

The October 12th, 2016 Edition of THE REVENGE HUMP DAY!

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Welcome to the October 12th, 2016 Edition of THE REVENGE HUMP DAY!

Well guys, it's official. Next Monday we will be switching over from ComCast to the Electric Power Board Fiber Internet (EPBFI). So, but next Monday afternoon on October 17th my email address will change to tbolgeo@epbfi.com. All of you out there who read my missive should take note of this and make the appropriate changes on trying to get in touch with me and/or continue receiving The Revenge of Hump Day. But tbolgeo@comcast.net will still be working until October 19th at the latest. I am going to be as busy as a one legged paper hanger trying to migrate my address book and different distribution lists over to the EPBFI email system next Monday and setting up my system. But, I made the choice and I am going to try my best to 'Get 'er Done'!

While Brandy (The Empress of the Known Universe) and Beth (Destroyer of Worlds) are vacationing up in Gatlinburg for a few days over the fall school break, Alex (Alexander the Grape) is staying with us. He brought his 17" gaming laptop with him and he is gaming up a storm. About the only time we see him is when he comes out of this hole and raids the refrigerator. But SWMBO is making sure she keeps him fed and happy. Hopefully today, when he wakes up at the crack of noon, I can get him out and make him help me pick up acorns off of the lower patio. You see, we have this humongous Oak Tree in the back yard that is dropping acorns by the bushel full. And when they drop, they hit the metal 3 car carport and it sounds like someone is firing a gun. SWMBO said that it was keeping her up at night because it was so loud. I try to get them up because if you walk outside it is like trying to walk over a field of ball bearings and it is a little dangerous. Hopefully Alex will give me a hand getting them up today.

I am also trying to get ready for Con*Stellation in Huntsville, Alabama next weekend. It's the one convention I have been going to since it started 34 years ago and I feel very comfortable surrounded by friends. It is a smallish kind of convention where I can put my feet up and play cards with my friends. In all of the craziness that has surrounded me over the years, this is the one place I love to escape to. As a matter of fact, I even run the Killer Cutthroat Spades Tournament as kind of my way to contribute to the convention. We have around 20 regulars who play and it is a great time. I hardly ever win, but I enjoy the challenge of the game.

So on that "Challenging Note", why don't y'all sit back and relax because here's the best in gossip, jokes and science for your reading pleasure!

Uncle Timmy

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From: "Christina Cowan" cowan1028@earthlink.net

This is terribly important this year. No matter which candidate you support, if you don't vote, you have no right to bitch about the results! Chris

Asking yourself "Am I registered to vote?" Or not sure where to vote?

<https://www.headcount.org/verify-voter-registration/>

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You can verify your voter registration status online or by phone in most states. You can also check your polling place.

To check your status or find your polling place online, just select your state above and follow the directions. To check by phone, you will probably need to speak with your county or city election board. The number can most easily be found through a web search, by typing in the name of your county or city and "Election Board," or by calling the state election office number below and requesting the number of your local election board.

For other questions, call 866-OUR-VOTE

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Re: The October 5th, 2016 Edition of THE REVENGE HUMP DAY!

From: "Christina Cowan" cowan1028@earthlink.net

Uncle Timmy (and Frank) -

Concerning:

From: "Frank Brayman" afranklin3@gmail.com

More "thoughts for the day", from a former boss (retired Army Lt. Col.)

If a man is smart and energetic, give him command of troops in the field. He'll do well.

If he's smart and lazy, make him a staff officer. He'll be a good one.

If he's stupid and lazy, find him an assignment where he can't do any harm.

If he's stupid and energetic, watch him like a hawk. He's the most dangerous officer you have - to you, not the enemy.

The Army Colonel is quoting a matrix that's been attributed to all sorts of people, most famously the German General von Moltke. (I thought I had remembered it from navy courses as being Clausewitz but it wasn't). It's also been attributed to Frederick the Great.

Officers	Industrious	Lazy
Clever	Appoint to the General Staff	Appoint to Highest Leadership Posts
Stupid	Dangerous	Use Under Certain Circumstances

Good ideas have many parents.

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Re: Article on Fukushima Radiation Is Inaccurate

To put it mildly.

"It might have something to do with the fact that the US and Canadian governments have banned their citizens from talking about Fukushima so "people don't panic.""

Huh? My BS meter just went into overdrive with that statement.

And the author of this article is bravely going up against the government's non-existent (and unconstitutional) ban???? (Either government - Canada has freedom of speech just as well.) I won't even belabor the point about this article discussing something, whose discussion is supposed to be banned, -and wanting us to BELIEVE it's "banned" is just an insult to our intelligence. Which we are getting enough of already in an election year.

And for the record, here's our friends the Snopes with a really familiar-looking chart accompanying their article:

<http://www.snopes.com/photos/technology/fukushima.asp>

"A chart purportedly showing radioactive water seeping into the ocean from the Fukushima nuclear plant actually depicts something else."

The article goes on to say it shows WAVE HEIGHTS from the tsunami!

And as far as Fukushima and US atomic tests - until and unless specifics figures are given for ALL the tests (1946-1962)

([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific\\_Proving\\_Grounds](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Proving_Grounds))

(By the way, the Marshall Islanders got a really raw deal out of this. Lost their homes and got radiation to boot.

and specific figures are given for Fukushima, I see no reason to lower my BS antennae. (In any case, the Pacific is a rather large body of water.)

By the way there WAS a report from a Japanese prof, (although he only has a Master's not a Ph. D), Hiroaki Koide, Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering, Assistant Professor at the Kyoto University Research Institute, Nuclear Waste Management & Safety Expert that said that Fukushima released more than the Hiroshima bomb. I suspect whoever wrote your article has conflated the misinterpreted chart and teh prof's remark with Us bomb tests.

This is the link to his video and the short article

<http://enenews.com/professor-fukushima-release-equivalent-1000-atomic-bombs-video>

GIGO

The sky is NOT falling and we can all take the aluminum foil liners out of our hats.

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Re: The October 5th, 2016 Edition of THE REVENGE HUMP DAY!

From: "Frank Brayman" [afranklin3@gmail.com](mailto:afranklin3@gmail.com)

Re. "Golden Syrup":

This is a variation of a 50+ year old Redd Foxx standup comedy routine. Redd's version had a black man who found fault with all of his wife's choices of a costume. Finally, she gave him a 2 x 4 and said, "Stick this up your ass, you're going as a Fudgesickle."

Re. the Choo-Choo:

With only 130 rooms, Liberty is no better off than it was in East Ridge. Worse, even, because the function space is in a different ZIP code. Plus you don't really have a consuite. Just a hole in the wall jammed so full of tables and chairs that you can't move, with an unmarked one-holer mop-closet bath room.

I haven't enjoyed Liberty since the Choo-Choo converted Bldg 2, because there's no social center to the con. The old consuite had limited seating, but plenty of bar and buffet space, plus two full-service rest rooms. The pool and patio outside was the real gathering place, where you could enjoy the fresh air, and smoke or not as it suited you without bothering others. Stay there, and eventually everybody you wanted to see would pass by.

Please, PLEASE, find another hotel! Primary requirements are room enough for everybody, with the consuite right next to an outdoor pool/courtyard.

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Re: Cleaning your CPAP with Vinegar in the Humidifier Tank.

From: "Kay Bolgeo" [ronkaybo@gmail.com](mailto:ronkaybo@gmail.com)

I have been using a CPAP for about 1 month now and this appears to be a good tip about using vinegar for cleaning.

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Re: The October 5th, 2016 Edition of THE REVENGE HUMP DAY – Changing ISP's.

From: "Karen Boyd" [abtales@comcast.net](mailto:abtales@comcast.net)

Tim, I've checked this out - you can keep the @comcast.net email. No charge! Some sort of rule with the FCC I think. Anyway, I was going to switch also, but, for 1 reason or another, didn't. Any chance your new provider will come up to the Nashville area?

VERY INTERESTING. I'LL CHECK WITH COMCAST TO SEE IF I CAN KEEP MY OLD EMAIL ADDRESS. THANKS FOR THAT ONE. AS FOR EPB COMING TO DAVIDSON COUNTY AND NASHVILLE. I DON'T THINK SO. COMCAST WENT TO COURT AND HAD EPB LIMITED TO HAMILTON COUNTY AND THE BIG NOOGA. SORRY ABOUT THAT. UT

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From: "Rich Zellich" [rich@zellich.net](mailto:rich@zellich.net)

Now you know why we have the virtual zellich.net domain.

All mail sent to rich@zellich.net or michelle@zellich.net gets redirected (currently) to zellich@charter.net. If we change ISP's, as you are doing, I only have to change the email-redirect entries at the zellich.net hosting service, and mail to rich or michelle at zellich.net goes to the new ISP's mailbox. Don't have to notify anybody of the change, or change my email loginid at a zillion web sites, or anything else.

I can direct mail elsewhere, too - mail to kingston@zellich.net, for instance, redirects to my son's current ISP mailbox in North Kansas City. I set up a second, real, mailbox for Michelle so she can receive personal mail that doesn't go to the same charter.net mailbox I use, and "richandmichelle@zellich.net" redirects to both our real mailboxes - handy for email notifications from baseball and hockey teams, local museums, etc., so we don't have to forward such mail to each other...we each get our own copy automatically.

ACTUALLY, I ALREADY KNEW THAT ONE AND LIBERTYCON HAS SETUP EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ME AS UNCLETIMMY@LIBERTYCON.ORG AND TBOLGEO@LIBERTYCON.ORG. I JUST DON'T USE THEM THAT OFTEN BECAUSE I NORMALLY DO ALL OF MY MAIL ONLINE THROUGH THE ISP EMAIL SYSTEM. I GOT INTO THAT HABIT WHEN IT WORKED FOR TVA TO KEEP MY PRIVATE EMAIL SEPARATE FROM MY BUSINESS EMAIL. BUT, I GUESS I SHOULD START THINKING ABOUT IT MYSELF ON GETTING MY OWN DOMAIN NAME. UT

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From: "Jerry Hale Tollett" [haleja@epbf.com](mailto:haleja@epbf.com)

and "Douglas Dudash"

This is Priceless!

What is meant by the modern term referred to as 'POLITICAL CORRECTNESS'.

The definition is found in 4 telegrams at the Truman Library and Museum in Independence, Missouri. The following are copies of four telegrams between President Harry Truman and Gen Douglas MacArthur on the day before the actual signing of the WWII Surrender Agreement in September 1945.. The contents of those four telegrams below are exactly as received at the end of the war - not a word has been added or deleted!

(1) Tokyo, Japan

0800-September 1,1945

To: President Harry S Truman

From: General D A MacArthur

Tomorrow we meet with those yellow-bellied bastards and sign the Surrender Documents, any last minute instructions?

(2) Washington, D C

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1300-September 1, 1945

To: D A MacArthur

From: H S Truman

**Congratulations, job well done, but you must tone down your obvious dislike of the Japanese when discussing the terms of the surrender with the press, because some of your remarks are fundamentally not politically correct!**

(3) Tokyo, Japan

1630-September 1, 1945

To: H S Truman

From: D A MacArthur and C H Nimitz

**Wilco Sir, but both Chester and I are somewhat confused, exactly what does the term politically correct mean?**

(4) Washington, D C

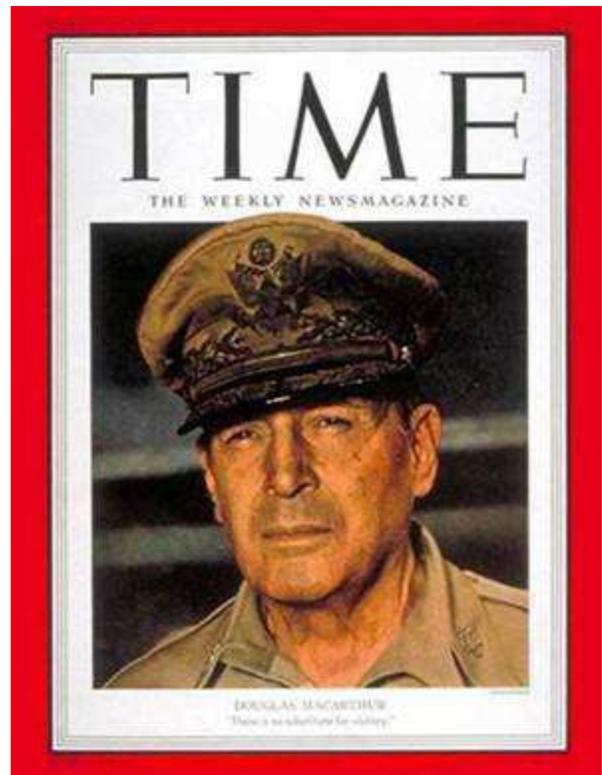
2120-September 1, 1945

To: D A MacArthur/C H Nimitz

From: H S Truman

**Political Correctness is a doctrine, recently fostered by a delusional, illogical minority and promoted by a sick mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a piece of shit by the clean end!**

**Now, with special thanks to the Truman Museum and Harry himself, you and I finally have a full understanding of what 'POLITICAL CORRECTNESS' really means.....**



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From: "Fritz" [jazlo2@yahoo.com](mailto:jazlo2@yahoo.com)



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From: "Mike Waldrip" [waldripk@gmail.com](mailto:waldripk@gmail.com)

### SENIORS

An elderly Floridian called 911 on his cell phone to report that his car has been broken into. He is hysterical as he explains his situation to the dispatcher: 'They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!' he cried.. The dispatcher said, 'Stay calm... An officer is on the way.'

