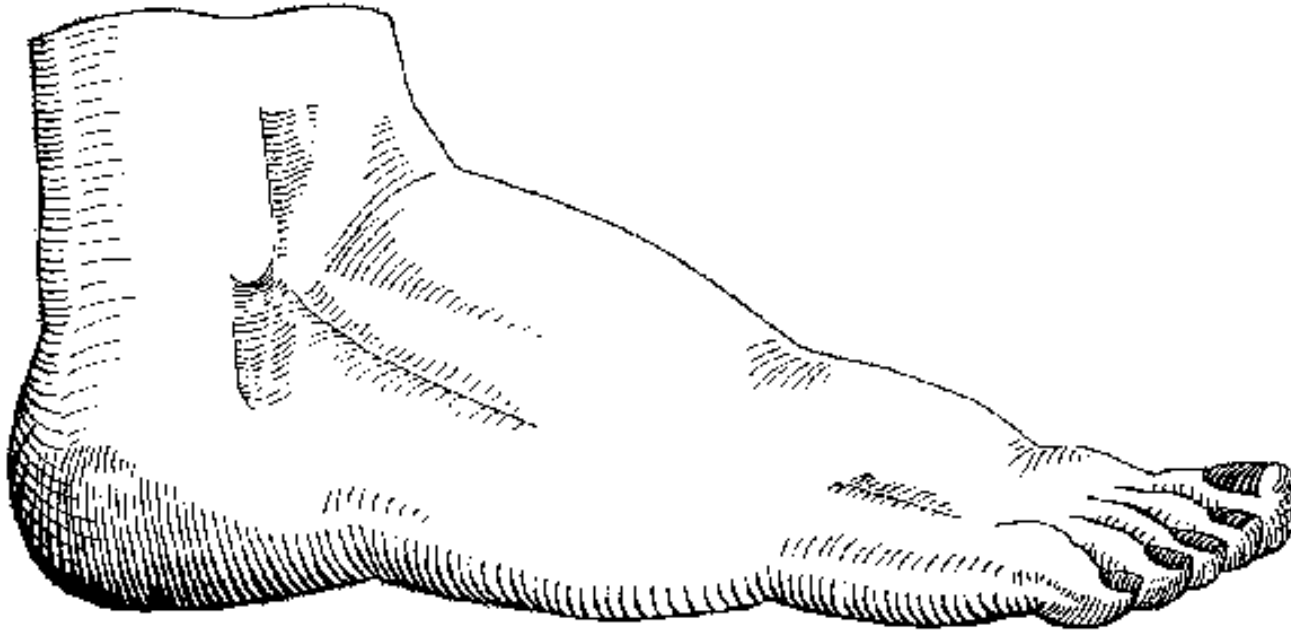
***Don't panic!***

***Don't be Panicked!***



**See You 20 February 2010**

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

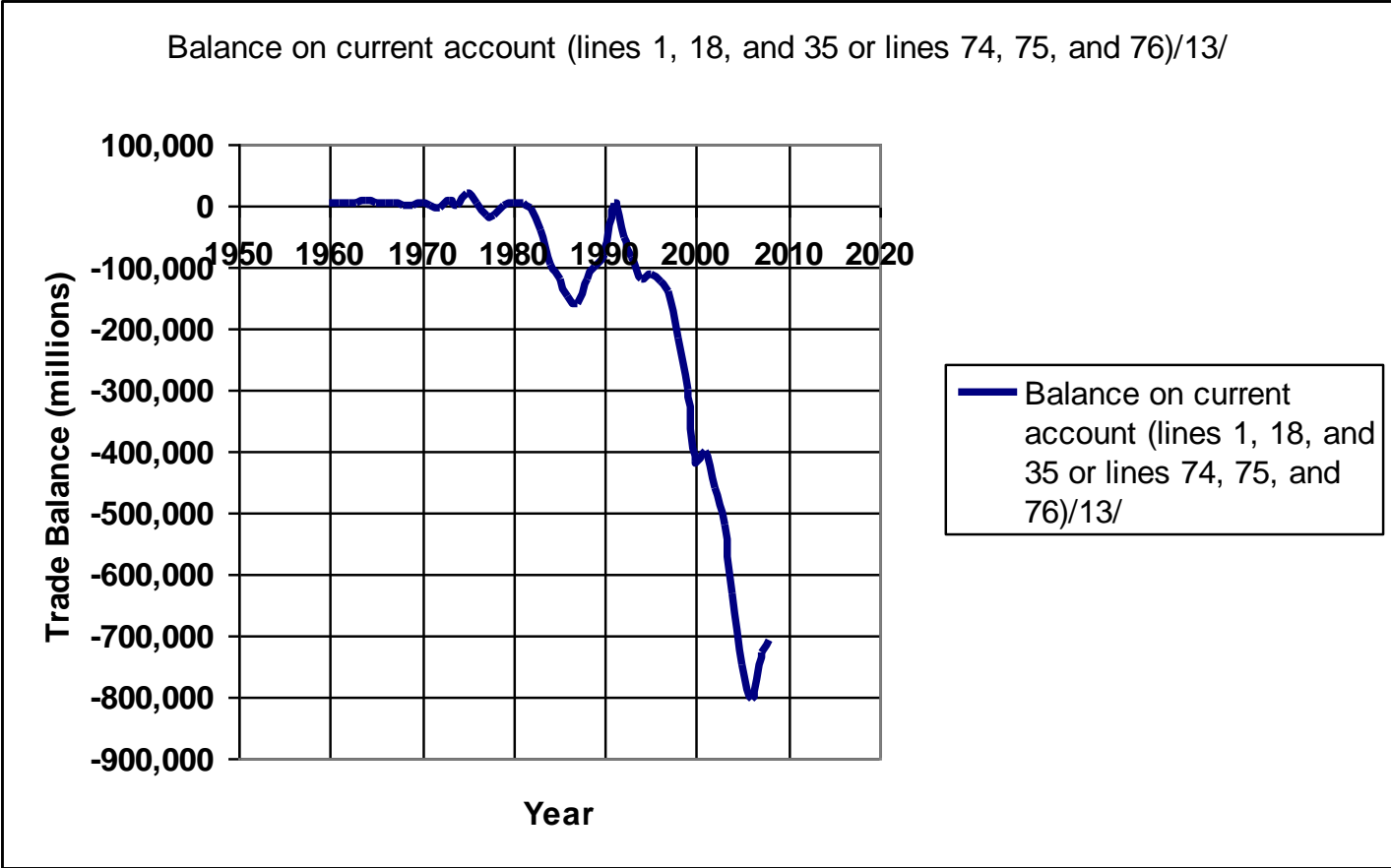
