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Welcome to the June 21st, 2017 Edition of THE REVENGE HUMP DAY!

First off, let me give you an update on my eye health. The second Cataract operation when pretty well last week and I am healing up just fine. As a matter of fact, I went to the eye doctor today and he gave me a good report. I go back in about three weeks for my final eye exam and it looks like I will end up having to wear glasses from time to time. Jason, the Deposed Emperor, is the lab manager over at Eye Glass World so I guess it will be him making dear old dad's first set of glasses in almost two decades.

Sunday was Father's Day out there for most of you men. Brandy, Jason and Jamie came over and helped me celebrate along with Mr. Bill and Ms. Barbara Durkin. It is a great day when you are surrounded by family and friends. But I was informed by my 6 year old grandson, Tristan, Bubba Bear, that it was "Big Papa's Day". I'll take that but I almost hit the floor laughing when he told me that he already had picked out my presents. He said I was going to get "Wet Willies" and "Stinky Feet". What more could you ask for on "Big Papa's Day"? I am a lucky man. I hope that all of you guys out there had a great "Big Papa's Day" and received lots of "Wet Willies" and "Stinky Feet"!

BTW, I went to see Wonder Woman with Mr. Bill and Matt Fanny yesterday and it was awesome! Take the time to check it out.

I got a few responses on my question about why NASA hasn't been following SpaceX's lead in making their new Space Launch Heavy Lift Vehicle reusable and I want to thank all of you who replied. Maybe someone in NASA will bring up this issue to higher ups based on some of your comments.

So on that "questioning 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 LibertyCon's Facebook Page

[LibertyCon, June 15 at 3:35pm](#)

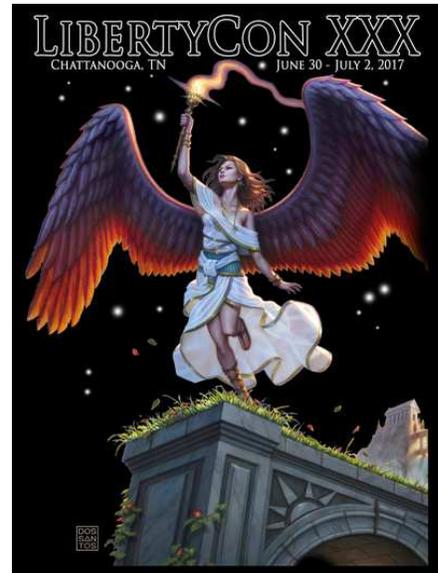
Ready for another LibertyCon update?

Today's update: LIBERTY CON APP

The LC App is now pulling and displaying the LC 30 schedule!

If you already have the app on your device, you will NOT have to reinstall. The schedule should automatically update as soon as you open the app.

If you need to install the app go to you chosen app store and search: LibertyCon



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The image at the app stores will look like the one up on the image below and have the name [Ben Gundersen](#) underneath it.

Also, when you open the app, you will notice, right off the bat, that the main image is Libertycon 29. We're working on this; it may or may not be fixed before LC30.



What is important is that the Guest of Honors, Attending Pros, and Program Schedule Data is accurate, up-to-date, and dynamically linked to our website. If we make a change to the live schedule on the website, expect to see that update on the app within 15 minutes.

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[LibertyCon, June 14 at 8:37pm](#)

Would y'all like an update??? Yes???

Alright, how about the Hanicapped Parking and PARTY ALLEY SPILLOVER AREA update.

For the last several years, the Party Spillover Area has been the entire parking

lot at the end of Party Alley.

As one is driving into the complex, the Addition Handicapped Parking and Spill Over Party Area is in the parking lot on the right just after Bldg 1.

We've changed things this year.

This year, only HALF of that area will be cordoned off for Spillover Party. The other half will be completely designated as HANDICAPPED PARKING. This will add 14 additional HANDICAPPED PARKING spaces for the con.

LET IT BE KNOWN: This area will be marked, posted on FB repeatedly, and mentioned A LOT - If you park in this area without a Handicap Sticker or Placard, then your vehicle will be towed! We won't try to find you, we will just have your vehicle towed at your expense (we understand Loading And Unloading - there is space for that too.)

Anyone that has been to [LibertyCon](#) Closing Ceremonies KNOWS that the Handicap Parking has been brought up, repeatedly, as an issue we should address. We've done things in the past to add extra spaces, but this time we are adding a bunch.

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← Comments

Replies to your comment on [Cathe Smith's post](#).

 **Fritz Ling**
Thanks to science, **Kevin Pulliam** brews.
1 hour ago · Like · Reply ·  2

 **Kevin Pulliam**
Thanks to science, 2 trillion lives lead a purposeful existence.....Thanks to 2 trillion deaths, we drink 10 gallons of beer.

This means I will have sacrificed over 8 trillion lives just for LibertyCon...

Oh the Humanity!



14 minutes ago · Love ·   3

 Write a reply... 

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BLACK PANTHER TRAILER

From: "Tim Bolgeo" tbolgeo@epbf.com

brian wang | June 12, 2017 |

<https://www.nextbigfuture.com/2017/06/black-panther-trailer.html>



HERO. LEGEND. KING. Watch Marvel Studio's Black Panther teaser trailer now. Black panther movie will be out February, 2018.

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STEPHEN FURST, 'ANIMAL HOUSE' AND 'ST. ELSEWHERE' ACTOR, DIES AT 63

From: "Mike Willmoth" mwillmoth@earthlink.net

by Jennifer Konerman, Lauren Huff, 4:41 PM PDT 6/17/2017

<http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/stephen-furst-dead-animal-house-st-actor-was-81-1014483>

The actor and filmmaker was well known for his breakout role of Flounder in 'Animal House.'

Stephen Furst, perhaps best known as Flounder in Animal House, died Friday from complications with diabetes, the actor's rep told The Hollywood Reporter. He was 63.



Gregg DeGuire/WireImage

His two sons Nathan and Griffith Furst announced the news on the actor's Facebook page, paying tribute to their "brilliant and prolific actor and filmmaker" father.

"Steve has a long list of earthly accomplishments," his sons said in the post. "He was known to the world as an brilliant and prolific actor and filmmaker, but to his family and many dear friends he was also a beloved husband, father and kind friend whose memory will always be a blessing."

The actor was also known for playing the role of Dr. Axelrod in the 1980s medical TV drama St. Elsewhere, and later as Vir Cotto in Babylon 5, which he occasionally directed as well.