A few minutes later, the officer radios in 'Disregard.' he says.  
'He got in the back-seat by mistake.'!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US!!

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Three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, live in a house together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, 'Was I getting in or out of the bath?'

The 94-year-old yells back, 'I don't know. I'll come up and see.'

She starts up the stairs and pauses 'Was I going up the stairs or down?'

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The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters, she shakes her head and says, 'I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood...'  
She then yells, 'I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.'

**TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US!!!!**

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**'I CAN HEAR JUST FINE!'**

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other,  
'Windy, isn't it?'  
'No,' the second man replied, 'it's Thursday.'  
And the third man chimed in, 'So am I. Let's have a beer.'

**TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US!!!!**

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A little old lady was running up and down the halls in a nursing home. As she walked, she would flip up the hem of her nightgown and say 'Supersex.' She walked up to an elderly man in a wheelchair.. Flipping her gown at him, she said, 'Supersex...'  
He sat silently for a moment or two and finally answered, 'I'll take the soup.'

**TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US!!!!**

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**Now this one is just too Precious...LOL!**

Two elderly gentlemen had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, 'Now don't get mad at me .... I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is..

His friend stared at him for at least three minutes – he just stared and stared at him. Finally he said, 'How soon do you need to know?'

**TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US!!!!**

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**SENIOR DRIVING**

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, 'Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!'

'Heck,' said Herman, 'It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!'

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## DISTRACTED DRIVING INCIDENT

Everyone reading this will enjoy it - no matter which gender you are.....

This morning on the motorway, I looked over to my left and there was a Woman in a brand new Range Rover Doing 85 mph with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner.

I looked away for a couple seconds...To continue shaving and when I looked back, she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup.

As a man, I don't scare easily. But she scared me so much; I had to put on my seat belt and I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the bacon sandwich out of my other hand.

In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my Cell Phone away from my ear which fell into my coffee which was between my legs, splashed, and burned Big Jim and the Twins. Ruined the damn phone, soaked my trousers, and disconnected an important call.

Damn women drivers!

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YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!

From: "Tim Bolgeo" [tbolgeo@comcast.net](mailto:tbolgeo@comcast.net)

## WAFFLE HOUSE CLOSES FLORIDA LOCATIONS AS HURRICANE MATTHEW THREATENS COASTLINE

FoxNews.com, Published October 07, 2016

<http://www.foxnews.com/leisure/2016/10/07/waffle-house-closes-florida-locations-proving-hurricane-matthew-is-serious/>

(Courtesy Waffle House)

As Hurricane Matthew closes in on Florida, theme parks and other businesses announced early closures in the wake of the powerful storm.

But if there's one thing Florida residents were counting on to help weather the storm, it was Waffle House—the 24-hour chain announced earlier this week it would do everything in its power to keep as many of its locations open through Matthew.



On Thursday, however, Waffle House sent out one fateful tweet that sent the social media sphere into a tailspin: the restaurant would be closing all of its locations along I-95 between Titusville and Fort Pierce on Thursday night as a result of Category 3 storm.

**Waffle House**

?@WaffleHouse

All Waffle House restaurants on 1-95 between Titusville, FL and Fort Pierce, FL are closed.

Stay safe Waffle Nation!#HurricaneMatthew

3:55 PM - 6 Oct 2016

Many online proclaimed their devastation and took Waffle House's announcement as a sure sign of apocalypse.

Grant Norris @grantnorris904

You know your screwed when Waffle House closes#HurricaneMatthew #PrayForFlorida

9:39 PM - 6 Oct 2016

sarah @SarahDecedue

Politician: u should evacuate

Public: ...Weatherman: u should evacuate

Public: ...Waffle House: \*closes for #HurricaneMatthew \*

8:46 AM - 7 Oct 2016

Hon©ho?? @HonchoEscobar

When Waffle House closes, you know the apocalypse is near.

Waffle Houses are closing in Florida<https://twitter.com/i/moments/784182134399315968> ...

11:00 PM - 6 Oct 2016

Del Schwalls @dschwalls

The Waffle House Disaster scale has been tipped! When WH closes, you should already be gone! <https://twitter.com/WaffleHouse/status/784119980208099329> ...

7:29 PM - 6 Oct 2016 · Lockhart, FL, United States

Closing down a restaurant during a serious hurricane might seem like the sensible business move but Waffle House is renown for its emergency management system that allows it to keep locations running during serious natural disasters.

For years, FEMA has even been using an unofficial color-coded system dubbed “The Waffle House Index” to measure just how bad a disaster has gotten. When a restaurant is completely shuttered, the index moves to its highest emergency level—red—an indication the area is likely in need of serious assistance.

Waffle House’s Vice President of Culture Pat Warner tells FoxNews.com that while the chain does everything in its power to stay open, their “number one priority is the safety of our staff on the ground and our customers.” The company has a fleet of emergency response vehicles loaded with generators, construction materials and communication technology ready to assist with repairs once Matthew subsides.

Thursday’s announcement affects seven Waffle House locations along Florida’s east coast but dozens more remain open inland and throughout other states.

WAFFLE HOUSES IN THE SOUTH ARE A WAY OF LIFE. IN HURRICANES AND OTHER DISASTERS, THIS WAS ALWAYS THE UNOFFICIAL RALLYING PLACE IN CASE OF A

**PROBLEM FOR THE PEOPLE, POLICE, ETC. NOW WHAT WILL PEOPLE IN THESE AREAS DO UNDER EXTREME CONDITIONS? UT**

**<?>~<YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!>~<?>**

**VIDEO: DAD BUILDS HIS DAUGHTER HER VERY OWN 'AMERICAN NINJA WARRIOR COURSE' (WHICH SHE THEN SCALES LIKE A PRO)**

**JESSIE GRAFF-IN-TRAINING**

Uh, can he be our dad?

SB Nation

<http://digg.com/video/dad-builds-daughter-american-ninja-warrior-course>

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**YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!**

From: Stephanie Osborn

**NPR REPORTER HAS NO IDEA WHAT 'COME AND TAKE IT' MEANS**

Some anti-gun folks in the Texas town that coined the phrase 'Come and take it' don't know where the phrase came from or what it means.

By John Daniel Davidson, OCTOBER 3, 2016

Sunday marked the 181st anniversary of the Battle of Gonzales, the first military engagement of the Texas Revolution, when Texian militiamen, responding to Mexican soldiers demanding the surrender of a small brass cannon, coined the now-famous battle cry, "Come and Take It!"

An NPR reporter decided to mark this anniversary with a story about how the phrase has been stolen by Second Amendment activists, "with no appreciation of its origins." Some local residents of modern-day Gonzales, we're told, "think it's been cheapened—and they want it back."

But neither the hapless NPR reporter nor the several anti-gun residents of Gonzales interviewed for the story know the actual origin of the phrase, or why its application to the ongoing national debate about gun control and the Second Amendment is entirely appropriate—and historically accurate.

They are blissfully unaware that "Come and take it" is a quote from King Leonidas I of Sparta. At the Battle of Thermopylae in 480 BC, during the second Persian invasion of Greece, Leonidas replied to Xerxes's demand that the Greeks surrender their arms, "molon labe"—come and take them.

## **PLEASE LEARN SOME HISTORY**

But first, a bit of more recent history. As NPR tells it, the American settlers in Texas (then called Texians) had, in 1835, simply “grown restive,” prompting the Mexican army to dispatch troops to take back the cannon at Gonzales. Mexico had lent the cannon to the town four years earlier to defend itself against hostile Apache.

The truth is more complicated. The Texian settlers had “grown restive” because Mexican President Antonio López de Santa Anna had overturned the 1824 constitution of the Republic of Mexico, dismissed state legislatures, and disbanded militias. The Texians were restive because the terms under which they had come to Texas—at Mexico’s invitation—had been revoked. A tyrant had seized power, usurped their rights, and they were prepared to defend their lives and property as their forefathers had during the American Revolution.

All this goes unmentioned in NPR’s telling. Instead, the article says “Come and Take It” is a phrase with a narrow historical context, and it’s been co-opted by gun rights activists who are too dumb to understand its nuanced meaning. We hear from Allen Barnes, the Gonzales city manager, who is “particularly exasperated with Second Amendment activists who have adopted the historic slogan and substituted an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle for the cannon.”

“To me that completely changes the tone and the message of the flag,” Barnes tells NPR. “That’s no longer our flag. That is a flag created by other folks.”

Then we hear from one of those gun rights people, a stand-in for all the ignorant Second Amendment folks who don’t understand the true meaning of phrase:

We fly a ‘Come and Take It’ flag in front of our establishment because we believe the federal government has gotten too big and that it’s reaching out too far,” says Max Bordelon, the proprietor of Max’s Roadhouse, north of San Antonio. Asked who, exactly, is coming to take what, he blurts: ‘Our rights! Our freedoms!’

## **A HISTORY OF DEFIANCE**

Unbeknownst to NPR and the Gonzales city manager, Bordelon is exactly right. The Texian militiamen who ran up their makeshift “Come and Take It” flag—a white flag made from a woman’s wedding dress, featuring a lone star, a cannon, and the famous phrase—were educated men who knew very well the long tradition of which they were a part. Their cry of “Come and Take It,” was not a circumstantial case, limited to the particulars of their moment in time. It was an appeal to a timeless truth about the rights and liberties of all mankind.

The phrase itself is also part of a long tradition quite apart from the Texas Revolution. During the American Revolution, Colonel John McIntosh was commander of Fort Morris on the coast of Georgia. When a vastly superior contingent of British soldiers attempted to take the fort in November 1778, and demanded the fort’s surrender through a written note, McIntosh replied, “As to surrendering the fort, receive this laconic reply: COME AND TAKE IT!”

Modern Greece adopted the phrase while fighting for independence against the Ottoman Empire. In 1913, Greece's I Army Corps was formed. Its motto, up until 2013, when the corps was disbanded a century after its founding, was "molon labe."

#### THE TRUE MEANING OF 'COME AND TAKE IT'

It's bad enough that NPR and the few anti-gun folks their reporter found in Gonzales are wholly ignorant of this history. That alone is a sad commentary on the state of general education in America today. But those Texian pioneers knew something more than history; they knew a tyrant when they saw one, and they knew that unalienable rights are sometimes only secured at the business end of a cannon—or a spear, or rifle.

By contrast, mainstream media elites and right-thinking liberal Americans of today know much that isn't so. So much, in fact, that a reporter and all his subjects for a story about the "Come and Take It" flag can assert with confidence that they understand the true meaning of that great battle cry, without an inkling that it reaches back into the mists of history—and that it speaks as loudly today as it did when Leonidas defied the invading hordes of Persia.

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"Mike Waldrip" [waldripk@gmail.com](mailto:waldripk@gmail.com)

#### HOME PLATE

You will never think of home plate the same way again.

In Nashville, Tennessee, during the first week of January, 1996, more than 4,000 baseball coaches descended upon the Opryland Hotel for the 52nd annual ABCA convention.

