Cartoons for the Classroom

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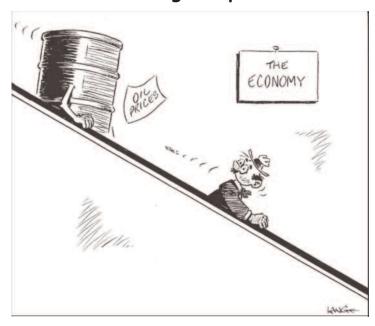


Fasten Your Seatbelts



Cartoons by Jim Lange, Courtesy The Oklahoman

Traveling Companion



A lot of Zeroes!



Additional resources

Association of American Editorial Cartoonists http://editorialcartoonists.com/

Celebrating John Q. Public



Between the lines

For 58 years until he retired in Oct., 2008, Jim Lange commented on the issues of the day in the Oaklahoman. He created a "John Q. Public" character to represent the typical citizen struggling to understand the political maneuvers of the powerful. Lange died last week at the age of 82.

Talking points

- 1. John Q. Public is defined as a name designating an average or typical U.S. citizen. But how do you define "average?" What race should John Q. Public be? How old? What income level? Is there a Jane Q. Public?
- 2. A symbol for Everyman is very handy for cartoonists. Pick a social problem to editorialize about and then explain how your Everyman would react to it.
- 3. Can you think of of other examples of "Everyman" or "John Q. Public" in TV shows, comics or movies?