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NATIONAL NEWS

Mitt Romney campaigns for government control on sex

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Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney giving a speech about his stance on abortion and birth control
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Mitt Romney announced this week that he will do anything he can to appeal to voters, including fetuses. "Though I can't seem to win a majority vote on

either the left or the right, I think I can win over an unborn audience."

Romney explained that he will bring a firm stance to the

never-ending debate of abortion, claiming that no longer is the moment of conception considered life, but it's the moment a woman decides to take birth control. "That pill is powerful," Romney said. "At that moment, a woman decides to prevent creating a life. Birth control is taking away the voice of the unborn."

If elected, Romney plans to ban condoms, birth control pills and the pull-out method in hopes to save the voiceless. "The real war our country is facing is between sperm and egg."

When confronted about whether or not this legislation would potentially increase teen pregnancy rates, Romney said he was unsure, but that clearly the status quo is not improving teen pregnancy rates. "When you give a dog a bone, he's going to use it," Romney explained, criticizing public schools giving out free condoms.

Another large criticism is the fear of spreading STD's. Romney shrugged and said protecting the fetuses is his number one concern. "It's survival of the fetuses," he added. "It's not the government's responsibility to take care of people. I believe government should be as least invasive as possible into the lives of Americans."

Romney said he is also considering banning pre-marital sex. "We have to re-focus on the nuclear family."

Punitive consequences to breaking these possible laws range from court ordered sex rehabilitation, jailtime, community service to the death penalty.

"Join me and take a stand for life," Romney said.

'No shave November' heightens terror alert

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Department of Homeland Security announced yesterday that nationwide participation in "No Shave November" by both males and females has caused federal officials to increase the previously "elevated" threat to "imminent."

Officials explained that the hairy trend poses a threat to national security, particularly at airports, where security officers may have a difficult time profiling possible terrorists.

CNN news correspondent Joe Smith said, "This is highly invasive and unconstitutional to bearded individuals who have chosen to exercise their right to grow facial hair."

Federal officials justified the matter by saying "safety must come first," and that they're not taking away any rights. Homeland Security advisor Joe Mann said, "If people choose to grow facial hair, they have every right to. However, they need to understand that they may be mistaken for one of America's greatest bearded enemies; the terrorists. This trend is creating a safe haven for terrorists to camouflage right here in our homeland, and frankly, we need to be on high alert."

New measures for the month of November will include increased staff at airports and tightened security checkpoints for bearded individuals or anyone that may look like a terrorist. This includes stopping and questioning anyone with a darker complexion, or anyone that acts suspiciously. Suspicious behavior ranges from speaking a different language, having a carry-on bag with amenities greater than 6 oz and making any suspicious facial expressions or gestures.



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Bush demands public apology for Obama's persistent blame game

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Obama announced last Wednesday that 2012 campaign struggles are once again, "Bush's fault." Bush, who has been withdrawing from the public since 2008, publicly demanded an apology from Obama yesterday for destroying his life.

Bush agreed to a televised interview with Dr. Drew, and was featured on a special report last night for "What it's like to be the most hated U.S. president."

About 20 minutes into the show, Bush broke down and said, "They underestimated me. Ever since there were no weapons of mass destruction, all I've wanted to do is hide from public life and do what I truly love, which is golfing. He's hurting my feelings and I can't focus on golf."

Last week, Obama was reported as throwing a temper tantrum at a press conference in Washington D.C. when

a reporter asked why he thinks his approval ratings are declining. "You know, one of the hardest parts of my job is connecting Bush to America's present day problems. People need to remember how messed up former President Bush left our country. Rather than focusing on how bad things are now, let's remember how bad we were in Bush's hands. If more people ruminated on this, I think my approval ratings would improve. It's about hope."

When a reporter confronted Obama at a local diner about how he plans to respond to Bush's demand for a public apology, he replied, "Why can't I just eat my waffle?"

During the interview with Dr. Drew, Bush said if Obama didn't "man up and apologize" he plans on taking legal actions. "I know his vulnerabilities," he threatened. "Obama



President Obama getting irritated during interview
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doesn't even know how many states are in America; are we really naive enough to believe that he was born here, despite his alleged birth certificate?"

OPINION

Beer in classrooms would enhance memory and participation

By Jenna Blakely
Editorial

After researching the latest statistics about what college students are retaining, it turns out that college students aren't remembering anything from classes, especially when it comes to geography.

The study found that most students remembered things outside of the classroom. Currently enrolled students and alumni from various universities across the map were more likely to recall where you could get dollar slices of pizza, when happy hour started and how fast they could bong a beer. Basic knowledge in various topics from classroom curriculum lagged behind those "out of classroom" lessons.

The lowest rating out of all categories was geography. Students and alumni were asked to find locations of major countries in the news, such as Afghanistan, Iran, Japan and Libya. Though Libya has been covered constantly by the media for its recent problems--whatever they are--college students struggled the most with locating that country.