While I waited in line to register with the hotel staff, I heard other more veteran coaches rumbling about the lineup of speakers scheduled to present during the weekend. One name, in particular, kept resurfacing, always with the same sentiment - "John Scolinos is here? Oh man, worth every penny of my airfare."

Who the hell is John Scolinos, I wondered. No matter, I was just happy to be there.

In 1996, Coach Scolinos was 78 years old and five years retired from a college coaching career that began in 1948. He shuffled to the stage to an impressive standing ovation, wearing dark polyester pants, a light blue shirt, and a string around his neck from which home plate hung - a full-sized, stark-white home plate.

Seriously, I wondered, who in the hell is this guy?

After speaking for twenty five minutes, not once mentioning the prop hanging around his neck, Coach Scolinos appeared to notice the snickering among some of the coaches. Even those who knew Coach Scolinos had to wonder exactly where he was going with this, or if he had simply forgotten about home plate since he'd gotten on stage.

Then, finally...

"You're probably all wondering why I'm wearing home plate around my neck. Or maybe you think I escaped from Camarillo State Hospital," he said, his voice growing irascible. I laughed along with the others, acknowledging the possibility. "No," he continued, "I may be old, but I'm not crazy. The reason I stand before you today is to share with you baseball people what I've learned in my life, what I've learned about home plate in my 78 years."

Several hands went up when Scolinos asked how many Little League coaches were in the room. "Do you know how wide home plate is in Little League?"

After a pause, someone offered, "Seventeen inches?" more of a question than answer.

"That's right," he said. "How about in Babe Ruth's day? Any Babe Ruth coaches in the house?"

Another long pause.

"Seventeen inches?" came a guess from another reluctant coach.

"That's right," said Scolinos. "Now, how many high school coaches do we have in the room?" Hundreds of hands shot up, as the pattern began to appear.

"How wide is home plate in high school baseball?"

"Seventeen inches," they said, sounding more confident.

"You're right!" Scolinos barked. "And you college coaches, how wide is home plate in college?"

"Seventeen inches!" we said, in unison.

"Any Minor League coaches here? How wide is home plate in pro ball?"

"Seventeen inches!"

"RIGHT! And in the Major Leagues, how wide is home plate in the Major Leagues?"

"Seventeen inches!"

"SEV-EN-TEEN INCHES!" he confirmed, his voice bellowing off the walls. "And what do they do with a Big League pitcher who can't throw the ball over seventeen inches?" Pause. "They send him to Pocatello !" he hollered, drawing raucous laughter.

"What they don't do is this: they don't say, 'Ah, that's okay, Jimmy. You can't hit a seventeen-inch target? We'll make it eighteen inches, or nineteen inches. We'll make it twenty inches so you have a better chance of hitting it. If you can't hit that, let us know so we can make it wider still, say twenty-five inches.'"

Pause.

"Coaches..."

Pause.

" ... what do we do when our best player shows up late to practice? When our team rules forbid facial hair and a guy shows up unshaven? What if he gets caught drinking? Do we hold him accountable? Or do we change the rules to fit him. Do we widen home plate?"

The chuckles gradually faded as four thousand coaches grew quiet, the fog lifting as the old coach's message began to unfold. He turned the plate toward himself and, using a Sharpie, began to draw something. When he turned it toward the crowd, point up, a house was revealed, complete with a freshly drawn door and two windows. "This is the problem in our homes today. With our marriages, with the way we parent our kids. With our discipline. We don't teach accountability to our kids, and there is no consequence for failing to meet standards. We simply, widen the plate!"

Pause.

Then, to the point at the top of the house he added a small American flag.

"This is the problem in our schools today. The quality of our education is going downhill fast and teachers have been stripped of the tools they need to be successful, and to educate and discipline our young people. We are allowing others to widen home plate! Where is that getting us?"

Silence.

He replaced the flag with a Cross.

"And this is the problem in the Church, where powerful people in positions of authority have taken advantage of young children, only to have such an atrocity swept under the rug for years. Our church leaders are widening home plate for themselves! And we allow it."

"And the same is true with our government. Our so called representatives make rules for us that don't apply to themselves. They take bribes from lobbyists and foreign countries. They no longer serve us. And we allow them to widen home plate and we see our country falling into a dark abyss while we watch."

I was amazed. At a baseball convention where I expected to learn something about curveballs and bunting and how to run better practices, I had learned something far more valuable. From an old man with home plate strung around his neck, I had learned something about life, about myself, about my own weaknesses and about my responsibilities as a leader. I had to hold myself and others accountable to that, which I knew to be right, lest our families, our faith, and our society continue down an undesirable path.

"If I am lucky," Coach Scolinos concluded, "you will remember one thing from this old coach today. It is this: if we fail to hold ourselves to a higher standard, a standard of what we know to be right; if we fail to hold our spouses and our children to the same standards,

if we are unwilling or unable to provide a consequence when they do not meet the standard; and if our schools and churches and our government fail to hold themselves accountable to those they serve, there is but one thing to look forward to..."

With that, he held home plate in front of his chest, turned it around, and revealed its dark black backside. "...dark days ahead."

Coach Scolinos died in 2009 at the age of 91, but not before touching the lives of hundreds of players and coaches, including mine. Meeting him at my first ABCA convention kept me returning year after year, looking for similar wisdom and inspiration from other coaches. He is the best clinic speaker the ABCA has ever known because he was so much more than a baseball coach.

His message was clear: "Coaches, keep

**I DON'T KNOW IF THIS STORY IS TRUE OR NOT, AND I REALLY DO NOT CARE. BUT IT IS INSPIRING AND TEACHES A VALUABLE LESSON. MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO GET YOUR KIDS TO READ THIS AND THEN DISCUSS IT WITH THEM. TIM BOLGEO**

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## **AUSTRALIA**

The following is by Douglas Adams of "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" fame.

"Australia is a very confusing place, taking up a large amount of the bottom half of the planet. It is recognizable from orbit because of many unusual features, including what at first looks like an enormous bite taken out of its southern edge; a wall of sheer cliffs which plunge into the girding sea. Geologists assure us that this is simply an accident of geomorphology, but they still call it the "Great Australian Bight", proving that not only are they covering up a more frightening theory but they can't spell either.

The first of the confusing things about Australia is the status of the place. Where other landmasses and sovereign lands are classified as continent, island or country, Australia is considered all three.

Typically, it is unique in this.

The second confusing thing about Australia is the animals. They can be divided into three categories: Poisonous, Odd, and Sheep. It is true that of the 10 most poisonous arachnids on the planet, Australia has 9 of them. Actually, it would be more accurate to say that of the 9 most poisonous arachnids, Australia has all of them. However, there are few snakes, possibly because the spiders have killed them all.

But even the spiders won't go near the sea. Any visitors should be careful to check inside boots (before putting them on), under toilet seats (before sitting down) and generally everywhere else. A stick is very useful for this task.

The last confusing thing about Australia is the inhabitants.

**A short history: Sometime around 40,000 years ago some people arrived in boats from the north. They ate all the available food, and a lot of them died. The ones who survived learned respect for the balance of nature, man's proper place in the scheme of things, and spiders. They settled in and spent a lot of the intervening time making up strange stories.**

**Then, around 200 years ago, Europeans arrived in boats from the north. More accurately, European convicts were sent, with a few deranged people in charge. They tried to plant their crops in autumn (failing to take account of the reversal of the seasons), ate all their food, and a lot of them died.**

**About then the sheep arrived, and have been treasured ever since. It is interesting to note here that the Europeans always consider themselves vastly superior to any other race they encounter, since they can lie, cheat, steal and litigate (marks of a civilized culture they say), whereas all the Aborigines can do is happily survive being left in the middle of a vast red-hot desert, equipped with a stick.**

**Eventually, the new lot of people stopped being Europeans on 'extended holiday' and became Australians.**

**The changes are subtle, but deep, caused by the mind-stretching expanses of nothingness and eerie quiet,**

**where a person can sit perfectly still and look deep inside themselves to the core of their essence, their reasons for being, and the necessity of checking inside their boots every morning for fatal surprises.**

**They also picked up the most finely tuned sense of irony in the world, and the Aboriginal gift for making up stories.**

**Be warned.**

**There is also the matter of the beaches. Australian beaches are simply the nicest and best in the world, although anyone actually venturing into the sea will have to contend with sharks, stinging jellyfish, stonefish (a fish which sits on the bottom of the sea, pretends to be a rock and has venomous barbs sticking out of its back that will kill just from the pain) and surfboarders. However, watching a beach sunset is worth the risk.**

**As a result of all this hardship, dirt, thirst and wombats, you would expect Australians to be a dour lot. Instead, they are genial, jolly, cheerful and always willing to share a kind word with a stranger. Faced with insurmountable odds and impossible problems, they smile disarmingly and look for a stick. Major engineering feats have been performed with sheets of corrugated iron, string and mud.**

**Alone of all the races on earth, they seem to be free from the 'Grass is greener on the other side of the fence' syndrome, and roundly proclaim that Australia is, in fact, the other side of that fence.**

**They call the land "Oz" or "Godzone" (a verbal contraction of "God's Own Country").**

**THE IRRITATING THING ABOUT THIS IS THEY MAY BE RIGHT.**

### **TIPS FOR SURVIVING AUSTRALIA**

**Don't ever put your hand down a hole for any reason WHATSOEVER.**

**The beer is stronger than you think, regardless of how strong you think it is.**

**Always carry a stick.**

**Air-conditioning is imperative.**

**Do not attempt to use Australian slang unless you are a trained linguist and extremely good in a fist fight.**

**Wear thick socks.**

**Take good maps. Stopping to ask directions only works when there are people nearby**

**If you leave the urban areas, carry several litres of water with you at all times, or you will die. And don't forget a stick.**

**Even in the most embellished stories told by Australians, there is always a core of truth that it is unwise to ignore.**

### **HOW TO IDENTIFY AUSTRALIANS**

**They waddle when they walk due to the 53 expired petrol discount vouchers stuffed in their wallet or purse.**

**They pronounce Melbourne as "Mel-bin".**

**They think it makes perfect sense to decorate highways with large fibreglass bananas, prawns and sheep.**

**They think "Woolloomooloo" is a perfectly reasonable name for a place, that "Wagga Wagga" can be abbreviated to "Wagga", but "Woy Woy" can't be called "Woy".**

**Their hamburgers will contain beetroot. Apparently it's a must-have.**

**They don't think it's summer until the steering wheel is too hot to handle.**

**They believe that all train timetables are works of fiction.**

**And they all carry a stick and say "have a good die, mate".**

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**VIDEO: HEART-WARMING STORY OF DINDIM THE PENGUIN THAT SWIMS 5,000 MILES EVERY YEAR TO VISIT HIS RESCUER**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-l8APNfmH00>

and the true story is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lGfhrhaTVc>

Today's most heartwarming story is brought to you from a beach in Brazil.

It's the story of a South American Magellanic penguin who swims 5,000 miles each year to be reunited with the man who saved his life.

Retired bricklayer and part time fisherman Joao Pereira de Souza, 71, who lives in an island village just outside Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, found the tiny penguin, covered in oil and close to death, lying on rocks on his local beach in 2011.



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From: A Friend

**Burger King Just Announced THEY WILL FOLLOW ISLAMIC SHARIA LAW! – Stop Them!**

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<http://www.thepoliticalinsider.com/burger-king-just-announced-they-will-follow-islamic-sharia-law-stop-them/#ixzz4Mh5kliTe>



**Burger King has caved to the pressure from Islam, and they just made an announcement that they will ONLY serve 100% halal meat, under the rules of Sharia Law.**

**The announcement comes from their chains in France, which is the same country that recently suffered from a deadly Islamic terrorist attack just one month ago.**

**This rule also means their French stores won't serve bacon or chicken... The Islamification of the West is spreading, and they are demanding we all live by their rules!**

**French competition authorities last week gave the green light for Burger King's takeover of the 405 outlets of Quick in France.**

**But it's not over in France for the Belgian fast-food chain yet, sources told Le Parisien on Tuesday.**

**Burger King is reportedly going to keep around 40 stores under the name Quick – around ten percent of the total in France – and switch their meat so it is entirely halal, the paper reported.**

**This means all bacon and pork-based meals will be scrapped from the menu and all the beef and chicken used will be certified halal.**

**The move is understood to be part of Burger King's continued attempt to take on McDonald's – the behemoth of the French fast food world with around 1,300 stores.**

Quick already has around 20 halal restaurants in France, where all the meat used comes from animals slaughtered in accordance with Islamic law.

