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# Banner News

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## Cancer benches Bears player



Josh Bond

By Jessica McNeece  
Staff Writer

A white jersey with the number 10 on it hangs alone on a pole in the back of the men's DMACC locker room. The jersey motivates the basketball players because of what it signifies.

"Josh's jersey reminds us of what he is going through and why he is missing," teammate Colin Green said.

The number 10 jersey belongs to Josh Bond, a DMACC basketball player who was diagnosed with cancer in December. Bond returned home to Australia for treatments on Dec. 4.

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## Campus relates to matchup of brothers in Super Bowl

By Josh Stevens  
Staff Writer

The Boone DMACC campus is buzzing with ideas about sibling rivalry, the psychological aspects and parental influence in this week's Super Bowl XLVII matchup that pits two coaches, brother versus brother.

Head coach Jim Harbaugh of the San Francisco 49ers, in his second season with the organization, gets to match wits with his older brother (by 15

months), John Harbaugh, the head coach of the Baltimore Ravens, who is in his fifth year of coaching. The only siblings to coach in NFL history have met once before. Last year on Thanksgiving Day John's Ravens upended Jim and the 49ers 16-6 in Baltimore, Md.

The DMACC baseball team has a set of twin brothers this year, -- Blake and Shea Molitor from the Minneapolis, Minn., area.

"It's been out of control

sometimes after games," said Blake, referring to the sibling rivalry. "Mainly when we were growing up, because we always were competing. Sometimes it gets heated and ends in a bad way."

Blake recalled an incident between him and Shea: "Once we were playing a game inside, and I remember we ended up putting a hole in the wall. I pushed him out of the way and he slipped and his arm went right through the wall."

DMACC's Athletic Director

Orv Salmon also has experienced sibling rivalry. Salmon is the former head basketball coach of Drake University and DMACC teams. His younger brother Bill Salmon is the offensive coordinator and assistant head coach of the University of Northern Iowa football team.

"We had some great one-on-one basketball games out in the driveway that got a little bloody," Orv said. "My brother was a

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Jolynne Carlson



"49ers, because they beat the Packers. They might as well go all the way now."

Jason Kruse



"I want the Ravens to win. I think they have more talent and experience with the age that is on their team."

Kaitlyn Moore



"I want the 49ers to win because I have been rooting for them throughout the playoffs."

Kendra Breitsprecher



"Ravens because they are the only team named after a literature story."

Matthew Julius



"49ers, I just don't like Ray Lewis."



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# Writing Center helps students get ahead



*Photo by Kodie Butterfield*  
DMACC students Sean Hanlin and Mary Rowan listen as Krystal Hering reads from a book of poetry at one of the Writing Center's poetry readings which take place every Friday at Noon.

**By Kodie Butterfield**  
*Staff Writer*

The Writing Center is one of several resources that DMACC Boone offers to its students.

Extra help with a variety of writing based projects is available at the center on anything from scholarship applications to employment writing to regular classwork. The center also offers face-to-face tutoring for students who need help in an array of subjects.

"The writing center isn't just for composition classes. We will help students out in any subject area they need," said Krystal

Hering, coordinator of the Writing Center.

The office is open year round to help students raise their grades, or keep them up in the first place. If the tutors are unsure what is expected during the assignment, they ask questions and refer to the student's grading sheet.

DMACC student Mary Rowan has used the Writing Center several times during her time at DMACC. She has gone there for a variety of assistance from the tutors. One of her favorite perks is that "They don't tell you how to do it, they give you the tools on how to do it yourself."

The tutors at the Writing Center help give students the resources they need to be able to complete work on their own. They try to help students develop a skill set that will assist them in their future assignments.

The Boone Campus Writing Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. The Ames Hunziker Writing Center is open 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For questions, contact one of the tutors at boonewritingcenter@dmacc.edu.

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# Modeling cited for sibling success



Illustration by Stacey Walker

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football player, so he beat the heck out of me even though he was three years younger than me.”

Jane Martino, head of the psychology department, expressed a different take on the match up.

“This was more of a case of

modeling,” Martino said, “Not only from parents to their children, but from brother to brother. One helping the other.”

Salmon, weighed in on modeling in regards to his relationship with Bill.

“Practicing basketball has always been therapeutic for me.” Orv reflected, “When I had problems in school, or with my parents, or with a girlfriend, I’d go out and shoot baskets and I worked hard at it.” The

stories heard of the kids shoveling snow so they could shoot baskets, that was Orv.

“Back in those days there wasn’t an AAU or youth leagues. You played with your friends. So I think at that point in my life, my work ethic did rub off a little on him.”

Blake said he has always looked up to Shea’s hard work.