Professor Smith from Ohio University conducted the study about what college students remember most. He commented on why he thinks geography scored the lowest and said, "Students today don't focus in class like they used to just one or two generations ago. I can't teach for more than ten minutes without students transitioning their attention to their phones, iPods, iPads or lap tops."

Smith predicts that the traditional classroom setting will be replaced by Tweeting classes where professors will tweet brief tidbits of information rapidly throughout the day. "The younger generation's brain is developing and adapting in a way where short attention spans are making traditional classroom settings completely ineffective."

Other than short attention spans, Smith said GPS technology is ruining people's sense of direction.

Students no longer rely on observation to familiarize themselves with their daily surroundings. One student reported using her GPS to drive to Kroger two miles from her apartment on a daily basis. "I rely on it entirely," she said. "One time I crashed my car

into a tree because my GPS told me to keep going straight, even though the road had ended. I hate how dependent I am on it."

Lack of directional sense in addition to short attention spans means that students are graduating college less equipped to grasp world news, let alone world locations.

We need to allow students to drink in class. Since most of the information they recall revolves around drunken nights, we need to require a "Party around the World" geography class at all American universities. Students will retain geography lessons in this way because lessons will be intertwined with fun, drunken memories. It would be a motivating, unique atmosphere for college students.



Where US college students think Libya is located (2011)



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Map edited and altered by Jenna Blakely

Ronnie and Sam should run for office

By Jenna Blakely
Editorial

With 2012 elections coming up, America doesn't have many appealing options. Our society has grown so divided, so polarized, that it's nearly impossible to find a politician who is genuine and strong enough to put people's interests above their career interests.

We can choose from Mitt Romney, who can't stop popping pain killers as evidenced by his slurring and uncontrollable giggles during public events. Then we have Michele Bachmann, but she's a woman. It's one thing to start letting different races in the Whitehouse, but a woman in the same decade? Let's not move too fast. There's always Rick Perry, but he's from Texas. Herman Cain? Well--he's definitely not getting the female vote.

That's when it hit me. As I'm watching MTV's Jersey Shore, who would be more genuine than Ronnie and Sammi to lead our country? With all the conflicts America is dealing with, Ron and Sam have proven that they don't put up with bullshit, and their compromising skills have been perfected from constant fighting on the show.

Though they have a lack of political experience, I think that's exactly what America needs. We need someone with a clean slate, with no hidden, sneaky political agendas.

Ron and Sam represent real American values and showed no fear in revealing their struggles and aspirations to the whole world. Through the show, they've inspired many Americans and taught numerous valuable lessons.

We're a country at war, and Ronnie has exhibited an interest in war tactics by his frequent mentions on how to handle "grenades" and "landmines." As quoted on the show, "When you go into battle, you need to have some friends with you so that just in case a grenade gets thrown at you, one of your buddies takes it first."

The male cast of the show have even dabbled into politics by creating GFF, "Grenade Free Foundation," which is a social movement dedicated to ridding of grenades. "It may be a utopian vision that seems impossible, but if we get enough support, I think it's



Sammi and Ronnie from Jersey Shore
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possible for Americans to be able to walk into a club one day, grenade-free," Ron said.

Ron would also take a firm stance on the issue of American obesity. As quoted in the show, "If you're not hittin the gym bro, for at least an hour, something's wrong with you." He advocates G.T.L and F.T.D., which stands for "Gym, Tan, Laundry" and "Fresh to Death," respectively. Ron and Sam know how important it is to keep America fresh, healthy and tan.

Ron would also take a strong stance against crime in America. He has no tolerance for robbery, a crime which he extends to "the act of creeping on one of your wingman's girls while he is distracted."

Ron would put an end to creepy behavior in America and bring it back to the wholesome country we once were.

Happy Halloween edition offensive

Letter to the Editor
Jenna Blakely

Dear Jenna,

I am outraged by last week's special Halloween edition. Did you ever consider that there are people in America who don't celebrate the evil holiday?

It's bad enough having to see innocent children dressed up as devils, goblins and ghosts and come to my house for trick-or-treating. It's hard enough having the holiday rubbed in my face by the entire neighborhood and every store I shop at, but to have an entire section of your paper devoted to the holiday? I count on journalists to be neutral and objective.

It seems that America has lost its sense of equality and forgotten that we are a "melting pot." Just like the California students who wore tee shirts with the American flag on Cinco de Mayo, it's highly offensive to express your opinion during a time when I'm trying to express my own opinion.

I'm not saying that everyone should believe the same things I do, but they shouldn't be allowed to express it more than me. When it comes to holidays, I think America needs to stick to the universal "Happy Holidays" saying, rather than expressing "Happy Halloween, Merry Christmas or Happy Sweetest Day." It's just too offensive with everyone's different beliefs in America.

Please consider this next time you cover a holiday. The freedom to express your own opinion is one of the things I love about this country, but not when it offends my own.