After his breakout role of Kent "Flounder" Dorfman in 1978's Animal House, he had several guest appearances on TV shows such as Newhart, CHiPS and The Jeffersons until he landed the role on St. Elsewhere, which aired from 1982-1988.

"To truly honor him, do not cry for the loss of Stephen Furst. But rather, enjoy memories of all the times he made you snicker, laugh, or even snort to your own embarrassment. He intensely believed that laughter is the best therapy, and he would want us to practice that now," continues the post. "If you knew him personally, remember his gift for lighting up a room. And no matter who you are, when you think of Steve, instead of being sad, celebrate his life by watching one of his movies or use one of his bits to make someone else laugh - really, really hard."

Several of his Animal House and Babylon 5 co-stars and friends took to social media on Saturday to remember Furst:

THE CURSE OF BABYLON 5 CONTINUES WITH THE PASSING OF MR. FURST. UT

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'JULIUS CAESAR' SHOULD GO, AND ALL OF THESE, TOO

From: "Chris Cowan" cowanc1028@earthlink.net

By Alexandra Petri June 12 at 9:44 AM

President Trump (Andrew Harnik/Associated Press)

A new staging of “Julius Caesar” by the Public Theater is under fire for portraying the lead character as a Trump analog. “NYC Play Appears To Depict Assassination of @POTUS,” worried FOX on Twitter.

Delta Air Lines pulled its funding and Bank of America withdrew its sponsorship.

This is only correct, as most of Shakespeare — and, indeed, the Western canon — was written as a mean referendum on the Trump administration and ought to be banned accordingly.

THE WASHINGTON POST

The story must be told.

“Hamlet”: NYC play erroneously suggests that a man’s son-in-law might not be fully supportive of the job he is doing in charge of a country.

“As You Like It”: Woman wandering in the woods to get away from the current regime is portrayed as some sort of hero.

“Macbeth”: NYC play includes an entire dinner scene during which the man running a country is not allowed to sit down and enjoy even a single scoop of ice cream. This play also erroneously suggests some Scots can be heroes whereas they are notorious for their opposition to perfectly reasonable golf courses.

“Death of a Salesman”: NYC play shows an old man who is no longer very good at his job and has placed too much confidence in his incompetent sons.

“The Lion in Winter”: Same, but the man also has a much younger wife.

“Becket”: Play erroneously implies that “hoping” something will happen during a private meeting could be viewed as a threat.

“A Raisin in the Sun”: NYC play appears to criticize bias in housing.

“Uncle Vanya”: NYC play appears to show closed-door meetings, with Russians.

“A Streetcar Named Desire”: This play had nothing to do with infrastructure at all, and we don’t need yet another week when we’re supposed to talk about infrastructure and nothing comes of it!

“The Merchant of Venice”: This play is fine.

“The Crucible”: Play erroneously suggests that scapegoating groups is a bad way to resolve problems.

“Romeo and Juliet”: A beautiful young woman is shown actually disobeying her powerful father. Then again, she is justly punished. Might barely be stageable, though presence of Mercutio would make Mike Pence uncomfortable.

“Henry V”: Play erroneously suggests that being rude to foreign leaders can have consequences.

“Doctor Faustus”: NYC play appears to depict man who gets everything he wanted but is so, so unhappy, all the time, and nothing can fill that void within him, and also he employs Satan.

“Titanic”: Full of leaks. Then again, it doesn’t glorify them.

“King Lear”: NYC play shows paranoid old man governing badly after making bizarre requests for loyalty.

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FORGED IN BLOOD EARC OUT NOW

From: "Mike Williamson" mzmadmike@gmail.com

edited by Michael Z. Williamson
Series: Freehold Series by Michael Z. Williamson
Publisher: Baen Books

<http://www.baen.com/forged-in-blood-earc.html>

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Re: NASA adopting SpaceX designs for rocket booster reusability

From: "Conley Powell" cpowell46@gmail.com

At this point, redesigning the SLS would amount to starting over. In any case, I seriously doubt that it will ever actually be launched. I hope it isn't; the fact that we've wasted so much money on it already is no justification for wasting more. If it ever does fly, it will accomplish very little, if anything

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Re: NASA adopting SpaceX designs for rocket booster reusability

From: "Pam Adams" pamcrippenadams@gmail.com

I want us to have those Lensman 'take off, land, take off again, land again' rockets. True, parallel parking could be tough.....

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Re: NASA adopting SpaceX designs for rocket booster reusability

From: "Lin "Otter" Daniel" lindaniel@usa.net

To quote you: "Now there are times SpaceX has to sacrifice the first stage of the Falcon9 rocket because of the launch profile and weight of the payloa..."

If SpaceX sacrifices the first stage because of payload weight, would you expect something different for a Heavy Lift Vehicle? I wouldn't expect NASA to change its institutional practices any time soon, but I would expect a lot of the other countries launching stuff to consider SpaceX's pattern, because from what I've read (and I may be missing a lot) most of what other countries are launching are satellites, which are just the suitable size for reusable first stage launch system.

SpaceX is launching satellites. NASA's info on the Heavy Lifter is written for the less educated among us, so what's there about its mission parameters is a bit thin. But my interpretation is that the Heavy Lifter is going to be lifting big ass things into space. The website is talking about Mission to Mars stuff, but I think also that there's going to be a bit of building around Earth, Moon, the Lagrange points. Maybe I will be able to retire on the Moon.

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Re: NASA adopting SpaceX designs for rocket booster reusability

From: "Stephanie Osborn"

NASA is not ignoring this model, Capitol Hill is. Building a spacecraft to be able to do this takes a lot more effort, careful planning, and up-front cost. You and I have already talked about how the Hill yanks NASA's budget around like a pinball, and how it has had essentially the same annual budget (on average) since its inception in the 1960s, without any compensation for inflation. Yet NASA is doing more now than ever before, with less than ever before, and every time a new administration comes in, they get redirected.

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Previous efforts to make reusable craft were scuttled by those same new, incoming admins. So how the blazes (excuse the pun) is NASA expected to do it?

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Re: NASA adopting SpaceX designs for rocket booster reusability

From: "Karen Boyd" abtales@comcast.net

Of course NASA should strive to relaunch its vehicles as we know the technology exists. My question back to you is how will our congress critters & mucked mucks higher admin people supposed to get rich off of saving the taxpayers money?

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From: "Bob Bolgeo" bbolgeo@aol.com

Why some people live in The South

FLORIDA

A Florida senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

"Amazing," he thought as he flew down I-95, pushing the pedal even more.

Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a Florida State Trooper, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this!" and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper got out of his vehicle and walked up to the Corvette. He looked at his watch, then said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a new reason for speeding--a reason I've never before heard -- I'll let you go."

The old gentleman paused then said: "Three years ago, my wife ran off with a Florida State Trooper. I thought you were bringing her back.

"Have a good day, Sir," replied the trooper.

GEORGIA

The owner of a golf course in Georgia was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help. He called her into his office and said, "Y'all graduated from the University of Georgia and I need some help. If I wuz to give yew \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?"

The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, "Everthang but my earrings."

LOUISIANA

A senior citizen in Louisiana was overheard saying ... "When the end of the world comes, I hope to be in Louisiana."

When asked why, he replied, "I'd rather be in Louisiana 'cause everythang happens in Louisiana 20 years later than in the rest of the world."

MISSISSIPPI

The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!"

Bubba replied, "Did y'all see who it was?"

The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."

NORTH CAROLINA

A man in North Carolina had a flat tire, pulled off on the side of the road, and proceeded to put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and one behind it. Then he got back in the car to wait.

A passerby studied the scene as he drove by, and was so curious he turned around and went back. He asked the fellow what the problem was.

The man replied, "I got a flat tahr."

The passerby asked, "But what's with the flowers?"

The man responded, "When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back.

I never did understand it neither."

TENNESSEE

A Tennessee State trooper pulled over a pickup on I-65.

The trooper asked, "Got any ID?"

The driver replied, "Bout whut?"

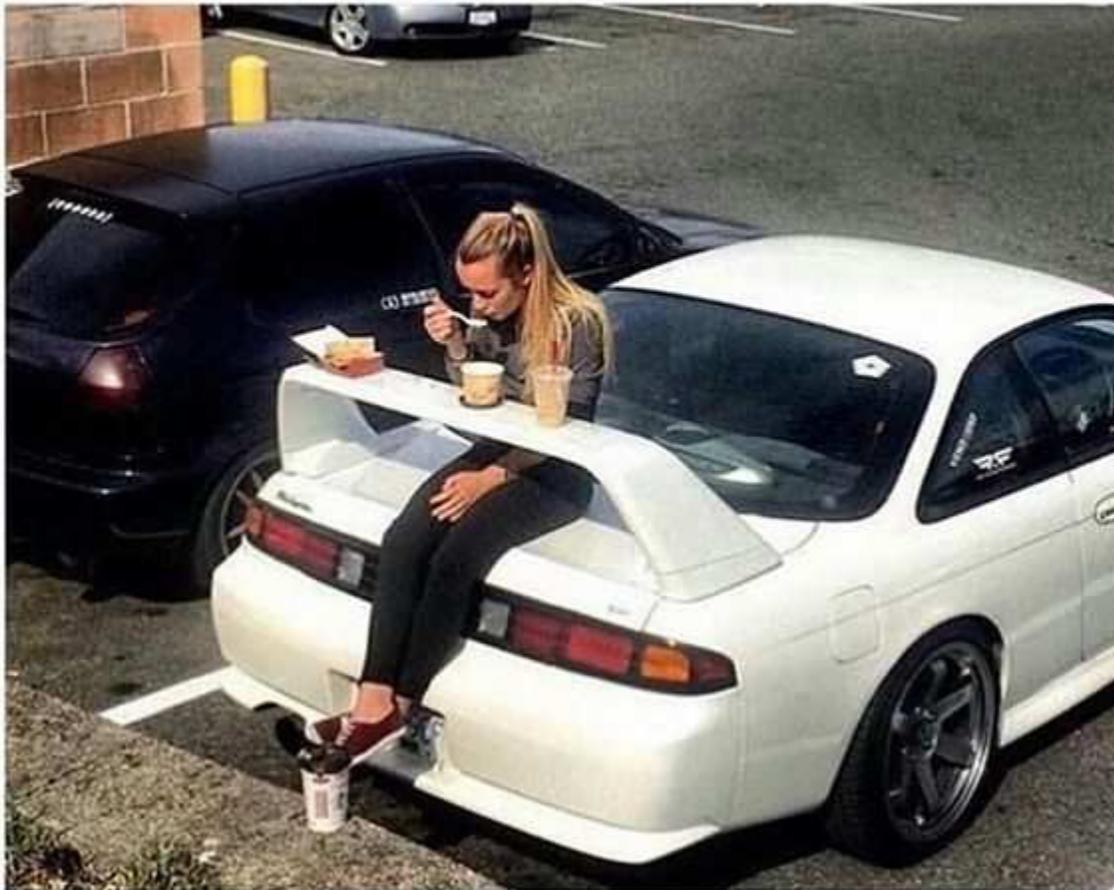
TEXAS

The Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his pick-up into the ditch. The Sheriff asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head."

"Yep," he replied. "That's why I'm dumpin' it here, 'cause it says: 'Fine For Dumping Garbage.' "

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Finally I understand why cars have these things...



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REPAIRING THE DOWNSPOUT

Today, My wife said to me:

"Honey, get off your ass and fix that gutter downspout! And, I want it done before the end of the day!"

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Well, as you all know, at my age, and most of my friends are retired and we do have the time to work on such "Honey do's"...

So, I invited some of my buddies over to help with the project.

One is a sheet metal worker.

One is a Iron Worker, so he came with his welder.

One brought beer and Nachos.

One brought a grill and burgers.

Took us about 6 hours, and 30 to 40 beers, but we got it done just as we finished off the last of the beer and burgers.

As usual, the wife is still not happy!!

Can't understand, 'cause all us guys love it!
Personally, I cannot wait for it to rain



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They thought it was a camera



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From Wyman Cooke's Facebook post

June 12 at 10:25pm ·

<https://www.facebook.com/wyman.cooke/posts/733222043516122>

A wonderful circular joke, from the sure to be missed Adam West.

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From: "Jim Woosley" Jimwoosley@aol.com

Ray Stevens - The Mississippi Squirrel Revival

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K16fG1sDaqU>

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From: "Mike Waldrip" waldripk@gmail.com

DON'T MESS WITH OLD PEOPLE

The last time I got sick and landed in the hospital there was this nurse that drove me crazy.

Every time she came in, she would talk to me like I was a little child. She would say in a patronizing tone of voice, "And how are we doing this morning?" Or . . . "are we ready for a bath?" Or . . . "are we hungry?"

I finally had enough of this particular nurse. One day at breakfast, I took the apple juice off the tray and put it in my bedside stand. Later I was given a urine sample bottle to fill for testing. So you know where the juice went!

The nurse came in a while later, picked up the urine sample bottle, looked at it and said, "My, my, it seems we are a little cloudy today."