The restaurants have proven to be winners in a country with an estimated Muslim population of 5 million – the biggest in Europe.

Remember when Burger King used to run ads saying you can have Whoppers anyway you want them? Apparently, that's no longer the case, if your order happens to violate Islamic rules.

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### NEW RESEARCH SHOWS ONE BIG CHANGE WHEN COPS WEAR CAMERAS

Cassie Werber, October 9, 2016

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/new-research-shows-one-big-change-when-cops-wear-cameras/ar-BBwMulp?li=BBnb7Kz&ocid=UE01DHP>



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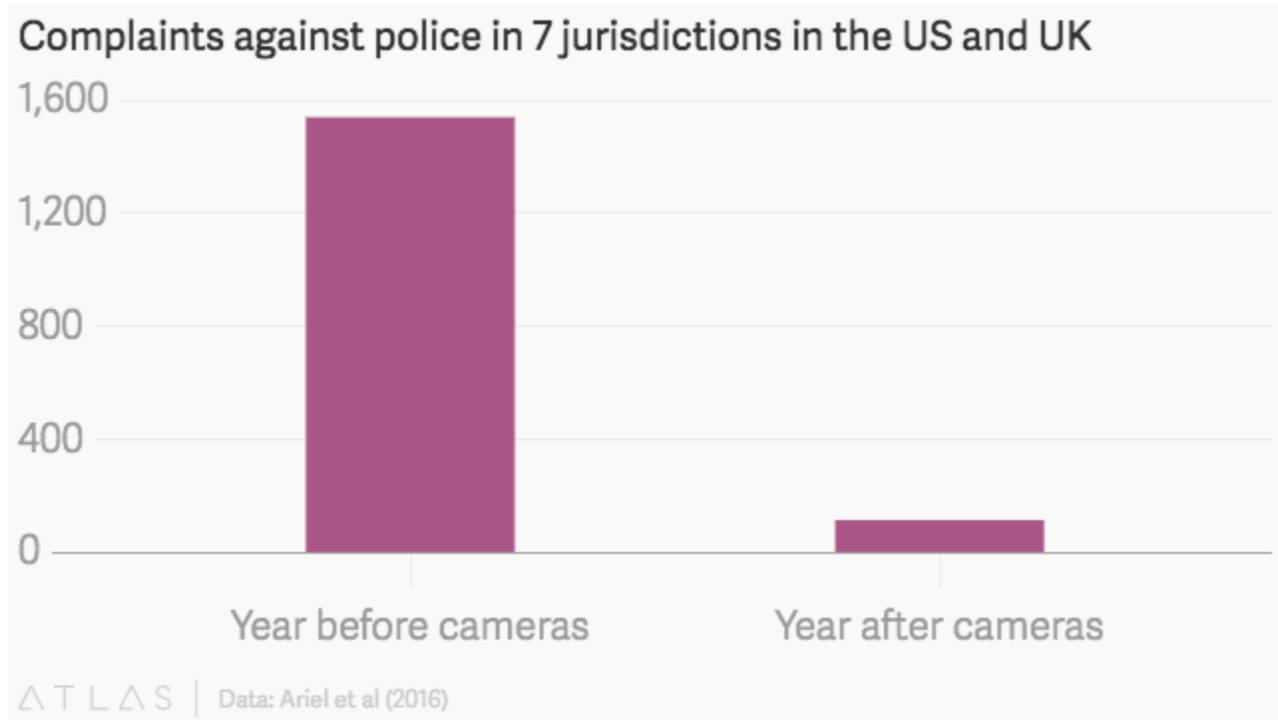
Cameras worn on police uniforms have been lauded as a possible solution to many of the problems facing officers in the line of duty, from violence against law enforcement to the unnecessary use of force. The US Department of Justice recently announced a plan to spend \$20 million on body cameras for cops in 32 states.

The cameras are controversial, as all surveillance technology tends to be. And until recently, there's been little hard evidence about how effective body cameras actually are. According to new research from the University of Cambridge, which studied seven police forces in the US and the UK, the answer is that they are transformative in at least one way.

Researchers used complaints against police as a proxy for the effect of the cameras, hypothesizing that one major reason for complaints is that cops behaved in a negative, avoidable way. (There are other reasons for complaints, the researchers acknowledge, given the emotionally charged nature of many interactions with police.)

Compared to the previous year when cameras were not worn, complaints across the seven regions fell by 98% over the 12 months of the experiment. The study encompassed nearly 1.5 million officer hours across more than 4,000 shifts.

"I cannot think of any [other] single intervention in the history of policing that dramatically changed the way that officers behave, the way that suspects behave, and the way they interact with each other," Barak Ariel, the lead researcher, told the BBC.



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The theory is that cameras make police officers more accountable for their actions, because people tend to change their behavior when they believe they are being observed. At the same time, this also limits non-compliance from people with whom the police interact.

"It seems that knowing with sufficient certainty that our behavior is being observed or judged affects various social cognitive processes: We experience public self-awareness, become more prone to socially acceptable behavior, and sense a heightened need to cooperate with rules," the researchers write.

They also noted that there was a reduction in the amount of complaints against officers who didn't wear cameras but were working in the same forces among those who did. The researchers called this "contagious accountability." All officers were acutely aware of being observed more closely, whether they were wearing a camera or not.

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From LaDona Johnson's Facebook Page



This photo was taken by a soldier in Afghanistan of a helicopter rescue mission. The pilot is a PA National Guard guy who flies EMS choppers in civilian life. Now how many people on the planet you reckon could set the ass end of a chopper down on the roof top of a shack, on a steep mountain cliff, and hold it there while soldiers load wounded men in the rear. If this does not impress you... nothing ever will.

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## **METAMATERIALS REDUCES THE REFLECTION OF RADAR MIGHT MAKE STEALTH AIRCRAFT INVISIBLE TO MICROWAVES**

<http://www.nextbigfuture.com/2016/10/metamaterials-for-reduces-reflection-of.html>

Iowa State researchers Liang Dong and Jiming Song are working on technology that could someday make a microwave invisibility cloak for stealth aircraft a reality.

Along with assistance from Iowa State students, they've developed a flexible, stretchable, and tunable "meta-skin" that uses rows of small liquid-metal devices to cloak objects from radar by reducing the reflection of a wide range of radar frequencies. This makes it different from traditional stealth technologies that only reduce the power reflected back to a probing radar. It also makes the meta-skin one step closer to helping conceal aircraft entirely.

Dong, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, and Song, professor of electrical and computer engineering, are continuing to develop meta-skin materials that could continue to change the world of stealth technology. "The long-term goal is to shrink the size of these devices," Dong said. "Then, hopefully, we can do this with higher frequency electromagnetic waves." Which could help produce a form of meta-skin that might someday coat the surface of stealth aircraft to make them invisible to radar devices of all kinds.

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## **BAE SHOWS OFF NEXT-GENERATION BRADLEY FIGHTING VEHICLE PROTOTYPE**

David Szondy, October 5, 2016

<http://newatlas.com/bae-bradley-prototype/45768/>

BAE Systems has unveiled the possible successor to the US Army's veteran Bradley Fighting Vehicle at the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) annual meeting in Washington DC. The Next Generation Bradley concept vehicle is designed to demonstrate an improvement in the Bradley's capabilities while keeping down costs.

The Bradley Fighting Vehicle first entering service in 1981, but its development can be traced to back to the 1950s when the US Army began developing the infantry fighting vehicle as a fast piece scout/troop carrier capable of keeping up with main battle tanks while dealing with Soviet armor. Over the decades, shifting needs, advancing technologies, and concerns about vulnerability brought on many upgrades, resulting in vehicle weight jumping from 8 to almost 30 tons.

The Pentagon has considered a number of options for replacing the Bradley, including a complete blank sheet redesign, but recent budget cuts have required a rethink. BAE is betting that an improved version of the Bradley using existing systems borrowed from other vehicles is an answer that the US Army will find attractive.



The new concept vehicle borrows technology from other systems to keep down costs(Credit:BAE Systems)

"In the current budget environment, the Army often has to choose between maintaining an existing fleet and developing new capabilities," says Deepak Bazaz, director of Artillery and Bradley Programs at BAE Systems. "We're investing in research and development to demonstrate cost-effective options for the Army to address current gaps. We're focused on integrating current, emerging, and future technologies to significantly improve the Bradley's mobility, force protection, and lethality."



The new vehicle could replace the previous version of the Bradley shown here (Credit: BAE Systems)

The concept Bradley has an upgraded chassis with more underbelly armor to deal with IEDs, compartments for fuel and ammunition for greater safety, and more electrical power in anticipation of new technologies. The suspension has been upgraded to allow it to keep up with the US Army's main armor groups, and there's an improved turret, tracking sensors, and better connectivity.

In keeping with its strategy of borrowing from other designs, the Bradley concept has the armor, fuel tanks, and the driver's hatch from the Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicle; the 600-volt electronics and drives from the M109A7 Self-Propelled Howitzer; and a general design that has more in common with other BAE vehicles, so parts and systems can be swapped between them.

BAE says that the prototype will be used to develop new technologies and act as a development, experimentation, and evaluation testbed.

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**VIDEO: SO THIS GUY DEFINITELY INVENTED A WORKING JETPACK**

JetPack Aviation - OH HELL YEAH

Remember that video that emerged last year that appeared to show a dude flying a jetpack around the Statue of Liberty? Yeah, it was legit. This thing is legit.

<http://digg.com/video/real-jetpack>

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**TICK BITES THAT TRIGGER SEVERE MEAT ALLERGY ON RISE AROUND THE WORLD**

'Tick-induced mammalian meat allergy' reported in Europe, Asia, Central America and Africa but most prevalent in parts of Australia and the US



Elle Hunt, Thursday 6 October, 2016

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/oct/07/tick-bites-that-trigger-severe-meat-allergy-on-rise-around-the-world>

The link between tick bites and meat allergies was described in 2007 and has since been confirmed around the world. Photograph: Erik Karits/Alamy

People living in tick-endemic areas around the world are being warned of an increasingly prevalent, potentially life-threatening side effect to being bitten: developing a severe allergy to meat.

The link between tick bites and meat allergies was first described in 2007, and has since been confirmed around the world.

Sufferers of “tick-induced mammalian meat allergy” will experience a delayed reaction of between two and 10 hours after eating red meat. Almost invariably, they are found to have been bitten by a tick – sometimes as much as six months before.

#### **TICK POPULATIONS BOOMING DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

Although most cases of tick bites of humans are uneventful, some immune systems are sensitive to proteins in the parasite’s saliva and become intolerant of red meat and, in some cases, derivatives such as dairy and gelatine.

Poultry and seafood can be tolerated, but many sufferers choose to avoid meat entirely.

Cases of the emergent allergy have been reported in Europe, Asia, Central America and Africa, but it is most prevalent – and on the rise – in parts of Australia and the United States where ticks are endemic and host populations are booming.

Bandicoots and other small native mammals are flourishing along the east coast where the Australian paralytic tick is endemic.

The Lone Star tick is widespread throughout the US, but meat allergies have been reported in the south-eastern states, home to growing herds of white-tailed deer.

But tick bite-induced anaphylaxis – the most acute allergic reaction, which can result in death – is rare in countries other than Australia. Around Sydney’s northern beaches, where ticks are common, it is reportedly as prevalent as peanut allergies.

Meat allergies are exceedingly rare in adults who have not been bitten by ticks.

The link was first reported in November 2007 by Sheryl van Nunen, a clinical immunology specialist at the Royal North Shore hospital in Sydney.

Van Nunen told Guardian Australia that she had observed the association “some years before” 2007. She now diagnoses one to two patients every week.

Jana Pearce was diagnosed with mammalian meat allergy by Van Nunen after suffering an anaphylactic shock in May 2010. She had been bitten by a newly hatched tick 10 days before and had developed a “massive” rash.

She had no history of allergies, she told Guardian Australia.

“I’d never taken an antihistamine before in my life. I thought people who took antihistamines were wimps.”

Despite having been hospitalised and revived with CPR, Pearce said she “didn’t take [the diagnosis] seriously” but she did not eat red meat regularly.

When she ate it again in May 2012, she had another more serious anaphylaxis and had to be revived by defibrillation.