Sincerely,

Overly-sensitive American citizen who enjoys complaining

A CLOSER LOOK

American children still fat, despite Michelle Obama's efforts

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Despite efforts by Michelle Obama to slim down America's obese children, they keep getting fat. Last week, over 140 public elementary schools signed and presented a petition to the federal government to increase funding for "fat-friendly" desks.

Advocate and organizer for this petition, Britney Blah, said this has become a serious issue for many plump kids. "Elementary schools are equipped with the same tiny desks that were fit for the average sized kid decades ago. It breaks my heart when students come in my classroom on the first day of class and cannot fit into those tiny desks."

The proposed petition would help fund public schools to bring in high school sized desks into the elementary and middle schools that request it. Only schools who have above average levels of fat kids will receive the additional funding.

Michelle Obama said she is against increased funding for elementary schools with obese children. She said she's fed up with kids over-eating and choosing video games over physical activity. "As First Lady, I cannot support fat American children's habits. If I allow for "fat-friendly" desks in schools across the country, then I am enabling the epidemic of child obesity."

Critics of the proposal worry that this will cause public schools to promote obesity in order to plump up children to qualify for the extra funding, similar to the effects of Bush's No Child Left Behind Act.

In the mean time, public schools will continue to remove vending machines and hide fries and cookies during lunch. Physical education, however, will be optional.

The Associated Press reported last June, "only five states require PE consistently from K-12."



A local elementary school during physical education, a course growing more lenient in America's fight against fat kids
<http://funlimited.co.uk/2011>

Wall Street Occupiers just felt like protesting

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After in-depth investigation, it appears that the Occupy Wall Street movement does not have a clear focus or main goal. They just felt like protesting.

Anyone and everyone can join. Their slogan says, "We represent 99 percent of the population." Whether you are bothered by spilling coffee on your way to work, cold weather drying out your skin or from stale cereal, you can vent your anger by joining the Wall Street protests.

Better yet, you don't have to actually go to Wall Street. You can make a sign saying virtually anything you want, such as, "I'm so angry I made a sign," and you can protest in your local neighborhood. However, if you fall under the one percent of America, you cannot join.

One protestor, John Smith from Ohio explained his personal reasons for joining the Occupy movement. "I woke up and felt really pissed off at the world today," he said. "I don't really know why, I'm just irritated and this was a way for me to get out of going to work."

While many of the protestors are angry because they are jealous of the wealthy in America, most of the protestors reported joining out of peer pressure. Protestor Britney Blah said, "I joined because I saw other people doing it, and I love making signs and coming up with creative slogans. Mine says, 'maybe the hippies are onto something'."

Coverage for these protests has been difficult for journalists since they essentially cover anything and everything. The *NY Times* editor published an editorial Nov. 4 asking readers if they have any clue what the protestors are saying. Arthur Brisbane asked, "How would you approach the story?"

One expert replied with, "Who, what, where, when and why," a task learned in third grade, yet one that is dumbfounding us reporters when it comes to the Occupy movement.

Social scientists are studying the social movement, claiming that Occupy Wall Street could erupt and spread pessimism to "occupy the world." Sociologist Joe Mann said, "With as fast as this movement is catching on, I think it's truly dangerous. People are springing up randomly, holding up signs of pure anger and hostility. People are just fed up with life. It's a movement of negativity that could turn our nation toward a civil war of pessimists vs. optimists."

Experts are going to finish their study of the social



One of many Wall Street protest signs by protestors
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movement by December 2012 and suggest to President Obama what action should be taken to keep Americans happy.

During an interview, Obama explained that he will take into great consideration what the social scientists have to say. "I worry that their findings will be consistent with my assumptions, in that this movement has a contagious affect in dampening moods across the country. I will do whatever it takes to ensure that Americans are happy."

McDonalds has boosted their "We love to see you smile" campaign, and they've invested one billion dollars into smothering neighborhoods with more golden arches to spread happiness. Now, rather than McDonalds appearing an average of every 12 miles, they will appear every four miles.

Herman Cain was pimpin` in past life

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Republican Presidential candidate Herman Cain
borowitzreport.com

After several sex scandals surfaced about Herman Cain's past life as a pimp, popularity has been on the rise for Cain, giving him a decent chance in the 2012 presidential race.

One woman came forward and reported that Cain attempted sexual favors as a way of networking, rather than keeping it low-key over a cup of coffee.

Though he refuses to comment on the sexual scandals, it seems to be improving his ratings.

Political analyst Joe Rogers said, "Americans tend to favor presidents who lie, cheat and create more problems. Clearly, Cain fits these conditions since he has several accusations from different women about unwanted sexual harrassment. People love that."

The accusations claim that Cain grabbed a woman's head and forcefully pushed her toward his crotch, assuming that sexual favors was the most logical way to help the woman get a job at that time.

In order to fully win over voters for the 2012 presidential election, Rogers predicts Cain will need at least two more sexual scandals to surface before America is fully convinced that he would be the perfect man to run our country.

With Cain's past life of pimpin`, America might be in good hands as far as voting in a man who clearly has experience in how to create jobs for people--exactly what the economy needs.