“His work ethic is really good. He’s always trying to get bigger, faster and stronger. He never slacks on drills or anything. He always has the mindset to go hard. That’s definitely something to look up to.”

Looking beyond the two brothers, the parenting and their family environment come into view. Martino explained her opinion with regards to the parents.

”I think the parents have done a fantastic job,” Martino said. ”I think they’re the heroes. Let’s wait and see how the coaches do with their children.”

She went on to summarize the theory of their parenting as, “Complete individual excel. [The children] always having enough mom or dad.”

Orv spoke of the parental issue.

“I think more from the parental stand point. What their emotions are going to be watching their two sons out there, in the biggest sporting event maybe in sports, this next Sunday.”

Orv said the family environment he and his brother grew up in was sports oriented.

“Growing up we where an athletic family. Sports were a big emphasis in the family. Dad would hit ground balls to us and put baskets up, and we always played football in the fall.” Orv reflected, “It wasn’t as diverse looking back as I wished it would have been, or what I try to do with my kids.”

## Bear Briefs

### Graduation Application Deadline

Individuals who will be completing their degree requirements during this spring or summer term and want to participate in the May commencement ceremony must submit an application for graduation by Feb. 1.

**Financial Aid Refunds**  
Refunds will be distributed to students on Jan. 31 beginning at 4 p.m. Students will receive an email when their funds are available.

**Comedy performance**  
Preacher Moss will be performing on the Boone Campus Jan. 30 at 12:10 p.m. in the Courter Center.

### Seven Oaks Night

On Jan. 30, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. DMACC students will be able to ski or snowboard at Seven Oaks and the Students Activities Council will pay for your lift ticket. You can bring up to five family members or one guest. You must bring your DMACC I.D.

### DMACC Foundation Scholarship

The application form to receive a DMACC Foundation Scholarship for the Summer 2013 or Fall 2013 term is now open. The summer term application is due March 15 and the fall term applications are due March 29.

### 13-year-old musician

On Feb. 6 Hawk McIntyre will perform in the Courter Center from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. He is a 13-year-old musician from Boone.

# Bowl with us

By Josh Stevens

Staff Writer

The Banner News is running the first DMACC Departmental Bowl, a friendly competition between departments that is based on picking who the victor will be in the NFL Playoffs. Three faculty members including the heads of departments were used to make up each team in the first round. The total possible points were six as each faculty member gets one pick on each game. The championship will be the same with each team getting 3 picks but for the tiebreaker a point spread will be used and the closest number will win.

The first round coincided with the NFL’s conference championships. The match ups included the Science Department taking on the English department while the Social Sciences faced the Math Department. At the conclusion of the games, only two remained.

The Science Department failed to take emotions into account as the English Department rolled to victory. Using such strategy as picking the Ravens over the Patriots due to Edgar Allen Poe’s famous poem seemed to pay dividends as they had five of the six points possible. Sam Pritchard, the head of the department and captain winning English team, had this to say of the victory and their next match up, “Some of the most famous bookies in the world where English majors, so it’s no coincidence that we have the insight into the machination of games”.

The second matchup came down to the captain’s picks, and in the end, the Math Department couldn’t equate the picks. The Social Sciences won on the tiebreaker that came down to Dr. Jane Martino’s picks edging out John Doran’s. Even with the addition of Provost Tom Lee and his perfect two for two picks, they didn’t have enough.

The DMACC Departmental Bowl will be a match up of the English Department versus the Social Sciences Department. To vote for whom you think holds the edge in the picks, go to Facebook and look up Banner News. Weigh in on your picks and read the interviews of faculty on who they think is going to come out on top.

## LGBTSA group seeks new members

A new DMACC Boone Campus student group is forming. The initial meeting is Monday, February 4 from 3:45-5 pm in room 222. All students and interested faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

“I think this is a student group where respect, communication and support is the main focus,” DMACC student Mary Rowan said about this new Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and Straight Alliance group.

Rowan, who is gay and says she could have used this kind of group when she came out of the closet, came up with the idea for the LGBTSA and approached faculty members Krystal Hering, associate professor of English,

and Teresa Albertson, English teacher, to be sponsors. Although this student-centered and student-run group will determine its focus, all three women expect it to provide support and enhance communication and understanding among different populations.

Hering noted that for the student group to become official, there must be a minimum of five DMACC Boone Campus students ready to commit. Questions may be directed to Mary Rowan, [sweetdestiny16@hotmail.com](mailto:sweetdestiny16@hotmail.com), Krystal Hering, [klhering@dmacc.edu](mailto:klhering@dmacc.edu) or 433-5212, or Teresa Albertson, [tkalbertson@dmacc.edu](mailto:tkalbertson@dmacc.edu).