“The second one was where I was out of denial and into reality,” she said.

Pearce was living in Lindfield on the upper north shore of Sydney at the time of her shocks; she now lives in Hobart, Tasmania, where there are fewer ticks: “I’m a tick refugee.”

Sufferers may not react every time they eat red meat, and some treatments of it, such as bacon, ham and prosciutto, can often be safely consumed.

Due to the role of cofactors like exercise, alcohol consumption and other medication in allergic reactions, and the risk of death that comes with anaphylaxis, many often follow vegetarian or vegan diets.

Sufferers are also advised to prepare their food at home, as fish and poultry are often combined with mammalian meat products such as stock, and to avoid cross-contamination between utensils and cooking surfaces.

Pearce has cut out all meat bar poultry and seafood, and eats dairy in only limited amounts after developing an allergy in late 2012.

The possibility of a third anaphylactic shock, she said, was “too scary” for her to take the risk of eating red meat again.

“The hardest thing is all your social life is interrupted – you can’t go out to dinner for fear of the cross-contamination. It sort of spoils the whole experience of dining out,” she said. “You have to eat very clean and you have to learn to cook again, which is the hard part.”

Much is still unknown about the emergent allergy, including why some people develop a meat allergy after being bitten by a tick when many others don’t.

Confirmation of the link reflects “a novel cause-and-effect relationship” with environmental exposure, which could have consequences for understanding what causes allergies in general, Van Nunen wrote in a 2015 paper.

She and her patients founded the Sydney Tick-induced Allergies Research and Awareness (Tiara) group to raise awareness and funding for research of the emergent allergy.

Pearce said researching the allergy would be challenging given its different iterations and “the funding’s not there”.

“But, with the numbers coming in, the amount of people who’ve got it – they’ll have to start doing the research soon.”

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**ONE BIG QUESTION: DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO DRAIN YOUR BATTERY PERIODICALLY TO KEEP IT CONDITIONED?**

Michael Franco, October 7th, 2016

<http://newatlas.com/conditioning-cell-phone-batteries/45800/>



Is it a good idea to let your phone battery drain completely from time to time?(Credit:Depositphotos/georgejmlittle)

All of the smartphones bursting into flames these days has got us thinking a lot about batteries here at the New Atlas offices. Specifically, we were wondering if the need to periodically discharge cell phone batteries to keep them conditioned is really necessary.

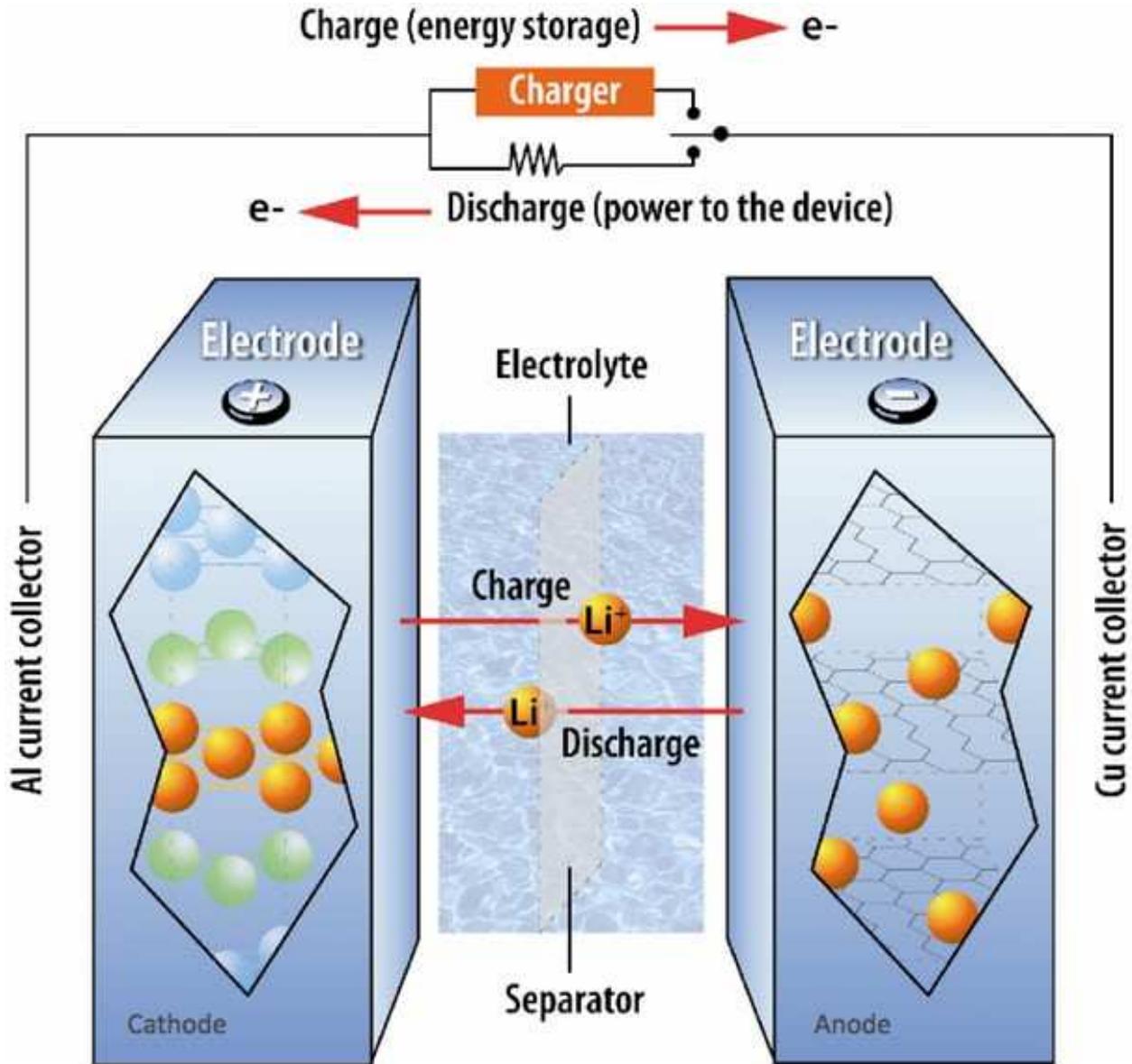
So, as part of our regular One Big Question series, we put that very query to Daniel Abraham, a lithium-ion battery specialist at the Argonne National Laboratory outside of Chicago, Illinois. Here's what he had to say on the subject:

Present-day cell phones (and laptops) contain lithium-ion batteries, which do not need to be discharged periodically to keep them "conditioned."

The "discharge periodically" recommendation is a holdover from older kinds of batteries, such as nickel-cadmium and nickel-metal hydride rechargeable batteries. These batteries are believed to display a "memory effect" that causes them to hold less charge if they're not discharged periodically. That's not the case for lithium-ion batteries.

To understand this better it helps to know how rechargeable lithium-ion batteries work.

A rechargeable battery cell contains four basic components: a positive cathode, a negative anode, an electrolyte that allows lithium ions to flow between them, and a separator that physically separates the electrodes to prevent short circuits.



When you charge the battery, the current from the electrical outlet forces lithium ions to move from the cathode to the anode. This converts electrical energy from the outlet into stored chemical energy. When you unplug the battery and begin to use it, the lithium ions flow back to the cathode; the stored chemical energy is converted into a stream of electrons to power the device.

In commercial lithium-ion cells graphite is typically the active component in the anode. The lithium ions arrange themselves between the graphene planes making them expand and contract. The active component in the cathode is typically lithium-bearing oxide or phosphate particles. The lithium-ions are extracted from these particles when the cell is being charged or inserted into these particles when the cell is being discharged.

This lithium insertion and extraction process, termed intercalation, typically does not alter the crystal structure of the host cathode or anode particles. In an ideal scenario the lithium insertion and extraction process is 100 percent reversible; in reality some lithium-ions are lost in undesired reactions and cell battery performance degrades gradually.

The memory effect in NiCd cell is attributed to the formation and growth of cadmium hydroxide crystals when the cell is held in the fully-charged state for long periods. Periodic deep discharges (or cell conditioning) restore the crystals to their original size and cell performance is often restored.

Commercially available lithium-ion cells are based on intercalation chemistries and do not display such crystal formation and growth.

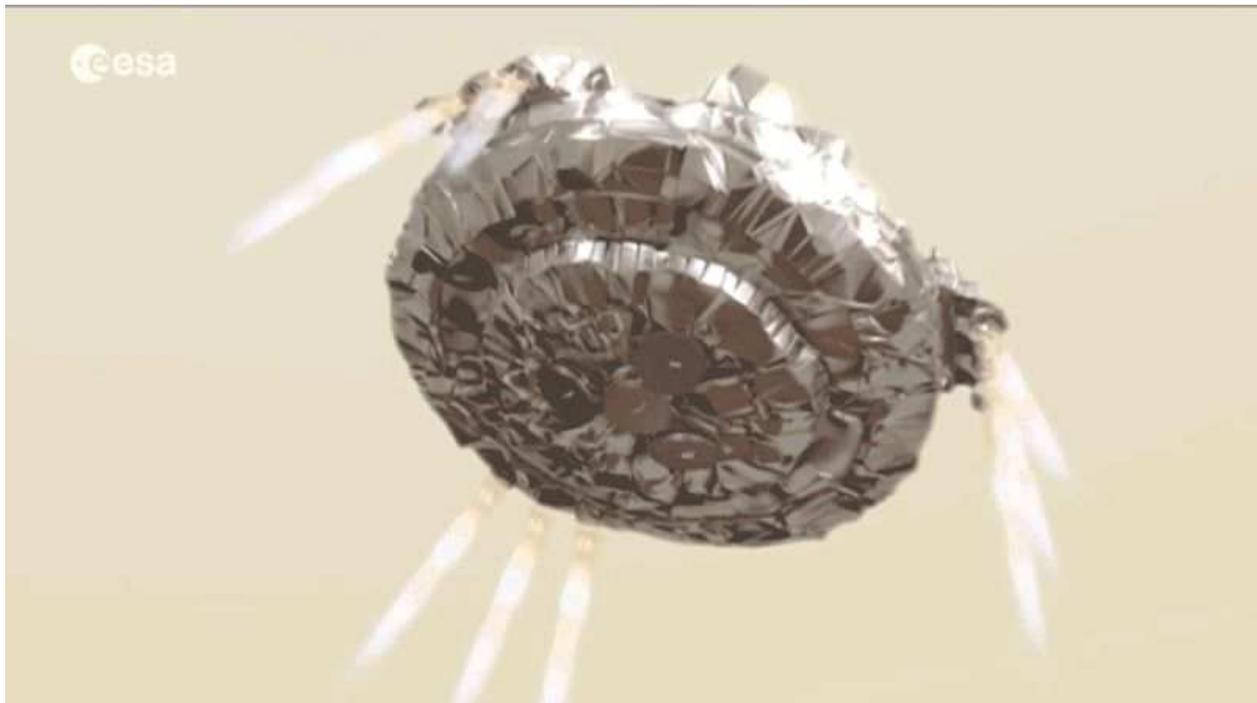
However, scientists in research laboratories worldwide are working on alternative chemistries to increase the energy and power density of battery cells. Some of these cells are based on a "conversion" process instead of the intercalation process. New crystal structures are formed during the conversion reaction. We do not know whether these future cells will need to be conditioned periodically to maintain performance.

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**TWO SPACE AGENCIES WILL TRY TO MAKE A HISTORIC LANDING ON MARS NEXT WEEK**

Maddie Stone, October 10, 2016

<http://gizmodo.com/two-space-agencies-will-try-to-make-a-historic-landing-1787614033>



How things will hopefully go down for the Schiaparelli lander on October 19th. Image: ESA

A joint mission led by the European Space Agency and Roscosmos arrives at Mars next week, and its first order of business will be to make history. If all goes well, NASA is about to lose its bragging rights as the only space agency to successfully land probes on the Red Planet.

ExoMars, an astrobiology mission designed to hunt for signs of geologic and biological activity on Mars, is on track to reach orbit on October 19th. When it arrives, the mission's two components—a Trace Gas Orbiter (TGO) and a Schiaparelli lander—will part ways. The TGO will insert itself into a low-altitude orbit and begin scanning the Martian atmosphere for methane, water vapor, and other trace gases. Schiaparelli, meanwhile, will attempt to reach the surface in one piece.