**One of life's persistent questions:**

**“Why do cockroaches roll over before the die?”**





# So what will that look like on the graph?



# 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.**

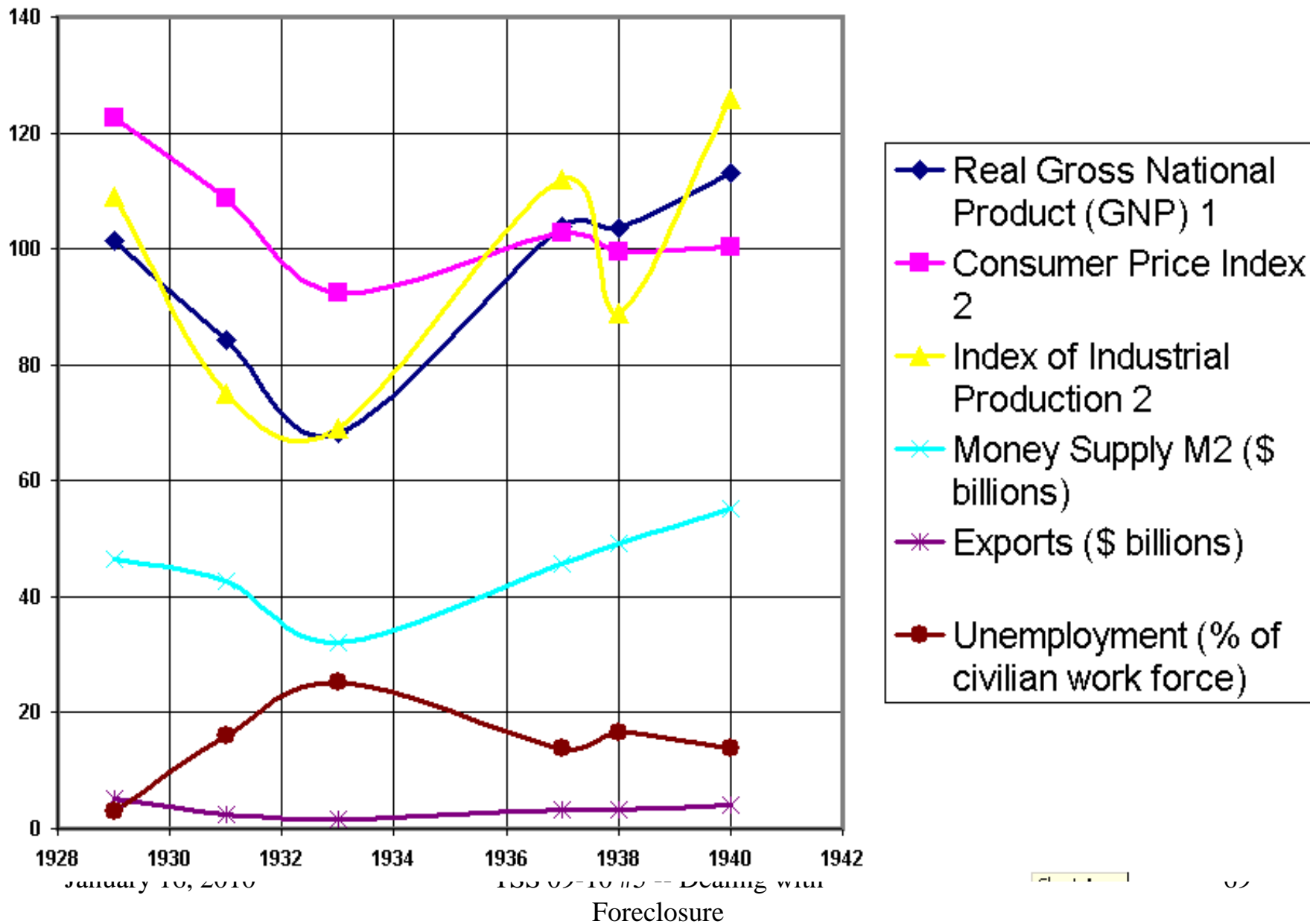
**Today's stock market bears about as much resemblance to the real economy as a game of poker or Monopoly or Trivial Pursuit.**

**Instead of the market indexes, keep tracking employment, wages, and the gross domestic product (GDP). When they return, we will have recovered. Not Before**