By Mary Rowan,

Krystal Hering, Teresa Albertson

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# Bond hopes for campus visit in spring



Photos by Cainon Leeds

Above: Josh Bond's jersey hangs up in the locker room at DMACC to motivate the players in practice. Bond was diagnosed with cancer in December. He returned home to Australia for treatments.

Right: DMACC students Bailey Arrendale, Kirstin Angus, and Cole Keltner sell bracelets in the Courter Center at the beginning of the semester to raise money for Bears basketball player Josh Bond. The money raised will be sent to Bond's mom in Australia.



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"I would love to come back and play. I learned so much in the little time I was at DMACC so if I can, and am 100 percent, it would be a pleasure to play again," Bond said through a Facebook message.

Head Coach BJ McGinn said the team would love to see Bond back on the court but the main goal now is getting healthy.

While the jersey at DMACC reminds the team of Bond, his away jersey in Australia reminds Bond of DMACC.

"Josh's away jersey is hung up next to Josh's hospital bed to give him strength to see the court again," said McGinn.

At the end of the fall semester, the 6'1 freshman guard, was diagnosed with testicular cancer. He moved back to his hometown of Adelaide, South Australia, in December.

Even before the cancer diagnosis, Bond's time at DMACC was a little bumpy. Right before basketball season started, Bond broke his foot and ended up missing most of the pre season workouts.

He also struggled with back problems, a root canal, and got a bad case of bronchitis after his foot had finally healed. With all the medication that Bond was taking, he started having stomach pains. This is when he went to the hospital.

The doctors told Bond that he had a stomach ulcer, but after they looked at the results a little further, they realized that something else was wrong. He was then diagnosed with stage 3 testicular cancer.

The team found out on Dec. 3, after a loss to Southeastern 70-79. "The hardest part was telling the guys," McGinn said. Bond was a good kid, with his grades, and his talent in basketball. He always stayed out of trouble, McGinn said.

The coach had gotten to know Bond a little bit better than the other guys on the team because of the constant car rides to the doctor's office. Bond was always cracking jokes even if he

was sick or hurt. His sarcasm was very likeable by all.

Even though he missed a lot of practices, he made quite a few friends on the team. Bond and his two close friends, Jake Guenther and Colin Green, often were found in the Honors Building working on homework or eating dinner at the softball girl's apartment.

Guenther said, "I am ready for Josh to recover so that he can hopefully come visit in March."

Bond was awarded a trip for him and his mom to come visit DMACC and his friends when he is fully healthy and strong. A foundation called Star Light Foundation is paying for all the expenses so he can see his friends

again.

Bond just had his fourth and hopefully final chemo treatment. He will then start working on getting stronger and making a successful recovery.

"After all this, I've come out with a whole new look at life and appreciate a lot more things. It has made me more mature which I take as a positive," says Bond.

"Right now, my plan is to just get 100% better and then see how I'm feeling," Bond said.

DMACC students can be seen in the Courter Center selling bracelets for \$3 to help Bond's cause. They are in different colors and have Bond's basketball number on them. The money is being sent to Bond's family.

# Orientation class required for part-timers

## Cainon Leeds

Editor-in-Chief

DMACC's introductory class, the College Experience, is back again this spring.

The College Experience, also known as SDV 108, is a one credit course that covers subjects like time management, program of study, study skills, DMACC policy and procedures, career planning

and more.

In the fall 2012 semester, new full-time students were required to take the College Experience class as part of DMACC's efforts to inform students about DMACC and its services and encourage them to graduate with an Associate's degree. Now incoming part-time students are required to take the class.

Rita Davenport, a counselor and instructor of the College Experience at DMACC Boone, said, "There are two sides of the class: information about DMACC and student development."

Davenport added, "Every topic mentioned in the class, students wouldn't have learned about otherwise." To some students, the one credit course is not a burden. For example, Tighe Butterfield, a new part time student at

DMACC, said that having to take the College Experience "doesn't really bother" him.

DMACC student Jacob Oren said that the class taught him things about DMACC policy that he otherwise wouldn't have learned, like suspension from DMACC if his GPA drops below 2.0 for more than one semester. DMACC student Steve Donohue said that the class helped him become acquainted with Blackboard.

"I probably would have failed some of my classes if they hadn't taught me about Blackboard," Donohue said.

However, other students think SDV 108 isn't as helpful and necessary as is claimed. DMACC student Sophia Andersen said, "Maybe they could teach us things that are relevant to college."

DMACC student Steven Donohue suggested, "You could make the class shorter, like the half semester introductory class at Iowa State." In terms of the popularity of the new requirement for the class, Davenport said, "People generally don't like being told what to do."