Landing on Mars is hard, and neither the ESA nor the Russians have a great track record. In the 1960s and 70s, the Soviet Union sent a slew of probes to the Red Planet, all of which crashed, died shortly after impact, or missed their target entirely. In 2003, the ESA's Beagle 2 lander made it to the surface, but its solar panels failed to deploy, and it lost contact with Earth. In 2011, the Russians launched a space probe intended for Mars' moon Phobos. It never made it out of low Earth orbit, eventually falling back and burning up in our atmosphere.

In other words, ExoMars is arriving at its destination with some baggage and a lot to prove. On October 16th, Schiaparelli and TGO will separate. Three days later, the lander will enter Mars' atmosphere. The angle has to be absolutely perfect, otherwise the probe will come in too hot and burn up, or bounce back into space. If all goes well, Schiaparelli will then deploy a braking parachute, followed by three sets of hydrazine thrusters. All the while, it will be collecting data to characterize the structure of the Martian atmosphere and its intended landing site.

The entire sequence is pre-programmed, and Schiaparelli only has one shot. There are no do-overs should anything go wrong.

Lucky for the ESA and Roscosmos, Schiaparelli's main goal is demonstrate landing technology. If there is a problem, engineers will study it carefully and incorporate whatever lessons they learn into the next phase of the ExoMars mission—a bigger and longer-lived science lander that ships off in 2020. So while everyone is hoping to stick the landing next week, failure to do so is not a catastrophe.

One way or another, this will be an exciting mission to watch.

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**AN INDUSTRIAL DESIGNER BUILT A FUNCTIONAL CAR COMPRISED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF WOOD**

By: [Marshall Smith](#) | October 9th, 2016

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**Joe Harmon**

Industrial designer and woodworker Joe Harmon has spent the past five years constructing a car made of wood.

The neat thing, however, is that it's actually drivable and not to mention has a perfect name in Splinter.

Comprised almost entirely of wood, Harmon first began drawing designs for Splinter around eight years ago when he was still in school as a grad student at North Carolina State University.



**Joe Harmon**

Today, Harmon's vision for the wooden vehicle has come to fruition and he recently had the opportunity to show it off at the Essen Motor Show in Germany last December.

It is worth noting that wood does have a better strength-to-weight ratio than steel and aluminum and while the car's engines gives Splinter more than 650 horsepower, it won't be passing any safety regulations anytime soon.

As you check out some of the images below, keep in mind that the wheels are comprised of oak veneer, walnut sunburst, and cherry sunburst, while the vehicle's chassis is made almost 100% out of wood composites.

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**AUSTRALIA BECOMES FIRST COUNTRY TO BEGIN MICROCHIPPING ITS PUBLIC**

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Australia may become the first country in the world to microchip its public. NBC news predicted that all Americans would be microchipped by 2017, but it seems Australia may have already beaten them to it.



Back in 2010, CBS news reported that the Australian government had a potential RFID microchipping plan in the works related to the health care system.

Now, it seems that this plan is beginning to unfold but the push is not a result of mandated health care reforms, but rather a clever propaganda campaign that equates RFID microchipping with becoming superhuman, and people are begging for it.

Under the headline 'Australians embracing super-human microchip technology', Australia's premier media outlet news.com.au (News Corp Australia) reports:

It may sound like sci-fi, but hundreds of Australians are turning themselves into super-humans who can unlock doors, turn on lights and log into computers with a wave of the hand.

Shanti Korporaal, from Sydney, is at the centre of the phenomenon after having two implants inserted under her skin.

Now she can get into work and her car without carrying a card or keys, and says her ultimate goal is to completely do away with her wallet and cards.

She told news.com.au:

You could set up your life so you never have to worry about any password or PINs it's the same technology as Paypass, so I'm hoping you'll be able to pay for things with it.

With Opal you get a unique identification number that could be programmed into the chip. Any door with a swipe card ... it could open your computer, photocopier. Loyalty cards for shops are just another thing for your wallet.

The microchips, which are the size of a grain of rice, can act like a business card and transfer contact details to smartphones, and hold complex medical data.

In her interview with the Australian news outlet, Shanti claims that her friends and family are envious of her microchip lifestyle;

My nana wants one. I've had more opposition to my tattoos than I've ever had to the chip. My friends are jealous.

In fact, the 27-year-old has noticed a business opportunity and set up a distribution service called Chip My Life with her husband, Skeeve Stevens where for just \$80 to \$140, people can become so called "super humans."

On the same day this news story broke, Shanti appeared at Australia's launch of the much anticipated cyborg themed video game Deus Ex Mankind Divided, alongside American implantable technology pioneer Amal Graafstra.

As you can see, the push for RFID microchipping and assimilating the human population with robots and technology, is something that will most likely be sold to the public as helping them to become "super human," but clearly if you become part machine/computer, that means there will be someone who can control that technology. If you think the elites wouldn't capitalize on such an exceptional opportunity to control the population you obviously don't know history very well.

Amal Graafstra, who became one of the world first RFID implantees back in 2005, just made headlines recently in the US with a prototype of the world's first implant-activated smart gun and is a huge proponent for this new technology.

He's written a book, spoken at TEDx and also appeared in a number of documentaries.

In an interview with the Australian media outlet, Amal explained that the technology he has implanted into his body has "given me the ability to communicate with machines. It's literally integrated into who I am."

Shanti has bought into the culture that dominates society today, which is one dominated by the fantasy of super heroes that mesmerizes the population at theaters all across the globe.

"Ever since watching movies like the Terminator, Matrix and Minority Report I wondered if we could actually live like that. I always wondered why we all weren't living as 'super-humans'

You can watch how Shanti uses the microchip in her daily life in the video below;

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**EXPERTS SAID ARCTIC SEA ICE WOULD MELT ENTIRELY BY SEPTEMBER 2016 - THEY WERE WRONG**

Sarah Knapton, science editor, 8 OCTOBER 2016 • 8:57AM

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/2016/10/07/experts-said-arctic-sea-ice-would-melt-entirely-by-september-201/>



A polar bear on an ice floe CREDIT: JOSH ANON/REX/SHUTTERS TOCK

Dire predictions that the Arctic would be devoid of sea ice by September this year have proven to be unfounded after latest satellite images showed there is far more now than in 2012.

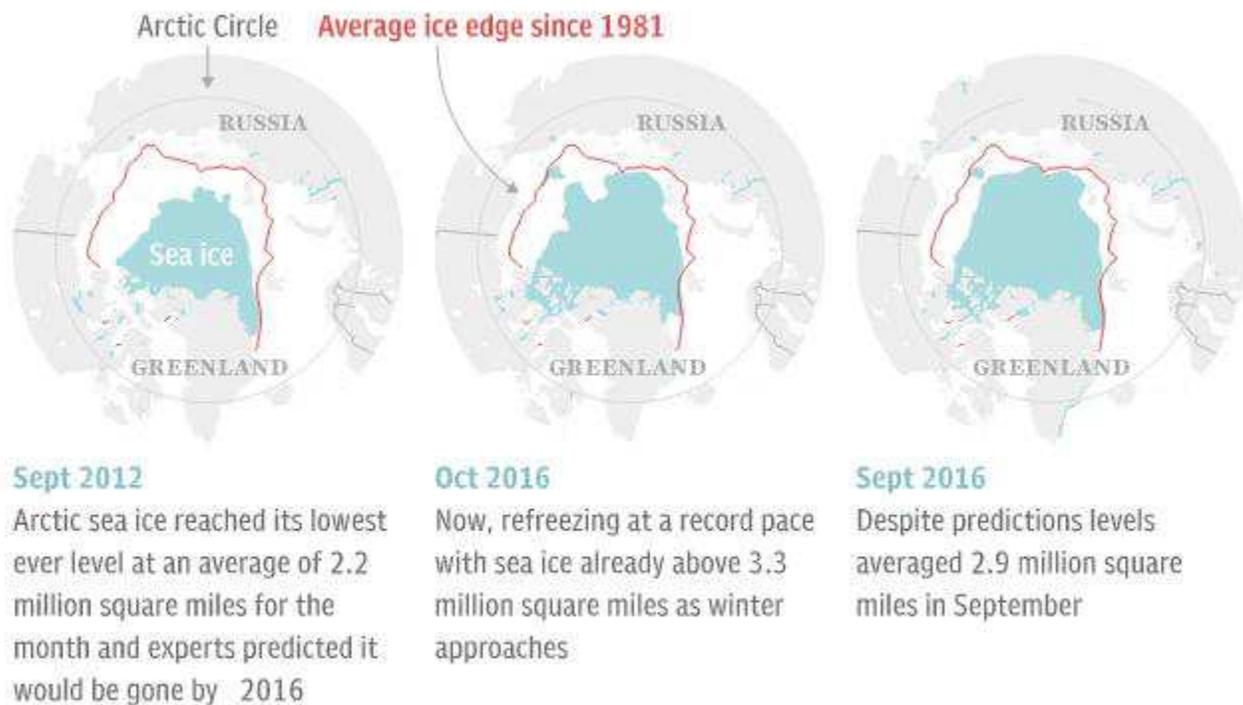
Scientists such as Prof Peter Wadhams, of

Cambridge University, and Prof Wieslaw Maslowski, of the Naval Postgraduate School in Moderey, California, have regularly forecast the loss of ice by 2016, which has been widely reported by the BBC and other media outlets.

Prof Wadhams, a leading expert on Arctic sea ice loss, has recently published a book entitled *A Farewell To Ice* in which he repeats the assertion that the polar region would free of ice in the middle of this decade.

As late as this summer, he was still predicting an ice-free September.

Yet, when figures were released for the yearly minimum on September 10, they showed that there was still 1.6 million square miles of sea ice (4.14 square kilometres), which was 21 per cent more than the lowest point in 2012.



For the month of September overall, there was 31 per cent more ice than in 2012, figures released this week from the National Snow and Ice Data Centre (NSIDC) show. This amounts to an extra 421,000 (1.09 million square kilometres) of sea ice, making the month only the fifth lowest since records began.

Although a quick glance at NSIDC satellite data going back to 1981 shows an undeniable downward trend in sea ice over the past 35 years, scientists have accused Prof Wadhams and others of "crying wolf" and harming the message of climate change through "dramatic", "incorrect" and "confusing" predictions.

Dr Ed Hawkins, associate professor in the Department of Meteorology, at the University of Reading, said: "There has been one prominent scientist who has regularly made more dramatic, and incorrect, in my view predictions suggesting that we would by now be in ice-free conditions."

“There are very serious risks from continued climatic changes and a melting Arctic, but we do not serve the public and policy-makers well by exaggerating those risks.

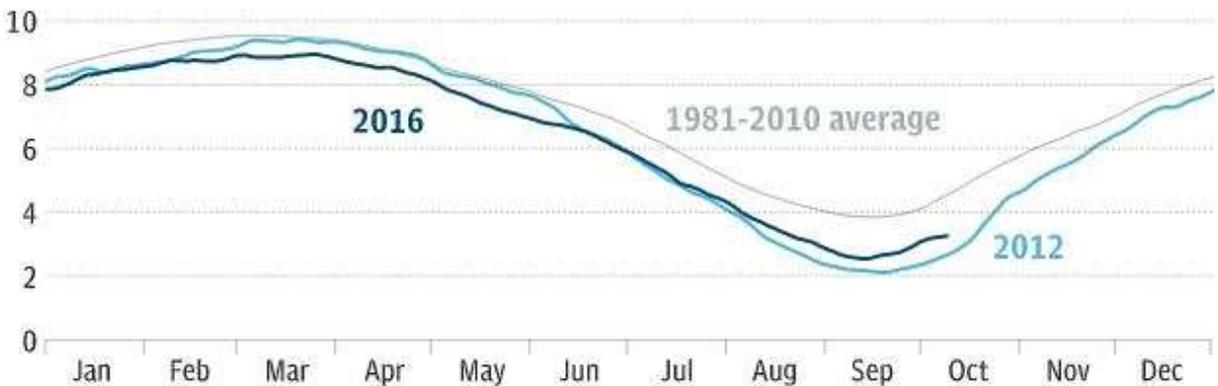
“We will soon see an ice-free summer in the Arctic, but there is a real danger of ‘crying wolf’ and that does not help anyone.