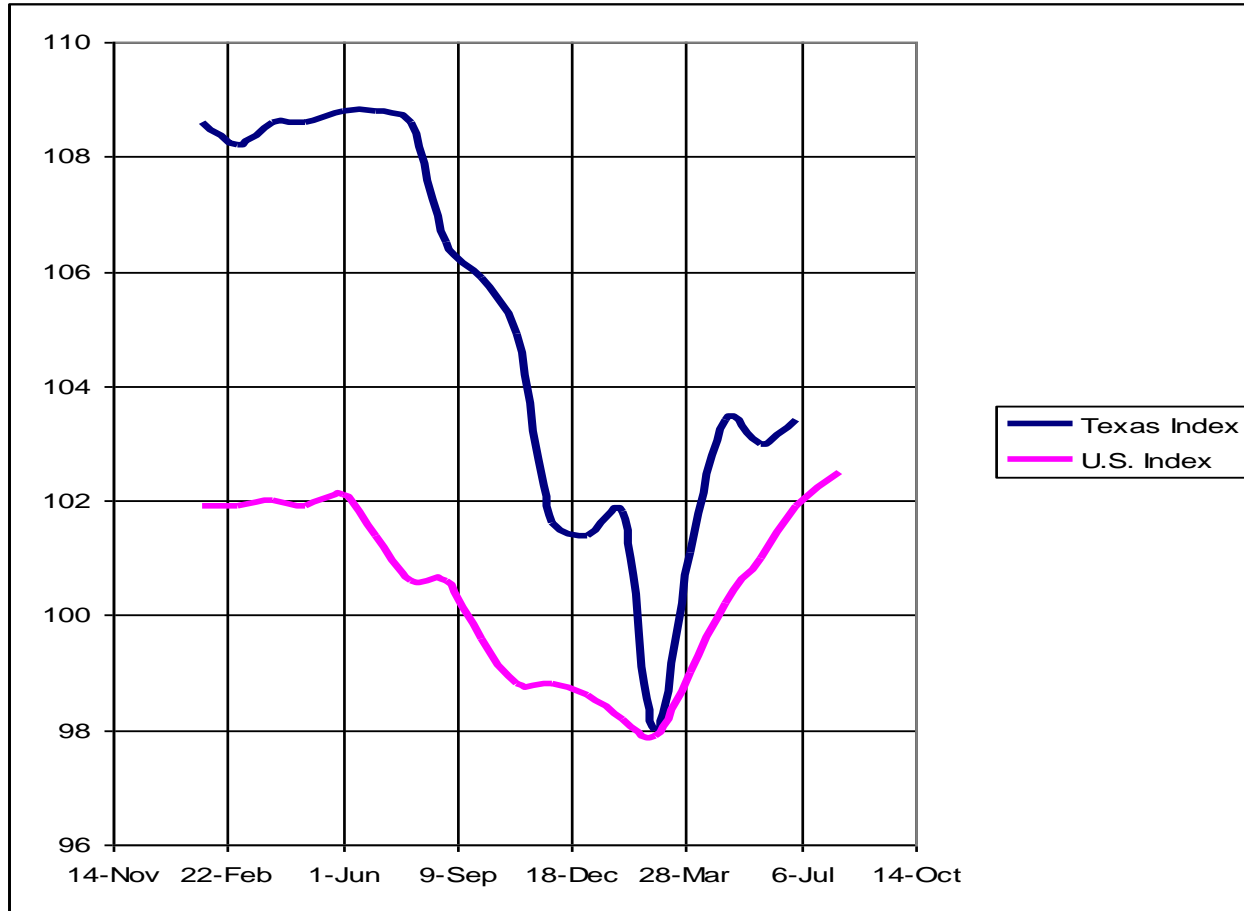
**The stock market may be a game but it is being played with dollars. The rise in stock prices without an increase in productivity or dividends is not an indication of growth but of inflation and instability!**

**This is the result of an oversupply of money that has been pumped into the pockets of market players and not into the economy.**

# The Years of the Great Depression



# Texas Leading Economic Indicators



Change from previous year:

The leading indicators for Texas are down 4.6%

The leading indicators for the U.S. are up 1.9%

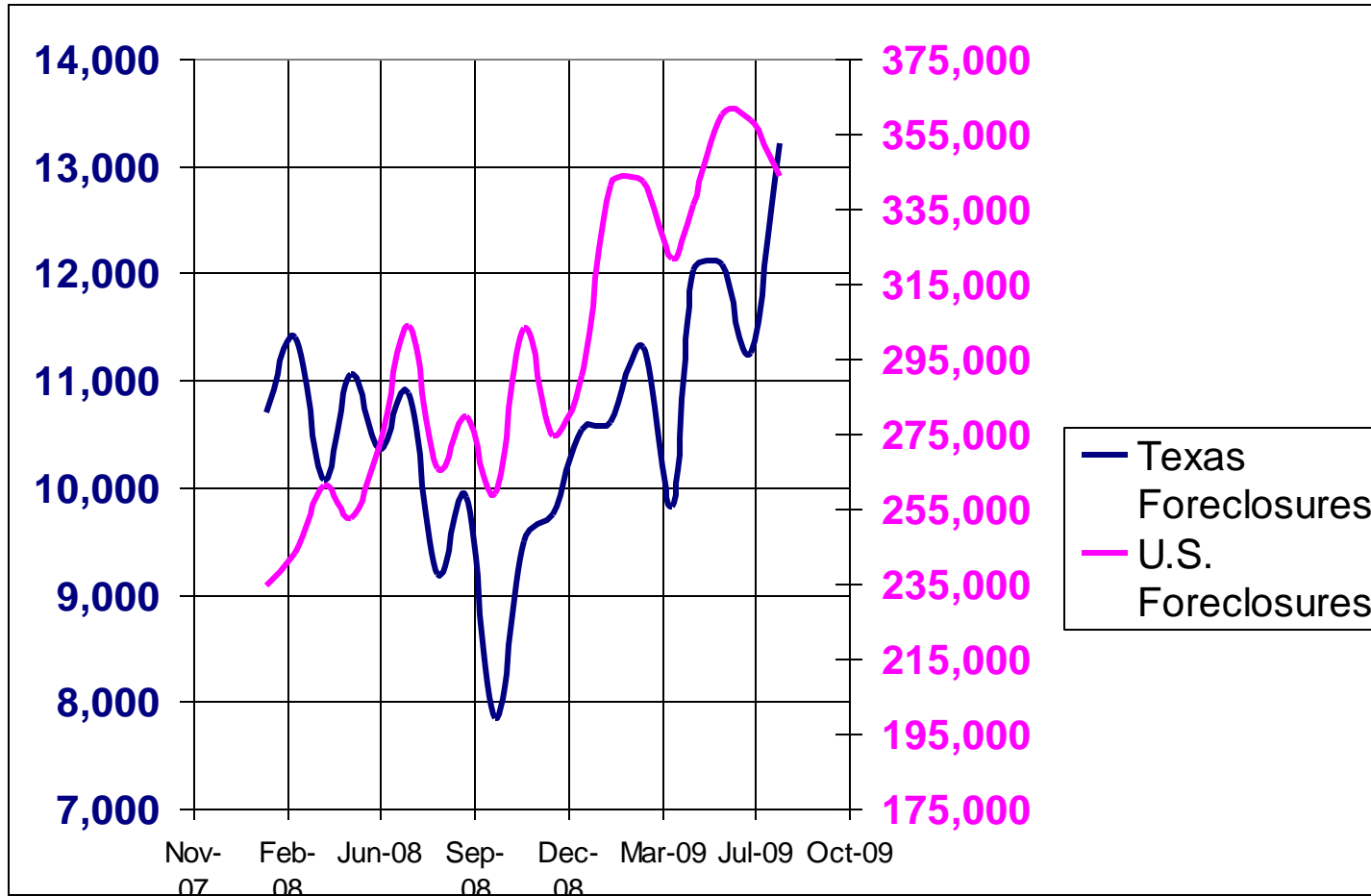
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# Mortgage Foreclosures