At this, I snatched the bottle out of her hand, popped off the top, and gulped it down, saying, "Well, I'll run it through again. Maybe I can filter it better this time!"

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NEWSPAPER READERS

Experts have found the following analysis to be nearly 100% accurate.

1. The Wall Street Journal is read by the people who run the country
2. The Washington Post is read by people who think they run the country
3. The New York Times is read by people who think they should run the country, and who are very good at crossword puzzles.
4. USA Today is read by people who think they ought to run the country but don't really understand The New York Times.
5. The Los Angeles Times is read by people who wouldn't mind running the country, if they could find the time, and wouldn't have to leave Southern California to do it.
- 6 The Boston Globe is read by people whose parents used to run the country.
7. The New York Daily News is read by people who aren't too sure who's running the country, and don't really care as long as they can get a seat on the train.

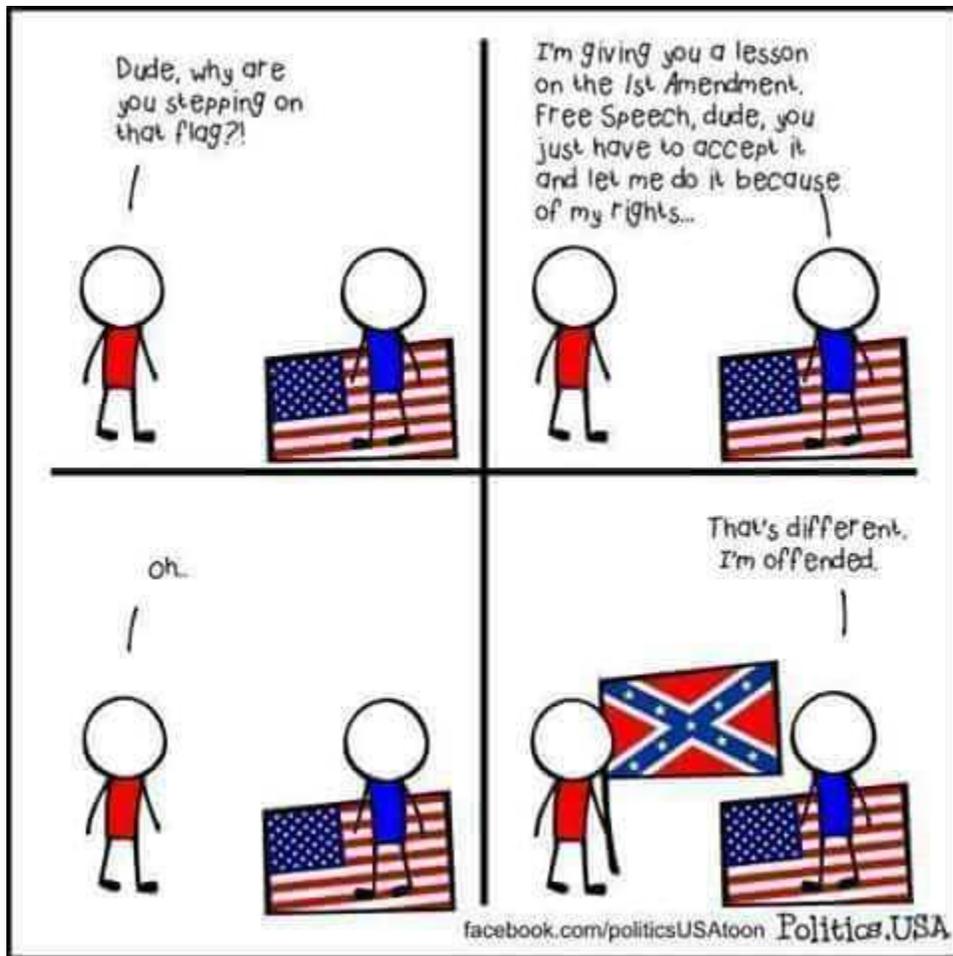
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- 8 The New York Post is read by people who don't care who is running the country as long as they do something really scandalous, preferably while intoxicated.
9. The Chicago Tribune is read by people that are in prison and used to run the state, and would like to do so again, as would their constituents who are currently free on bail.
10. The Miami Herald is read by people who are running another country , but need the baseball scores.
11. The San Francisco Chronicle is read by people who aren't sure if there is a country, or that anyone is running it; but if so, they oppose all that they stand for.
12. The National Enquirer is read by people trapped in line at the grocery store.
13. The Seattle Times is read by people who have recently caught a fish and need something to wrap it in.

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From Gary Shelton's Facebook Page



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From: "Jerry Tollett" haleja@epbfi.com

For all you Tennessee fans.....

Bubba and Billy Bob are walking down the street in Atlanta, and they see a sign on a store which reads, "Suits \$5.00 each! , shirts \$2.00 each, trousers \$2.50 each. "

Bubba says to his pal, "Billy Bob, Look here! We could buy a whole gob of these, take'em back to Sand Mountain, sell 'em to our friends, and make a fortune!

Just let me do the talkin' 'cause if they hear your accent, they might think we're ignorant, and won't wanna sell that stuff to us. Now, I'll talk in a slow Georgia drawl so's they don't know we is from Alabama."

They go in and Bubba says with his best fake Georgia drawl, "I'll take 50 of them suits at \$5.00 each, 100 of them there shirts at \$2.00 each, 50 pairs of them there trousers at \$2.50 each. I'll back up my pickup and..."

The owner of the shop interrupts, "Ya'll from North Alabama, ain't ya?"

Well...yeah," says a surprised Bubba..."How come you knowed that?"

"Because this is a dry cleaners

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YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!

From: "Tim Bolgeo" tbolgeo@epbfi.com

DELINGPOLE: SHIP OF FOOLS III – GLOBAL WARMING STUDY CANCELLED BECAUSE OF 'UNPRECEDENTED' ICE

by JAMES DELINGPOLE 13 Jun 2017

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/06/13/delingpole-ship-of-fools-iii-global-warming-study-cancelled-because-of-unprecedented-ice/>

. A global warming research study in Canada has been cancelled because of "unprecedented" thick summer ice.

Naturally, the scientist in charge has blamed it on 'climate change.'

According to Vice:

The study, entitled BaySys, is a \$17-million four-year-long program headed by the University of Manitoba. It was planning to conduct the third leg of its research by sending 40 scientists from five Canadian universities out into the Bay on the Canadian Research Icebreaker CCGS Amundsen to study "contributions of climate change and regulation on the Hudson Bay system."