“As global temperatures rise, we will see a continuing decline in Arctic sea ice extent, although this will happen somewhat erratically, rather like a ball bouncing down a bumpy hill.

“Without substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, the ball will reach the bottom of the hill, meaning the Arctic is 'ice-free', starting with a few days one summer, a few weeks another summer and gradually becoming more and more frequent over the next few decades.”

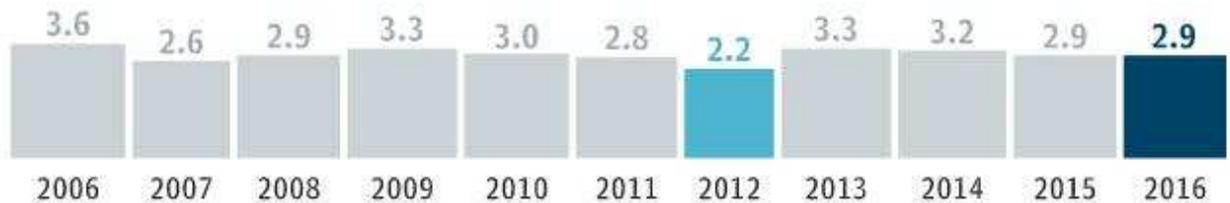
### Arctic sea ice extent

Area of Ocean with at least 15% sea ice (Millions of square miles)



### Sea ice volume for September

Millions of square miles



SOURCE: NATIONAL SNOW AND ICE DATA CENTER

It is the latest example of experts making alarming predictions which do not come to pass. Earlier this week environmentalists were accused of misleading the public about the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch" after aerial shots proved there was no "island of rubbish" in the middle of the ocean. Likewise, warnings that the hole in the ozone layer would never close were debunked in June.

Scientists warn that such claims risk detracting from the real issue. Losing Arctic sea ice is a major problem because ice reflects up to 70 per cent of sunlight, while open water reflects just 10 per cent, meaning the rest is absorbed by the planet, which speeds up global warming. A massive melt of freshwater could also disrupt global ocean currents and change weather systems.

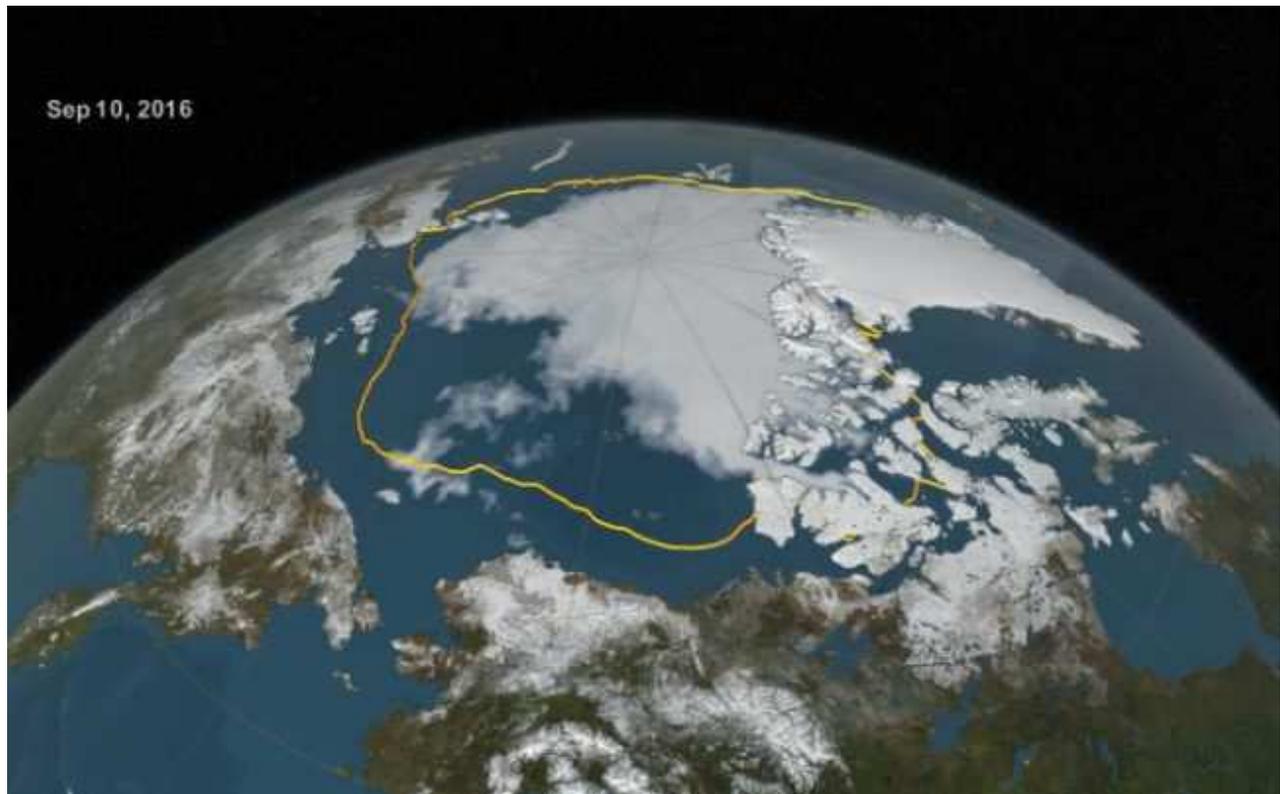
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For more than a decade, most scientists have accepted that the Arctic will be free ice-free by 2050, while the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) calculates there is a 66 per cent chance of no ice by the middle of the century if emissions continue to increase annually.

Yet in 2007, Prof Wadhams predicted that sea ice would be lost by 2013 after levels fell 27 per cent in a single year. However, by 2013, ice levels were actually 25 per cent higher than they had been six years before. In 2012, following another record low, Prof Wadhams changed his prediction to 2016.

The view was supported by Prof Maslowski, who in 2013 published a paper in the Annual Review of Earth and Planetary Sciences also claiming that the Arctic would be ice-free by 2016, plus or minus three years.

However, far from record lows, this year the Arctic has seen the quickest refreeze ever recorded with the extent of sea ice growing 405,000 square miles (1.05 million square kilometres) in just three weeks since the September 10 minimum. The Danish Meteorological Institute said that refreezing is happening at the fastest rate since its daily records began in 1987.

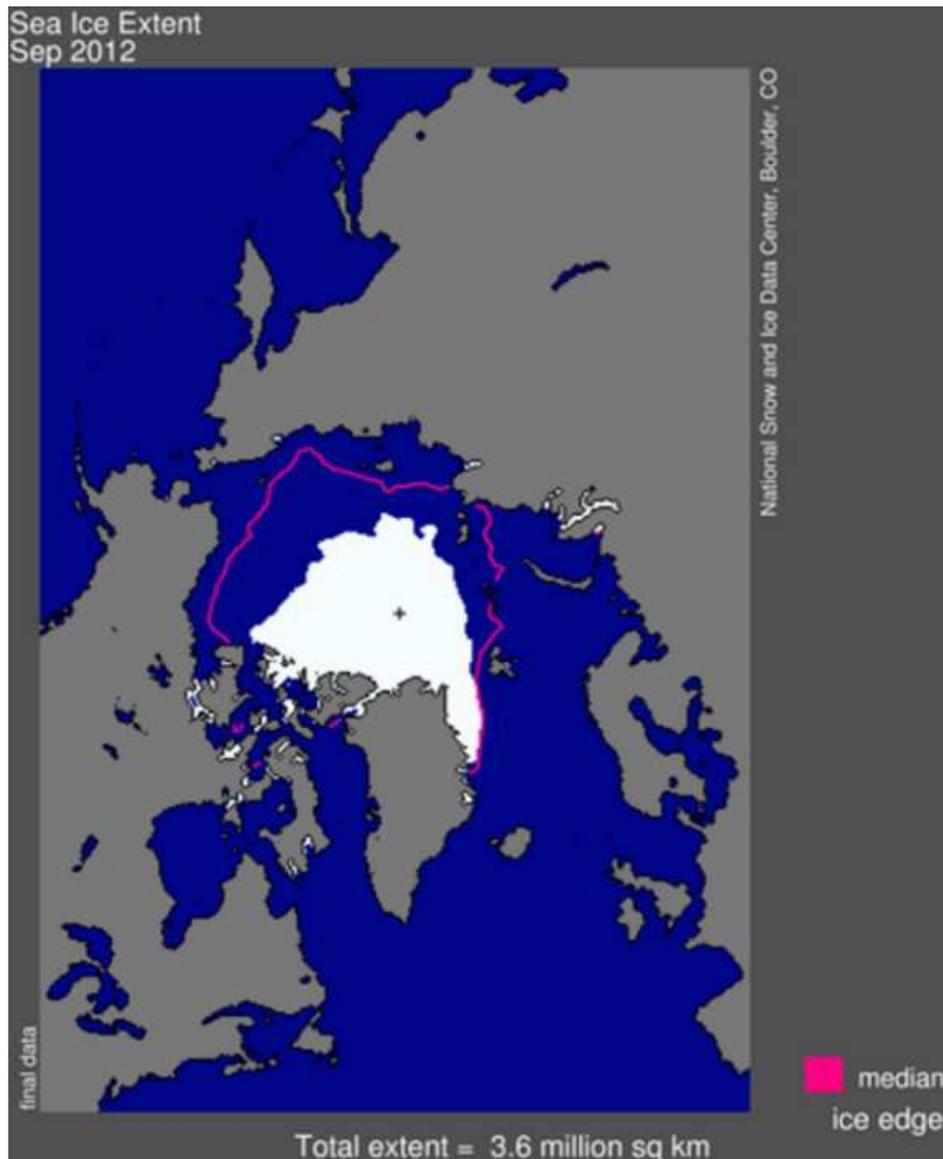


Arctic sea ice during this year's September minimum when levels are always at their lowest CREDIT: NASA

Andrew Shepherd, professor of earth observation at University College London, said there was now "overwhelming consensus" that the Arctic would be free of ice in the next few decades, but warned earlier predictions were based on poor extrapolation.

"A decade or so ago, climate models often failed to reproduce the decline in Arctic sea ice extent revealed by satellite observations," he said.

"One upshot of this was that outlier predictions based on extrapolation alone were able to receive wide publicity.



Arctic sea ice at its lowest in September 2012 CREDIT: NATIONAL SNOW AND ICE DATA CENTRE

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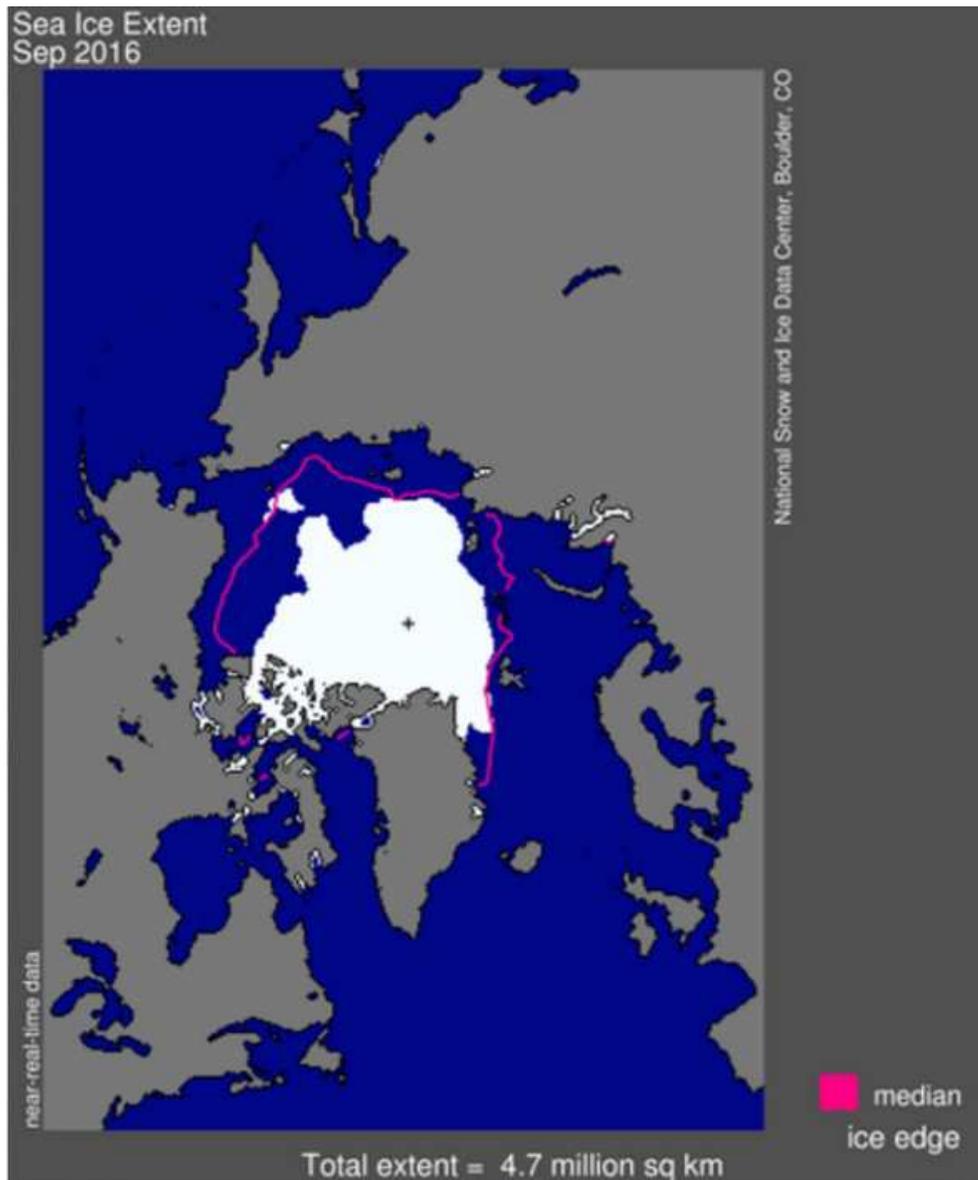
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“But climate models have improved considerably since then and they now do a much better job of simulating historical events.