She added that, over time, students will become accustomed to having the College Experience

required and resistance will go down.

Also, with the number of students from Iowa State University that attend DMACC as a less expensive alternative for certain classes may turn away with the new requirement on part time students. For example, if a student attending ISU decided to take a class at DMACC in order to save some money, she would have to take the College Experience as well, costing an additional \$159.00 for tuition and the textbook and an hour of extra class time each week. That's not including time for homework and studying.

When such a scenario was brought up to Tom Lee, provost of DMACC Boone, he said, "We're continuing to look into that."

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# Grandfatherly advice

## Freshman golfer set to start at DMACC without lifelong coach at his side



Photo courtesy of Tanner Ludwig

**Tanner Ludwig consults with his coach and grandpa Larry Clark during a high school golf meet in 2012. Ludwig is set to start the golfing season at DMACC with his grandpa as a fan instead of coach.**

**By Kolby Vetter**

*Staff Writer*

Freshman golfer Tanner Ludwig started his first practice for the DMACC team two weeks ago, but there is one thing missing – his grandpa.

Ludwig's grandpa moved from coach to number one fan, when the three-time state champion finished his playing career in high school and joined the Bears.

"Looking back at the last four years, I have had so much fun playing the game and learning from my grandpa, everything was blast, and the fact that we won made it even better," Ludwig said.

For the past four years, Ludwig has been guided by his Grandpa Larry Clark at Kuemper Catholic High School.

Ludwig grew up around the game. All of his grandparents played, his parents played, but there was one grandparent that stood out, and that man was Larry Clark. There was a special bond, a love for the game; and at age 6, Ludwig was already receiving lessons from his grandpa. Over the past 12 years, the bond has grown even stronger. Leading the charge at Kuemper High School, Clark has not only won numerous state titles but has taught his grandson and many more valuable life lessons.

Matt Gute, who also is a golfer at DMACC, played for Kuemper and remembers what it was like. "Coach Clark was the best coach I have ever had in any sport, and Tanner was a good



**Tanner Ludwig**

leader, fun to place with, and was a great golfer," Gute said.

It all started in Ludwig's freshman year of high school. He finally had a chance to be coached by his grandpa, and even play alongside his brother. Ludwig knew how hard it would be to get the state championship trophy. It would mean being on the course as much as he could. Ludwig gives all the credit to his grandpa for helping him turn into the player that he is today.

"He (Clark) always had me practicing, playing everyday I could. He would videotape me and always give me advice," Ludwig said. Anything that Ludwig needed to work on, Clark was there, giving input and helping him in the best possible way, Ludwig said.

Over the years, Gute could see this connection between Ludwig and Clark; he saw something special and the bond that the two shared playing together. "They had so much in common. He (Clark) made Tanner so much

better, the two shared such a love for the game, and they were sort of like colleagues," Gute said.

Fast-forward three years. Ludwig and company managed to win three state titles back to back to back. Although they came up short in his senior season, they still finished second.

"It was really tough, our only loss in three years, but to win three titles is more than most so I'm happy about that, but to go out without one was hard," Ludwig said.

As Ludwig's high school days were coming to a close and Coach Clark retired, Tanner knew he wasn't ready to be done playing golf competitively. Playing college golf has been on Ludwig's mind since junior high when he was playing all over the state of Iowa in tournaments.

Ludwig signed with DMACC last spring and is ready for a new chapter of his life to start, playing alongside former teammate Matt Gute, and good friend Brad Christensen, Tanner is excited for the future. The Bears are looking for another strong season after finishing eighth at nationals last year.

"My number one goal as a team is to make it to nationals, and go as far as we can," Ludwig said, "As far as individually I want to become an All-American at nationals."

Tanner hopes after his playing days at DMACC are over, he can move on to a D1 college, even if that means a smaller school such as UNI, or somewhere out of state.

## Sports Roundup

### Men's basketball team loses in fourth straight game



Photo by Cainon Leeds

**Sophomore center Roberto Asencio goes up for a dunk Saturday afternoon as the Bears lost in their fourth straight game, 75-62. DMACC's record fell to 13-8 (2-4) on the season. The Bears return to the court Wednesday night against Kirwood in Cedar Rapids.**

### Women's basketball bounces back with win over Marshalltown



Photo by Cainon Leeds

**Freshman point guard Hannah Binder (left) looks for Katie Kullmer (right) as the Bears returned to the win column with a victory over Marshalltown. DMACC's record now stands at 16-5 (5-2) with nine games left in the regular season. The Bears play Kirkwood Wednesday night in Cedar Rapids.**

## DMACC Sports Calendar

### Men's Basketball

Wednesday, Jan. 30 @ Kirkwood 7:30 PM (A)