But it had to be cancelled because the scientists' icebreaker was required by the Canadian Coast Guard for a rather more urgent purpose – rescuing fishing boats and supply ships which had got stuck in the “unprecedented ice conditions”.



KIRILL KUDRYAVTSEV/AFP/Getty

“It became clear to me very quickly that these weren't just heavy ice conditions, these were unprecedented ice conditions,” Dr. David Barber, the lead scientist on the study, told VICE. “We were finding thick multi-year sea ice floes which on level ice were five metres thick... it was much, much thicker and much, much heavier than anything you would expect at that latitude and at that time of year.”

Clearly not one to let a crisis go to waste, Barber seized the opportunity to perform the usual alarmist clown dance for the media, explaining why this incident definitely shows that global warming is a major problem and deserving of our urgent attention.

He told Vice:

“It was clear it was from the Arctic, I just needed to be among the ice to see it,” said Dr. Barber. “What was also clear to me was that climate change has caused this event to happen.”

[Don't you just love that “I just needed to be among the ice”? I think what he's trying in his subtle way to tell us is: “Not all superheroes wear capes”]

Warming to his theme, he told Global News:

“This is climate change fully in action – affecting our ability to make use of marine resources and transport things.”

and

“This is a wake-up call for all of us in the country.”

Of course it is. Now Barber has the perfect excuse to share his war stories with all the other global warming experts who have had their research expeditions/publicity stunts stymied by unseasonal bouts of global warming.

There was the Ship of Fools expedition in which an Australian climate researcher called Chris Turkey had to call an expedition to the melting Antarctic after his ship got stuck in the ice.

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The Caitlin Expedition – supported by the Prince of Wales – in which Pen Hadow and his team had to abandon their trip to the North Pole because it was colder than they'd expected.

Most recently there was Ship of Fools II, in which a global warming research voyage by David Hempleman Adams had to be curtailed because of unexpected ice. What on earth can Mother Gaia be trying to tell them?

Possibly the same message she's trying to send out to the Greenies in California with this unexpected fall of white global warming.

A rare winter-like storm brought more snow to the Sierra Nevada on Monday, giving skiers the opportunity to enjoy the slopes as summer gets underway.

At Squaw Valley, the storm dropped four inches of snow at the upper elevations and two inches at the base, delighting skiers and snowboarders who will be on the slopes past the Fourth of July for a first time in history.

"It's definitely unique," Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows resort spokesman Sam Kieckhefer said. "We are seeing bathing suits and costumes on the slopes. The skiing has definitely been extremely festive."

Apparently, she didn't get the famous memo from the Independent a few years back.

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YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!

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DEAD BUG! - A Tribute to the Army's first generation of combat helicopter pilots.

(Yes, by God, we flew in Vietnam and we were winning when I left.)

By J.C. Pennington

As we get older and we experience the loss of old friends, we begin to realize that maybe we ten-foot tall, bullet-proof Army aviators won't live forever. We aren't so bullet-proof anymore. We ponder...if I we're gone tomorrow, "Did I say what I wanted to my Brothers?" The answer is "No!" Hence, the following random thoughts:

When people ask me if I miss flying, I always say something like, "Yes, I miss the flying because when you are flying, you are totally focused on the task at hand. It's like nothing else you will ever do (almost)." But then I always say, "However, I miss the unit and the guys even more than I miss the flying."

Why, you might ask? They were a bunch of aggressive, wise ass, cocky, insulting, sarcastic bastards in smelly flight suits who thought a funny thing to do was to fart and see if they could clear a room. They drank too much, they chased women, they flew when they shouldn't, they laughed too loud and thought they owned the sky, the bar, and generally thought they could do everything better than the next guy. Nothing was funnier than trying

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to screw with a buddy and see how pissed off they would get. They flew helicopters that leaked, that bled RPM, that broke, that couldn't hover, that burned fuel too fast, that never had all the radios and instruments working, and with systems that were archaic next to today's new generation aircraft.

But a little closer look might show that every guy in the room was sneaky smart and damned competent and brutally handsome in his own way! They hated to lose or fail to accomplish the mission and seldom did. They were the laziest guys on the planet until challenged and then they would do anything to win. They would fly with rotor blades overlapped at night through the worst weather with only a little position light to hold on to, knowing their flight lead would get them on the ground safely. They would fight in the air knowing the greatest risk and fear was that some NVA anti-aircraft gunner would wait 'til you flew past him and open up on your six o' clock with tracers as big as softballs. They would fly in harm's way and act nonchalant as if to challenge the grim reaper.

When we flew to another base we proclaimed that were the best unit on the base as soon as we landed. Often we were not invited back. When we went into an O' Club, we owned the bar. We were lucky to be the Best of the Best in the military. We knew it and so did others. We found jobs, lost jobs, got married, got divorced, moved, went broke, got rich, broke some things, and knew the only thing you could count -- really count on -- was if you needed help, a fellow Army Aviator would have your back.

I miss the call signs, nicknames and the stories behind them.

I miss getting lit up in an O' Club full of my buddies and watching the incredible, unbelievable things that were happening. I miss the crew chiefs saluting as you got to your ship for a Zero-Dark:30 preflight. I miss pulling an armful of pitch, nosing it over and climbing into a new dawn. I miss going straight up and straight down. I miss the tension of wondering what today's 12 hours of combat flying would bring. I miss the craps table in the corner of the O-Club and letting it ALL ride because money was meaningless. I miss listening to BS stories while drinking and laughing until my eyes watered. I miss three man lifts. I miss naps on the platoon hootch porch with a room full of aviators working up new tricks to torment the sleeper. I miss rolling in hot and watching my rockets hit EXACTLY where I was aiming. I miss the beauty and precision of a flight of slicks in formation, rock steady even in the face of tracers flying past you from a hot LZ. I miss belches that could be heard in neighboring states. I miss showing off for the grunts with high-speed, low level passes and abrupt cyclic climbs. I even miss passengers in the back puking their guts up.

Finally, I miss hearing DEAD BUG! called out at the bar and seeing and hearing a room full of men hit the deck with drinks spilling and chairs being knocked over as they rolled in the beer and kicked their legs in the air—followed closely by a Not Politically Correct Tap Dancing and Singing spectacle that couldn't help but make you grin and order another round.

I am a lucky guy and have lived a great life!

One thing I know is that I was part of a special, really talented bunch of guys doing something dangerous and doing it better than most. Flying the most beautiful, ugly, noisy, solid helicopters ever built ... an aircraft that talked to you and warned you before she spanked you! Supported by mechanics, crew chiefs and gunners committed to making

sure we came home! Being prepared to fly and fight and die for America. Having a clear mission. Having fun.