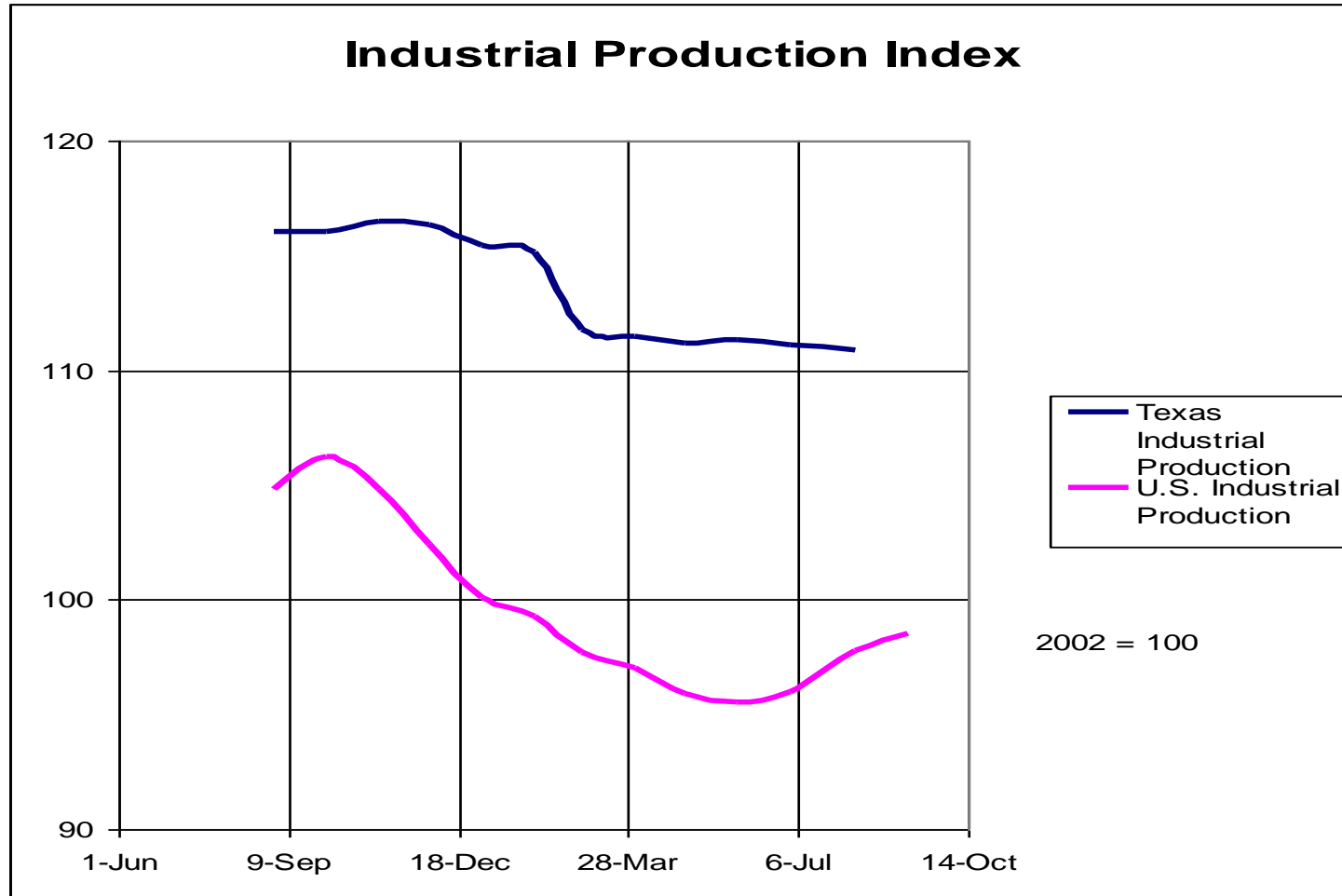


Texas is up 43.8%

U.S. is up 29.2%.

Source: RealtyTrac

# Industrial Production Index (Tx)



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas



# **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.<sup>[1]</sup>**

**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.



# Christmas Shopping?

- Do not park next to a van's sliding door.
- After dark, try to leave the office/store with others. If you are alone, call building security for an escort.
- Approach your vehicle with your keys in your hand.
- Use your vehicle alarm system if confronted.
- Look around your vehicle for suspicious activity. If someone is loitering around your vehicle, walk past until they leave.
- Do a quick scan of your vehicle's interior—including the back seat—before unlocking your door.
- Be alert and suspicious should someone approach you or your vehicle to hand out leaflets, ask for directions, etc.
- Drive slowly and follow the designated routes into and out of the parking lot and garage.

# For Further Reading

## Superhero

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

## Masters of Evil

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/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](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,<sup>[3]</sup> *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.<sup>[2]</sup> 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](http://www.pbs.org/now/transcript/transcript_armstrong.html)