Saturday, Feb. 2 Iowa Central 3:00 PM (H)

Wednesday, Feb. 6 Iowa Lakes 7:30 PM (H)

### Women's Basketball

Wednesday, Jan. 30 @ Kirkwood 5:30 PM (A)

Saturday, Feb. 2 Iowa Central 1:00 PM (H)

Wednesday, Feb. 6 Iowa Lakes 5:30 PM (H)

Follow the Bears online at  
[dmacc.edu/athletics](http://dmacc.edu/athletics)



# Taking a shot at gun control



**Brian Osborn**  
*Staff Writer*

On Dec. 14, 2012, Adam Lanza is suspected of walking into Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut and opening fire on both students and faculty. By the end of it all, 20 children and eight adults including Lanza were dead in the second deadliest shooting in this country’s history.

With this school shooting and already around 1,100 other deaths by guns in America since Sandy Hook, according to Slate.com, I have to ask: what the hell is going on? How can we fix a problem that already seems to be spinning out of control?

According to the Center for Disease Control, as of right now we average about 87 deaths by guns a day in America and by 2015, gun deaths will surpass car fatalities as America’s leading cause of death aside from medical-related deaths.

It is time for some sort of gun control to be enforced, but what kind, and where do we draw the line between freedom and tyranny?

The problem can’t be fixed with external tinkering alone. How can we be sure that all the laws we make will actually fix the problem or prevent the inevitable? Plus, laws can also lead to exaggeration.

You can’t fix one extreme with another extreme. For example, if you lose control of your car, you aren’t going to gain control by turning your wheel from one side to other.

But if each and every one of us made little adjustments within ourselves, like being nicer or more appreciative of the people around us, or just trying to better ourselves from the inside, wouldn’t the problem begin to work itself out?

First we need to identify the problem. Does it lie with the guns?

The conservative standpoint is that it is their constitutional right to bear arms. Any kind of law that bans the sale of weapons is an infringement on their rights.

According to the United

States Constitution’s Second Amendment, “a well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

But at the same time, when this amendment was ratified, the most advanced piece of personal weaponry was the black powder musket. Now, if you want to go on a shooting rampage with a smooth bore musket, good luck.

Today, some guns can shoot 6,000 rounds a minute, blow foot-wide holes in elephants, and some munitions can go straight through a bulletproof vest. And, many of these weapons are available to the people.

I could see it being efficient having a mini gun while you are hunting and you can kill, skin, and gut your deer in one clean motion. But other than that, why!?

But on the other side, where do we draw the line between the greater good of society and people’s civil liberties?

Let’s say we ban certain types of guns. Cool, but then you have to ask, what’s next? Could this be the first step in a nationwide move to disarm and our government crosses the line into tyranny?

Plus, if we make some guns illegal, we are just opening a door to another form of crime. As we can see from our past, prohibiting things doesn’t necessarily work, because there will always be business people who will see the demand and provide the product.

In 1919, the U.S. government ratified the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment that prohibited the sale and production of alcohol. This gave people like Al Capone the chance to start a huge enterprise of illegal alcohol production and distribution that lead to the deaths of many Americans. Only until 1933, when they ratified the 21st Amendment, did most organized crime lose power and disband.

But does the problem really lie with the guns? In Switzerland, every man of age is legally bound to own their own firearm and they have so few gun deaths that they don’t even keep a statistic on it.

Then does that leave the people as the problem?

Let’s face it, America isn’t what it used to be. It seems that everyone has gotten all caught up in a climb and struggle for power and meaning that they don’t mind who they cut out from under them.

How come it is easier to get a gun than it is to get your driver’s license? To drive a car, you have to go through extensive driving

tests, reading, and other exams to see if you are physically and mentally able to drive a car.

Why don’t we do this with guns? Yeah, we do background checks, but that implies that anyone about to go on a shooting rampage has done something really bad in the past. Which, as we know from the past few months to a year, is ridiculous.

Again, let’s say we do that and have a complete psychological evaluation and testing on everyone who wants to buy a gun. People who are sound minded pass and get their gun. People that don’t go home empty handed, yay.

But could failing these tests have you end up on some government watch list? And even if someone passes their test, who’s to say that he or she still doesn’t just snap some day and start shooting. Yes, that is speculation and maybe over the top, but is it really out of the question?

Obviously this is a tough issue to tackle and I know for sure that I don’t have the wisdom to figure it out, but let me leave you with this.

We have gotten so used to focusing on the external to fix a problem. If something goes wrong, what can we do in society to fix it?

But if we focus on ourselves on the inside, and just try to make ourselves the best person we could be, that’s when we get to long-term solutions, and things can right themselves.