“This means we have greater confidence in their predictive skill, and the overwhelming consensus within the scientific community is that the Arctic Ocean will be effectively free of sea ice in a couple of decades should the present rate of decline continue.”

Prof Myles Allen, of Oxford University, added: “The Arctic was only predicted to be close to ice-free in September by mid-century.”

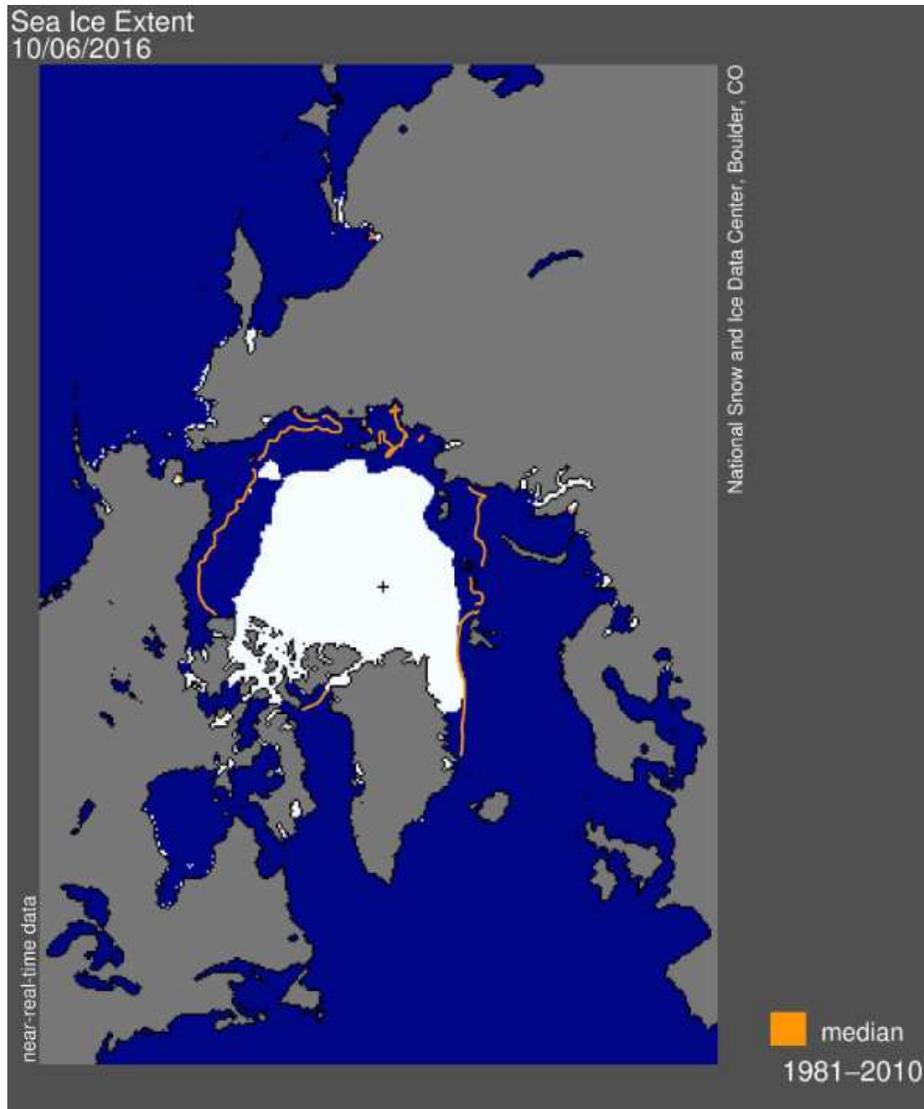
Scientists said it was clear that sea ice was shrinking but there were large fluctuations between years. For example, 2013 saw a 50 per cent increase from the previous year



Arctic sea ice in September 2016 CREDIT: NATIONAL SNOW AND ICE DATA CENTRE

Prof Jonathan Bamber, of the University of Bristol, said: “This year's low was the second lowest on record and not as low as 2012. But there is always variability in any part of the climate system so you would not expect a monotonic decline year on year whatever was going on.

“The signal of Arctic sea ice decline is possibly the clearest we have of climate change. That does not mean, by definition, it is manmade, but there is no question that sea ice volume has been declining, on average, over the last 40 years and that all the indications from climate data, satellite observations, etc, are that the decline will continue.”



The most recent sea ice maps showing a significant refreezing CREDIT: NATIONAL SNOW AND ICE DATA CENTRE

Bob Ward, of the Grantham Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, added: “Peter Wadhams has made predictions of the imminent disappearance of summer Arctic sea ice which have not been fulfilled, but the evidence still shows a rapid decline.

**“The trend in Arctic sea ice extent is definitely downwards for every single month of the year.**

**“The most recent IPCC forecast is that the Arctic has up to a 66 per cent chance of being ice-free in September by 2050 for the highest emissions scenario.”**



**Sea ice melting is concerning as it could speed up global warming and change weather systems CREDIT: ALAMY**

**Speaking to The Telegraph, Prof Wadhams admitted that sea ice decline had not happened as quickly as he had predicted. However, he still believes that an ice-free Arctic is still only a "very small number of years" away.**

**“My view is that the trend of summer sea ice volume is relentlessly downward, such that the volume (and thus area) will come to a low value very soon - in a very small number of years,” he said.**

**“This is to be contrasted with some of the bizarre predictions made by computer modellers, who have the summer sea ice remaining until late this century, which is quite impossible.”**

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**STRATOLAUNCH TO LAUNCH PEGASUS ROCKETS**

**by Jeff Foust — October 6, 2016**

<http://spacenews.com/stratolaunch-to-launch-pegasus-rockets/>



An illustration of Stratolaunch Systems' aircraft carrying three Orbital ATK Pegasus launch vehicles. Credit: Stratolaunch Systems

**WASHINGTON** — Stratolaunch Systems will use the giant aircraft the company is currently developing to launch Pegasus rockets from Orbital ATK as part of a “multi-year” partnership, the two companies announced Oct. 6.

Under the agreement, Orbital ATK will provide “multiple” Pegasus XL rockets, currently launched by its own Lockheed L-1011 aircraft, to Stratolaunch Systems, which will launch them from its own aircraft. An illustration released by Stratolaunch showed three Pegasus XL rockets suspended under the wing of the aircraft.

The companies declined to release details of agreement, including how many Pegasus vehicles Orbital ATK will provide or over what time period. A Vulcan Aerospace spokesperson said the company remains “committed to being fully operational by the end of the decade.”

The announcement suggested the Pegasus XL deal was the first step in a larger partnership between the companies, although the companies did not disclose details about further cooperation. “Orbital ATK is excited by this collaboration and sees it as a positive first step in a long-term partnership,” Scott Lehr, president of Orbital ATK’s Flight Systems Group, said in a statement. Both companies declined to elaborate on what future steps in the partnership might include.

The two companies had previously collaborated on a much larger rocket concept, called Thunderbolt, which would also be flown from Stratolaunch’s plane. That vehicle would have used solid-propellant lower stages provided by Orbital ATK and an upper stage powered by an Aerojet Rocketdyne RL10 engine.

Stratolaunch quietly shelved that effort, though, and indicated since last year it was looking at various options for a smaller vehicle better suited to the growing smallsat launch market. The company had not made any announcements about vehicle selections prior to the Orbital ATK announcement.

“Orbital ATK is the world’s most experienced air-launch service provider, and we are proud to leverage that expertise and progressive approach in pursuit of our shared goal of convenient and affordable commercial access to low Earth orbit,” said Jean Floyd, chief executive of Stratolaunch Systems and a former Orbital executive whose duties there included managing the Pegasus program, in the statement.

Floyd also serves as executive director of Vulcan Aerospace, a division of Vulcan Inc., owned by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen. Floyd replaced Chuck Beames in that position last month, according to an internal memo published by GeekWire Sept. 22.

Beames said during a June media tour of Stratolaunch’s Mojave, California, facility where its aircraft is being assembled that the company was considering multiple launch partners. That is still on the table, according to a Vulcan spokesperson. “We’re continuing to explore opportunities with potential partners and customers who are interested in our Stratolaunch aircraft.”

For Orbital ATK, the deal gives new life to the Pegasus XL, a vehicle that has won little business in recent years beyond contracts for NASA missions despite a broader surge in interest in small satellites. Pegasus last flew in June 2013, placing NASA’s Interface Region Imaging Spectrograph spacecraft into orbit. It’s scheduled to launch NASA’s Cyclone Global Navigation Satellite System (CYGNSS), a group of eight small weather satellites, in November.

CYGNSS and NASA’s Ionospheric Connection Explorer, scheduled for launch in mid-2017, are the only missions currently on the Pegasus manifest. Orbital ATK spokeswoman Trina Helquist said the company will continue to offer Pegasus XL launches from the L-1011 aircraft for NASA, while also seeking additional customers for launches from Stratolaunch’s aircraft. “We will provide cost synergies to NASA if Vulcan orders higher quantities, so it should be advantageous for all parties,” she said.

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### SCOTT ADAMS' BLOG

Posted October 3rd, 2016 @ 2:52pm in #Trump Clinton  
<http://blog.dilbert.com/post/151301555066/the-week-i-became-a-target>

This weekend I got “shadowbanned” on Twitter. It lasted until my followers noticed and protested. Shadowbanning prevents my followers from seeing my tweets and replies, but in a way that is not obvious until you do some digging.

Why did I get shadowbanned?

Beats me.

But it was probably because I asked people to tweet me examples of Clinton supporters being violent against peaceful Trump supporters in public. I got a lot of them. It was chilling.

Late last week my Twitter feed was invaded by an army of Clinton trolls (it's a real thing) leaving sarcastic insults and not much else on my feed. There was an obvious similarity to them, meaning it was organized.

At around the same time, a bottom-feeder at Slate wrote a hit piece on me that had nothing to do with anything. Except obviously it was politically motivated. It was so lame that I retweeted it myself. The timing of the hit piece might be a coincidence, but I stopped believing in coincidences this year.

All things considered, I had a great week. I didn't realize I was having enough impact to get on the Clinton enemies list. I don't think I'm supposed to be happy about any of this, but that's not how I'm wired.

Mmm, critics. Delicious :-)

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P.S. The one and only speaking gig I had on my calendar for the coming year cancelled yesterday because they decided to "go in a different direction." I estimate my opportunity cost from speaking events alone to be around \$1 million. That's based on how the rate of offers went from several per month (for decades) to zero this year. Blogging about Trump is expensive.

But it is also a system, not a goal. I wrote a book about that.

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