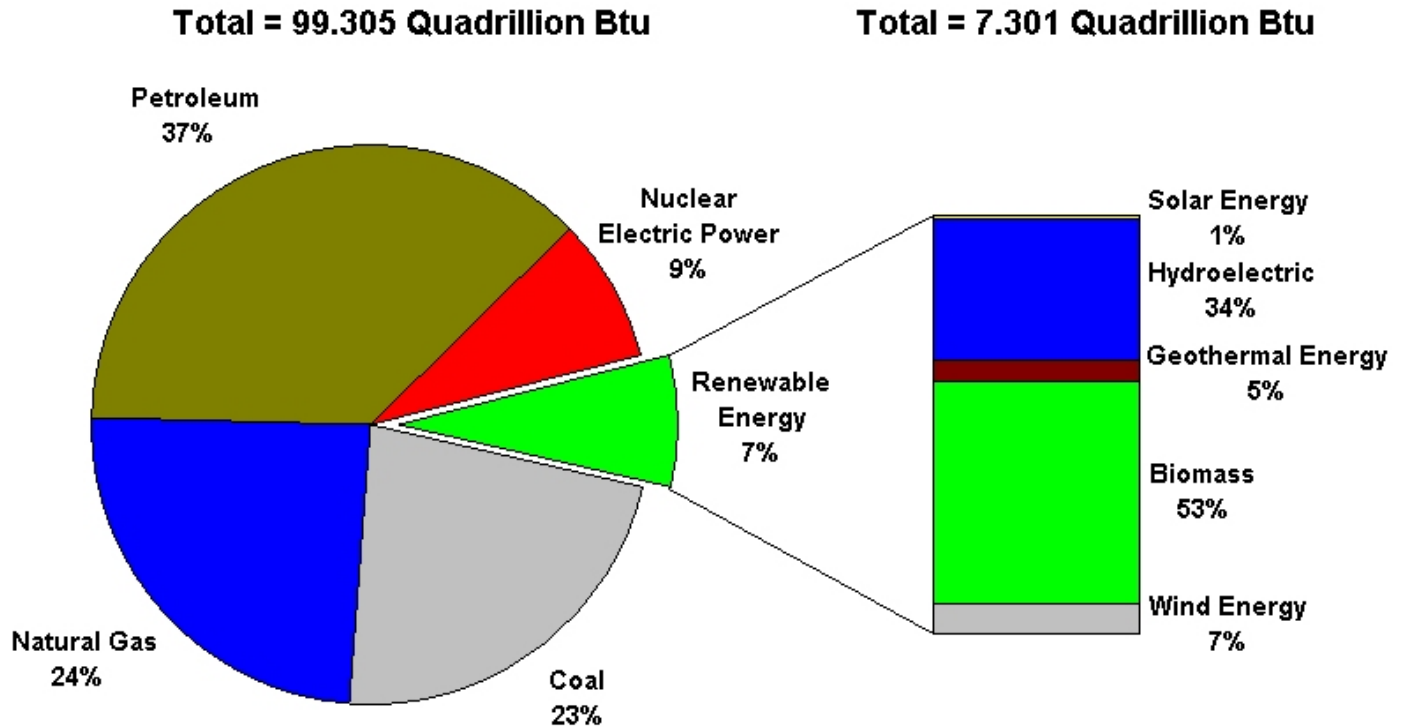


# Map of Nuclear Power Plants in North America

Platts



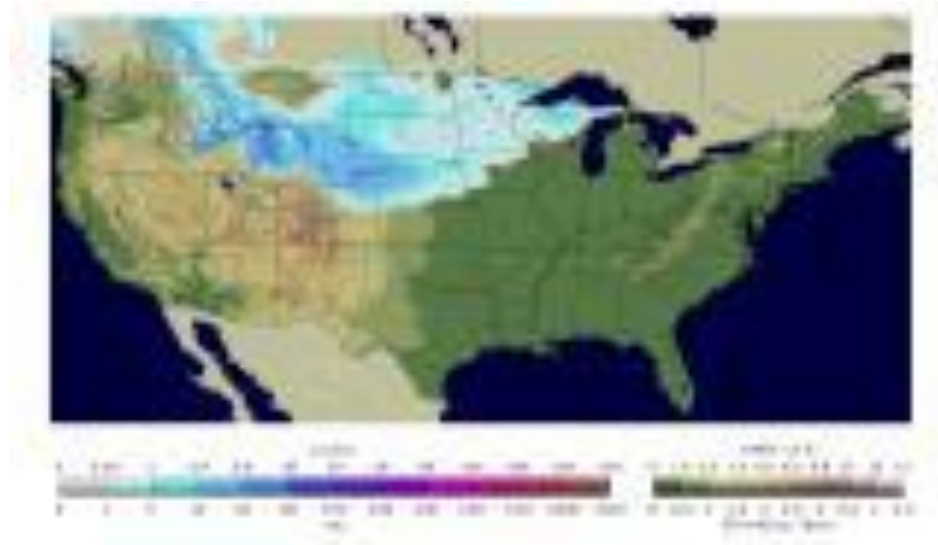
Figure 1. Renewable Energy Consumption in the Nation's Energy Supply, 2008



Source: Energy Information Administration, Office of Coal, Nuclear, Electric and Alternate Fuels [Chart data](#).

Renewable energy consumption grew by 7 percent between 2007 and 2008, despite a 2 percent decline in total U.S. energy consumption ([Table 1](#)). Total renewable energy consumption increased by 487 trillion Btu to 7,301 trillion Btu.

# National Snow Analyses



<http://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/nsa/>