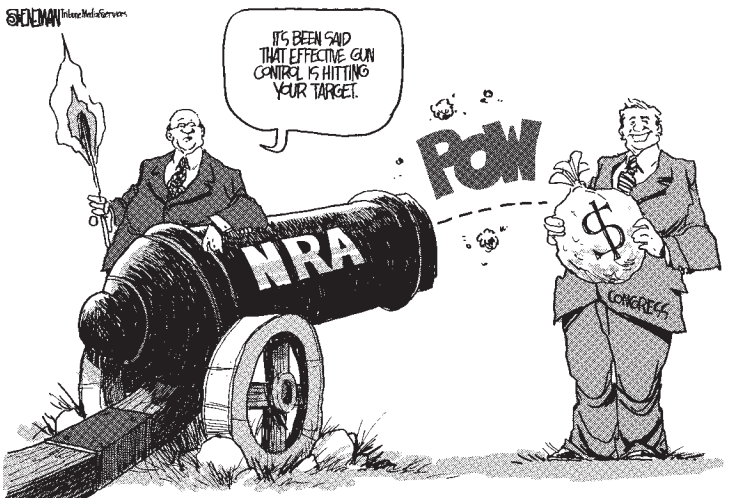
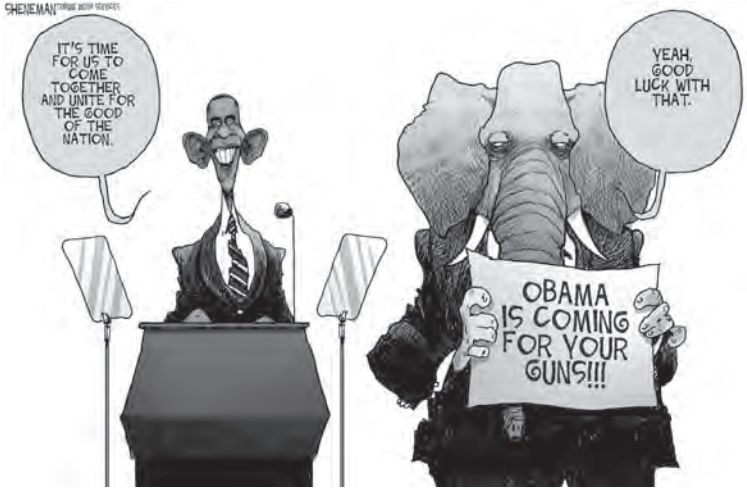
It definitely won’t be easy, but nothing great in life is easy.

It would take a lot of focus, determination, and self-awareness, but we have the capacity to make this world amazing. It could even start as telling yourself, “You know what, I am going to do at least one nice thing for someone everyday.” Never underestimate what that one thing can do. It’s all about getting your mind in the habit of thinking that way which is sad to say; it is easier to be mean to someone rather than be nice to someone.

Who is going to walk into a room and open fire on a bunch of students if they feel cared for, loved, and appreciated. And is that so hard to do? Be nice, courteous, and just generally think of others before yourself?

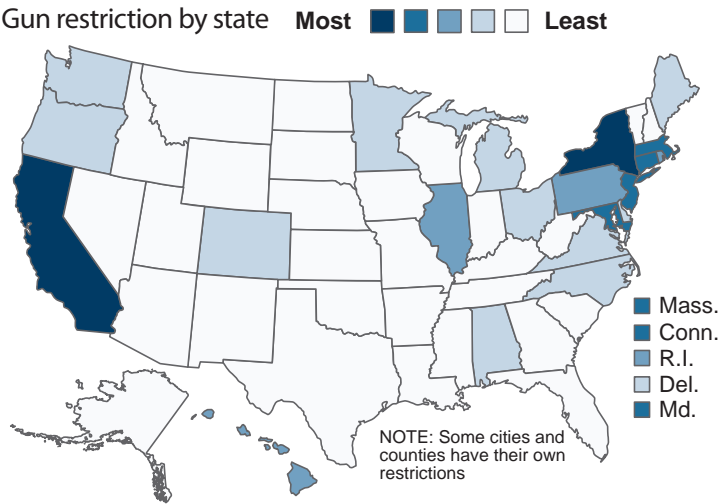
Yes, this is a very utopian, idealistic or even hippie ideal, but isn’t it an ideal that’s worth striving for?

Drop me a note or send me an email and tell me what little thing you did to help change the world.



## Looking at the laws

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# Anonymous: friend or foe?