We box out bad memories from various missions most of the time but never the hallowed memories of our fallen comrades. We are often amazed at how good war stories never let truth interfere and how they get better with age. We are lucky bastards to be able to walk into a reunion or a bar and have men we respect and love shout our names, our call signs, and know that this is truly where we belong.

We are ARMY AVIATORS. We are Few and we are Proud to have been the first combat helicopter pilots the world ever saw.

I am Privileged and Proud to call you Brothers. Clear Right! Clear Left. Pullin' Pitch.

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US ARMY WILL USE ISRAELI TROPHY ANTI MISSILE SYSTEM

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<https://www.nextbigfuture.com/2017/06/us-army-will-use-israeli-trophy-anti-missile-system.html>



The US Army has selected the Israeli Trophy APS anti-missile system for the M1 Tank and other military vehicles.

The Trophy system, designed by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, is the only APS in testing that has seen combat and actually defeated advanced anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) threats.

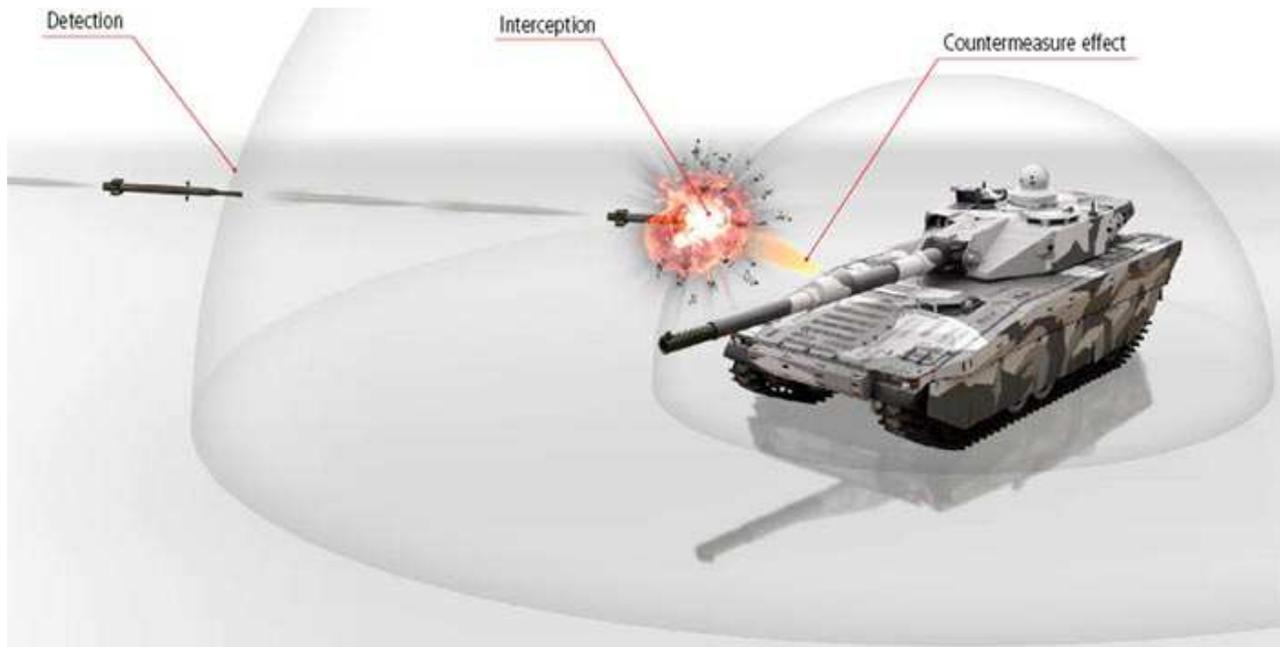
The Army is also evaluating the Israeli-made Iron Fist APS and the U.S.-made Iron Curtain.

“We intend to field those to first responding units, and we will eventually field them throughout the force for the entire total Army — Guard, Reserve and active,” Milley said.

Trophy intercepts and destroys incoming missiles and rockets with a shotgun-like blast. Trophy is the product of a ten-year collaborative development project between the Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and Israel Aircraft Industries’ Elta Group. Its principal purpose is to supplement the armor of light and heavy armored fighting vehicles.

Called Active Protection Systems, or APS, the technology uses sensors and radar, computer processing, fire control technology and interceptors to find, target and knock down or intercept incoming enemy fire such as RPGs and Anti-Tank Guided Missiles, or ATGMs.

The sensors detect the incoming threat and a computer controlled shotgun blasts the missile.



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INTEL CORE I9-7980XE IS THE FIRST CONSUMER DESKTOP CPU WITH TERAFLOP PERFORMANCE

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Intel has introduced its new Core X high-performance desktop chips, led by the Core i9-7980XE, its first 18-core processor. It is the first consumer desktop CPU with teraflop performance.

Compared with Intel's four-core, seventh-generation Core i5 and Core i7 processors for mainstream users, the Core X-series is aimed at gamers who want to live-stream, and users running applications such as VR video editing, 3D modeling, and special-effects creation.

The top end of the series is for anyone who feels the need for extreme performance on the desktop and is willing to pay for it.

The Core X-series is spearheaded by the \$1,999 Core i9 Extreme Edition processor, the i9-7980XE, which Intel boasts is the first consumer desktop CPU with teraflop performance and 18 cores.

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GRIPEN E MAKES FIRST FLIGHT

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Gripen E-model first flight: Saab

LONDON— Swedish aerospace and defense company Saab has completed the first flight of its prototype E-model Gripen fighter jet.

The prototype, coded 39-8, took to the air at 10:32 a.m. local

time June 15 from the company's development facility at Linköping, flying for 40 min. and reaching an altitude of 13,000 ft. before touching down safely.

Video and imagery of the aircraft departing and inflight showed a relatively short takeoff run in dry power and revealed that the company retracted the landing gear inflight, a relatively rare occurrence in first flights. Two twin-seat JAS-39D Gripens acted as chase aircraft.

"The flight was just as expected, with the aircraft performance matching the experience in our simulations," said Marcus Wandt, one of Saab's experimental test pilots.

Wandt told an online press conference that the test flight proved handling qualities with the gear down and up. "The flight control system reacted better than we had hoped for," Wandt added. "Its acceleration performance is impressive with smooth handling."

The company expects to fly the aircraft again in the coming weeks.

