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Opinion

## Sound Off for May 11

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### **Even McDonalds is hiring**

I get a kick out of all the losers that are walking on the streets not working. They say oh there is no work, there is no work. Come on even McDonalds is hiring even Dairy Queen. Those two places you could find a job at. Don't tell me you can't find a job. They take just about anybody.

### **Not very professional**

It seems that Dannel Malloy has taken a page out of Ryan Bingham's notebook and has decided to negotiate with the unions through the media. This is not very professional and not very productive.

### **Some areas looking clean**

I drove around on Mother's Day and some of the area are looking very clean in Torrington, like Center Street, Franklin Street and other parts of Torrington. Thanks to the citizens of Torrington, Mayor Bingham, Rick Della Valle and Mrs. Barberi.

### **Housing crash accelerates**

The Housing crash that started two years ago continues to escalate with no end in sight. New data just out from Zillow, the real-estate information company, show house prices are falling at their fastest rate in two years. Average home prices are down 8 percent from a year ago, 3 percent over the quarter, and are falling at about 1 percent every month, according to Zillow. And the percentage of homeowners in negative-equity positions — with a home worth less than its mortgage — has rocketed to 28 percent, a new crisis high. The White House seems powerless to change anything. Zillow now predicts prices will fall about 8 percent this year and says it no longer expects the market to bottom before 2012. "There's no way we can get to flat, from these depreciation levels, in the last nine months of the year," says Zillow economist Stan Humphries. "Demand is a lot more anemic than we had previously thought." What a foolish boondoggle those tax breaks for home buyers have turned out to be. The Obama administration spent an estimated \$22 billion between 2008 and 2010 on tax breaks to prop up the housing market. All it achieved was a brief suckers' rally that ended last summer. "As we said at the time, it was a giant waste of money," says Mark Calabria, economist at the highly regarded Cato Institute. "None of these things really turned the housing market around. They just put off the adjustment for awhile." It's hard to overestimate the scale of the carnage in the housing market. Zillow found prices fell in all but four U.S. metro areas. Economic experts point to the inability of the White House to make spending and tax cuts, and any real job creation as the root cause of the housing catastrophe.

### **Malloy lacks credibility**

Dan Malloy has some funny ideas about what shared sacrifice means. The recent crony appointment of Democrat Jessie Stratton to a cushy \$100,000 a year job that was created for her has created a firestorm. The 64 year old Stratton is a long time Democrat Legislator, serving from 1988 to 2003. The newly created position of Director of Policy Development, Department of Environment Protection carries a nebulous job description for the former Democrat Representative from Avon - Canton who draws a hefty pension check from the State of Connecticut. When Connecticut taxpayers are being forced to go without food and heat to pay more of the crushing tax burden, such an appointment by Malloy is truly heartless. Further, the crony appointment for a made up

job, when Connecticut is in the midst of financial meltdown destroys any credibility Malloy may have had.

### **Best article to date**

I just want to call in on Owen Canfield article about his wife. I think that is one of the best articles he has written to date.

### **Touching story**

Yeas, I want to make a comment about Owen Canfield, "It is the right to honor her." That is the most touching story he has ever written. He made me cry. Good thing it wasn't in on Mother's day. Thank you for making a mistake and putting it on Monday because a lot of mothers would have been crying on Sunday like I did. Kudos to him he is an awesome, awesome man. I know him personally and knew his wife, it touched my heart and he made me cry. He is just wonderful. Thank you for right suck good things we love you.

### **Bashing the unions**

Why is it the state is bashing the state employees unions but are trying to make it law for companies to provide health care and sick leaves for all.

### **Dumped the cat**

For the piece of scum that dumped the cat they ought to take him and wait till the water is real cold and dump that raggies butt. And for his wife, oh yeah, coming forward now. She must have realized that people would notice the cat. Nice story lady, you are no better than he is.

### **White House disgrace**

The White House has hit another new low. Under the guise of cultural diversity the Obama's have invited a notorious rapper whose lyrics include threats against police and a former President. Press reports reveal that Chicago poet and rapper, Lonnie Rashid Lynn, Jr., AKA "Common" has been invited by the Obamas for a poetry reading. However, Lynn is highly controversial, in part because his poetry includes threats to shoot police and at least one passage calling for the "burn[ing]" of then-President George W. Bush. This outrage should be immediately cancelled and an apology issued to all Americans in the name of decency.

### **Healthy Eating**

If Michelle Obama is really in fact concerned for youngsters health way doesn't she ask for healthy school breakfast lunch and after school snacks paid for by tax payers ? Why not ask for legislation that makes WIC and food stamps only for good nutritious foods ? These are keystone Government entitlements that could easily be controlled.

### **Firehouse repairs**

What happens if there is a problem with the workmanship on the firehouse? If the city hired a contractor they could be called back to rectify the problem. I guess Ryan will just have to call back firemen for more overtime.

### **Instead of sex education in our schools**

Have our children learn about our coutry and how it was started and what it took to make a once powerful country.Bring back our songs.

America,The Beautiful

Battle Hymn Of The Republic

God Bless America

Stars And Stipes For Ever

The Star Spangle Banner

Start with a prayer and for those that don't believe show respect for what others believe in.

Bring back respect, values and morals and you wouldn't have to be teaching sex in schools. If the parents can't teach them then send them to **church.** It wouldn't hurt for the parents and children to get back to the church of your choice.

Ask a Vet what our Patriot Songs mean to them.

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