## Hacking is lesser of two evils

## More harm than good from hacks



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On August 11, 2012 two 16 year old boys from Steubenville, Ohio, took a female classmate with them to a string of house parties, where they allegedly forced her to get drunk, and then abused and raped her, later boasting about it by posting tweets and Facebook comments about what happened that night, which were quickly removed. With conspiracy that the town hid evidence about the case because the boys were part of the high school football team, hacker group Anonymous stepped in and hacked into some computers, pulling additional evidence off of private files and making it public, bringing a flurry of media attention to the situation.

Sometimes a key piece of evidence manages to remain hidden during the course of a trial that could have made a difference in the verdict. Thanks to a cell of hacker group Anonymous, at least some evidence that had been hidden from the police made its way into the public eye. However, the controversy of such an act lies in the potential violation of privacy. By breaking into someone's computer and taking pictures, messages, and videos that are potentially incriminating, evidence was obtained in way that the police wouldn't be able to do without a warrant. By taking these incriminating videos and messages and making them viral, anonymous has walked into the gray area of vigilante justice.

It may be a little bit of a stretch, but this masked activist group is almost on par with the likes of Batman or Spider-Man in my eyes. These people are doing things that should technically get them arrested and put on most wanted lists, but are doing so for the greater good of mankind. By taking an interest in this case and becoming publically outspoken on their views of small town cover ups and political corruption of the local school district in the favor

of the football team and at the expense of those who have already been victimized, I see the actions of Anonymous as nothing short of heroic.

The means used to obtain some of this information may not have been fully legal, but I believe there is such a thing as doing the wrong thing for the right reason. Anonymous didn't go in and steal anyone's credit card information, or go onto someone's profile to make threats or spread lies about people. They took the opportunity to use their skills to prevent these people from taking their skeletons and buying them deep inside a digital closet.

While I may not fully condone the idea of illegal search and seizure, I can't say that I'm against the actions of Anonymous. These boys had gone out of their way to abuse and humiliate another human being, and violate the sexual rights of a teenage girl. I for one am willing to overlook the fact that some evidence was obtained in a shady manner if it means helping a girl who has had her own community deny her some basic rights for the sake of the saving face for the football team

I love seeing these tales of vigilantes, people that could easily have been you or me, going out of their way and putting themselves on the line to support people who have been wronged and don't have the voice enough to stand alone against their plight. I only hope that everyone can find the courage to find a way to help someone in need, to give the little guy some help when his cause is just.



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Is hacking okay, even if it's for a good cause like raising attention for a rape victim? I would say no and here's why.

On August 11, a 16-year-old girl in Steubenville, Ohio was allegedly raped by Ma'lik Richmond and Trent Mays, both 16 and members of the local high school football team. Reports say she was unconscious due to intoxication and sexually assaulted several times. CBS News called this case special in that much of the evidence came from social media sources like Twitter and Facebook.

According to CNN, the case was brought to national attention by a New York Times article written on December 16.

In early January, the famous hacking group, Anonymous, got involved, hacking online accounts and releasing pictures and videos of the girl being physically and verbally abused on the night of the incident.

One of the most prominent of the pictures that surfaced on the web was one of two boys,



**A member of Anonymous wearing an infamous Guy Fawkes mask.**

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the alleged rapists, holding the girl who claimed she was raped up by her wrists and ankles. One of the most prominent videos that Anonymous released was one of boys from the high school joking about the alleged rape. After the releases, tensions grew for the case nationwide.

Members of Anonymous, known for wearing masks of Guy Fawkes from the movie "V for Vendetta," have also threatened to release the personal information of all those supposedly involved in the rape, the high school football team, the coaches, and more if those responsible didn't come forward and admit their crime by January 1.

January 1 has come and gone and as of the writing of this column, Anonymous has not made good on its threat. However, for their role in uncovering the case, the hackers of Anonymous have been declared criminal vigilantes by some and cyber heroes by others.

Anonymous supposedly broke into private online accounts, stole pictures and videos, and distributed them to everyone on the web.

To me, that would be like breaking into a Wal-Mart Supercenter for a misdemeanor a Wal-Mart executive had allegedly committed, stealing from all its cash registers without getting caught and dumping the cash into a red Salvation Army bucket in front of the store.

In my mind, theft is still theft, even when it's online. People warn teens not to say or do anything online that they wouldn't say or do in person. I believe that applies to crime as well.

Maybe some good came from the evidence supplied by Anonymous, but some bad has come from it as well. For example, officials aren't sure if the pictures and videos have been modified, so they'll have to sort through them and separate the facts from the fiction. Even then, the information obtained and spread by Anonymous does not prove that the girl was in fact raped. They raised national attention for the case, but other than that, very little was actually accomplished.

And what's to stop Anonymous from abusing its power? Who's going to stop them from probing our emails, Facebook and Twitter accounts searching for pictures linked to possible crimes? In my mind, the end being a worthy goal doesn't justify illegal or unethical means. Although I agree that Anonymous had good intentions, its intentions may not always remain good and their actions have shown them for what they are: vigilante hackers.