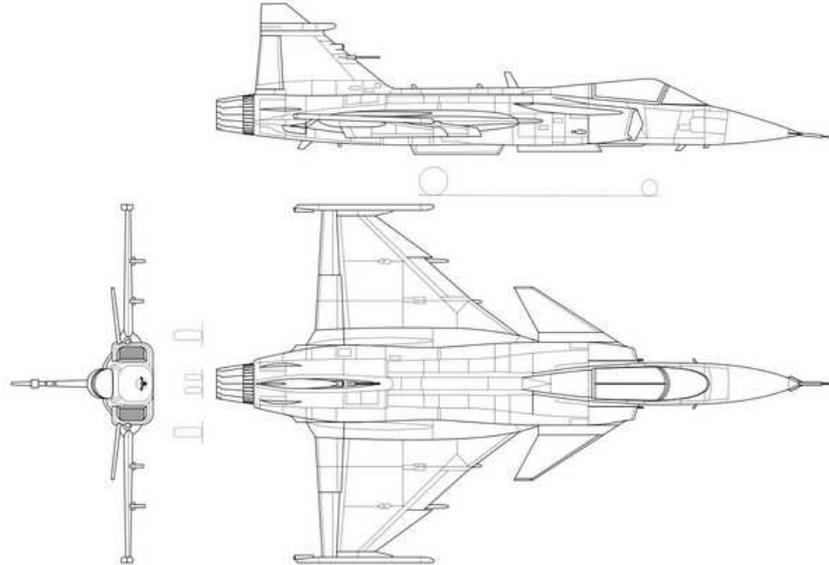
The flight comes more than a year after 39-8 was rolled out in a glitzy reception at Linköping.

Saab had originally planned to perform the first flight at the end of 2016. But this was pushed back to the second quarter of this year to further mature the aircraft's federated software and qualify it to a commercial standard known as DO-178C.

The architecture has allowed the company to speed the aircraft's development. Saab managers say the short time between power-on and engine runs—roughly nine weeks—in 2016 is a direct result of the software performance.

The first flight is a significant milestone in the program. The Gripen E will equip both the Swedish and Brazilian air forces. Sweden is currently planning to buy 60 single-seat Gripen models, while Brazil will purchase 36 aircraft, including eight two-seat models. The twin-stick aircraft will be developed in Brazil through Saab's cooperation with Embraer.

First deliveries to the Swedish Air Force are expected in 2019, although the first front-line unit will not be formed until 2023. Deliveries will continue until 2026. The Swedish government is considering funding an additional 10 aircraft



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ELON MUSK PUBLISHES 15-PAGE MANIFESTO OUTLINING HOW TO GET HUMANITY TO MARS

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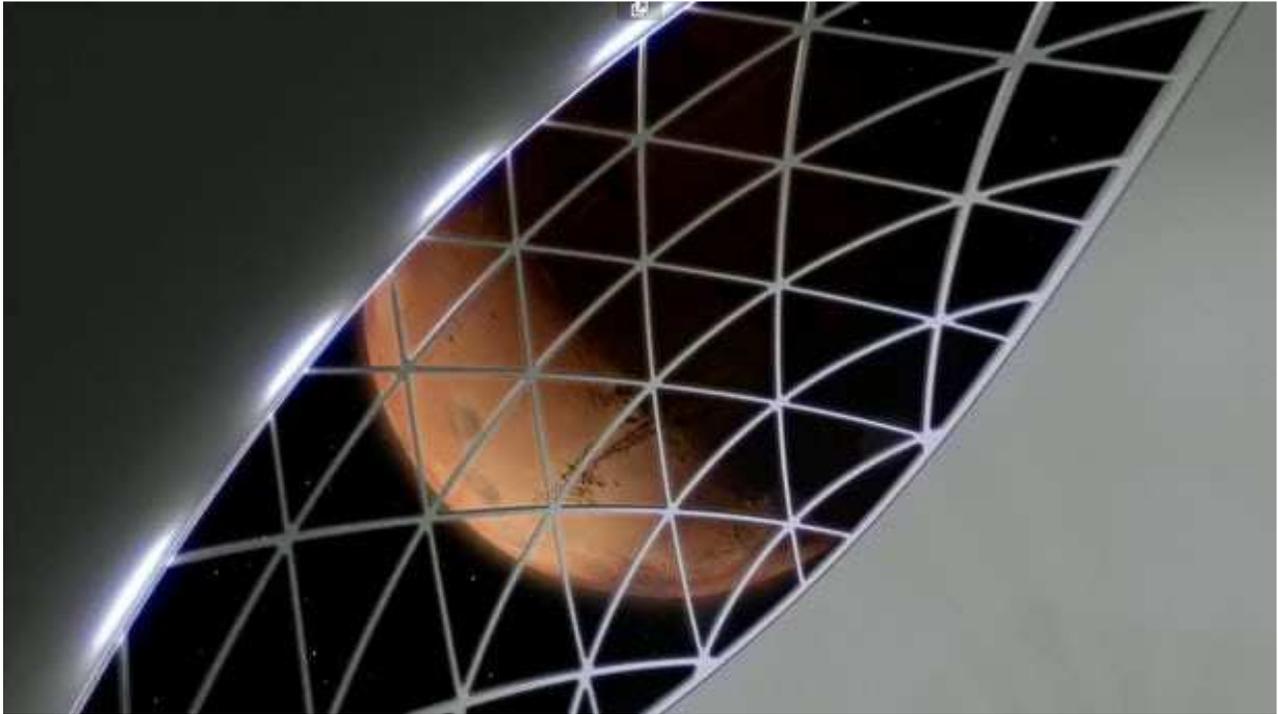
Elon Musk has published a 15-page paper outlining his approach to getting humanity to Mars (Credit: SpaceX)

Last year, billionaire SpaceX founder and space-fan Elon Musk delivered an expansive, hour-

long presentation, outlining his ambitious plan to get humanity to the Red Planet. Musk has recently published a research paper adapted from that presentation entitled "Making Humans a Multi-Planetary Species".

The 15-page paper, published in the journal *New Space*, and available for free until early July, doesn't offer a great deal of new information that wasn't presented last year, but it certainly reads like a solid manifesto from a man who is very serious about colonizing our solar system.

"So how do we figure out how to take you to Mars and create a self-sustaining city," asks Musk, "a city that is not merely an outpost but which can become a planet in its own right, allowing us to become a truly multi-planetary species."