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This week's horoscopes

Today's Birthday (01/30/13). You're in for some fun! This next six months is a creative phase of exploration, fun and discovery. Write, record and communicate. Grow your partnerships. Set financial goals and prepare for June, when career levels up. Balance work and family with love.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** -- Today is a 7 -- Now and for the next few months, it's easier to find money for home improvements. It's better to maintain now than to fix it later (and cheaper). Your career moves forward joyfully.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** -- Today is a 9 -- Your confusion at work is clearing up. Loved ones are even more supportive for the next few months. Allow



yourself to be creative without concern for the end result.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** -- Today is a 9 -- Get the house the way you want it, right now and over the next few months. A financial matter moves forward now. There's plenty of work coming in, so embrace it.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** -- Today is an 8 -- You're lucky in love for the next few months. You have a lot to say, so say it with words, movement or pictures. Express yourself. Move forward on the basis of an agreement.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**

-- Today is a 7 -- Advance a work project. It's easier to get the money now. You can really be lucky in love and lucky at games at the same time.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Today is a 9 -- You've managed to swim through raging emotional waters and now you're rewarded. Your effectiveness increases. Others are listening.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** -- Today is a 6 -- Don't get impatient. You'll advance in strides, especially around personal finances. Give the eggs some time to hatch. Meditation brings peace.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** -- Today is an 8 -- You're gaining confidence each day. Projects that had been delayed will go forward. Consider joining an organization that makes a difference.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-**

**Dec. 21)** -- Today is an 8 -- Your dreams are prophetic. Exercise muscles you normally don't use, so they don't atrophy. Try something new. Increase your self-esteem and the influx of cash.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Today is an 8 -- Career advancement is easier soon. You'll acquire wisdom with the assistance of your team. Be willing to listen to new ideas, and don't be afraid to take risks.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** -- Today is a 6 -- For the next few months, you'll meet important, interesting people with powerful ideas that will stretch your mind. Pay close attention. Use your time with them wisely.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** -- Today is an 8 -- It's all about your relationships. You can get farther than expected, together. Organize your time around the people you love.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 1 Paper used for envelopes
- 7 Teensy kitchen invader
- 10 Thick-bodied river fish
- 14 Lessened
- 15 Critical hosp. area
- 16 Take down with a wrecking ball
- 17 Trade for cash
- 18 Musical based on ABBA songs
- 20 Golfer Snead's nickname
- 22 "I don't care which"
- 23 Naval petty officer
- 27 Lasting mark
- 30 \_\_\_ and gown
- 33 John, Paul, George or Ringo
- 34 Go without food
- 36 "True \_\_\_": Wayne film
- 39 CFO's degree
- 40 One on a board
- 43 Swiss peak
- 44 Gas in a sign
- 45 Knocks for a loop
- 46 Scallion relative
- 48 Space-saving abbr.
- 50 Team statistic
- 51 Finale
- 54 Selling fast
- 56 Whale or dolphin
- 63 Campbell's soup slogan, and a hint to the puzzle theme found in 18-, 20-, 40- and 56-Across
- 66 "Seinfeld" woman
- 67 Albany's canal
- 68 Actress Hagen
- 69 Sticky-toed lizards
- 70 Tadpole's breathing organ
- 71 LPGA star Se Ri
- 72 Be agreeable

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- 4 To-do list entry

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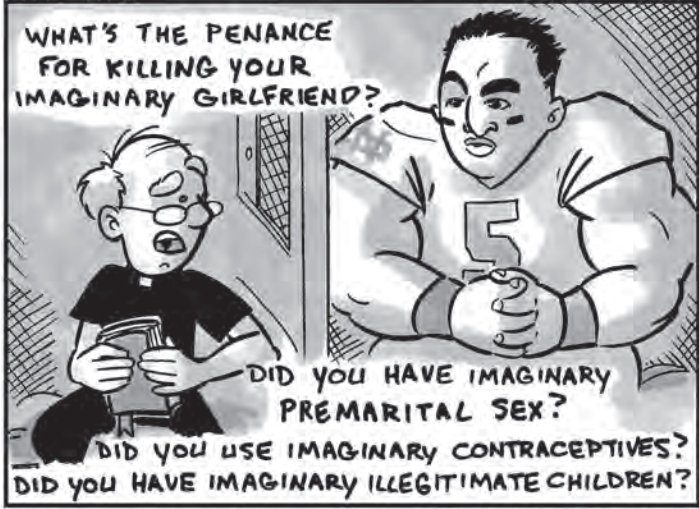
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