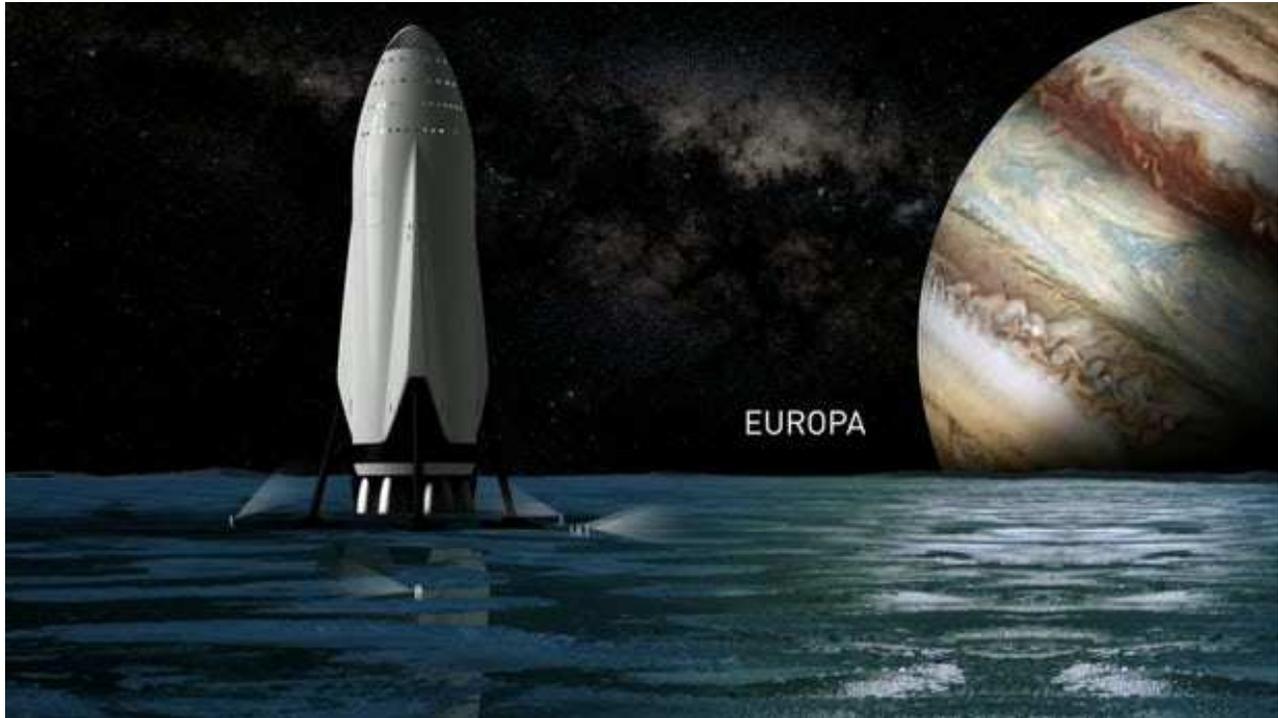


The paper is certainly a compelling read, covering in reasonable detail the engineering challenges in getting to Mars and the realistic costs per person. Musk also reiterates several exciting benchmarks in his timeline that will take us to Mars, with the first unmanned payloads being delivered to the Red Planet within the next two years.

"We are going to try to send something to Mars on every Mars rendezvous from this point on," predicts Musk. "We plan to send Dragon 2, which is a propulsive lander, to Mars in a couple of years, and then probably do another Dragon mission in 2020."

Musk is nothing if not ambitious, and his paper goes even further to examine the potential for traveling beyond just Mars. He envisions a series of in situ propellant depots, from the asteroid belt to Europa or Titan, allowing humanity full access to the greater Solar System.

"Therefore, you could travel out to the Kuiper Belt, to the Oort cloud," writes Musk. "I would not recommend this for interstellar journeys, but this basic system –provided we have filling stations along the way – means full access to the entire greater solar system."



Interestingly, Musk's paper does not investigate where geographically on Mars he proposes to start his settlement. Considering he may only be a few years away from beginning to transport payloads to the surface of the planet ahead of human visitation, this is presumably a vital detail to consider. Our investigations last year found three promising spots that could be ideal for humanity's first footprints.

While the paper is still probably a bit more utopian sci-fi than hard science, it is a great deal more detailed than the usual 140 character tweet-prophecies we usually get from Musk. Time will tell if Musk actually gets to Mars, but it is clear this is a man very excited about the prospect of taking humanity off-Earth, and he's willing to put his money where his mouth is.

Source: "Making Humans a Multi-Planetary Species", New Space

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RAFAEL SHOWCASING MULTIPURPOSE LAUNCHER

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<http://aviationweek.com/paris-air-show-2017/rafael-showcasing-multipurpose-launcher>

Israel's missile pioneer Rafael Advanced Defense Systems is showcasing the latest version of its multipurpose guided missile – Spike LR II. Company executives define the new

variant as the first “fifth generation” guided missile, for its ability to adapt to and defeat different types of targets and countermeasures, including active protection.



Rafael's Spike LR II is said to be first “fifth generation” guided missile.

Spike-LR II is smarter, sharper and more agile than its predecessors, but is designed to operate from the same launchers used for Spike MR and LR, enabling users to modernize and gain more firepower without investing in new logistics and infrastructure. Rafael offers a new, lightweight launcher that enables light helicopters to carry four such missiles, which can defeat main battle tanks, vehicles or bunkers from 6.2 mi. (10 km).

The new missile uses a new, passive and uncooled multiband seeker that integrates both thermal and high-definition color imagery, increasing the weapon's target acquisition and tracking efficiency even against complex and evasive targets. The new seeker features a smart target tracker using artificial intelligence features.

Designed for use against elusive targets with low signature, Spike LR II has an embedded inertial measurement unit, allowing the missile to pursue targets or grid coordinates allocated by remote source. This function is useful for “lock on after launch” or when engaging “disappearing targets,” when the launching platform does not have visual identification of the target.

Rafael offers the missile with a choice of two warheads – an anti-tank missile optimized with an enhanced tandem charge that increases armor penetration by 30% over the previous generation. Another advantage of the new missile is its ability to strike at higher impact angles – Spike LR II will be able to hit targets at up to 70 degrees, delivering more lethal top attack profile.

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The second type is the multipurpose version, provided with a different tandem warhead using multiple fusing presets designed to defeat light or fortified targets. The variable fusing enables the operator to set the fuse to penetrate a target or explode on impact. Designed to operate as a penetrating warhead, the missile's warhead would breach a small hole through reinforced concrete, for the main charge to follow through.

Rafael plans to deliver the weapon to operational units by the end of 2018.

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