

# Broad View discussion topics for May 4, 2013

## 1 Israeli jets struck Syrian chemical weapons installations #

*CNN reported tonight that Israel's air force recently attacked a Syrian chemicals weapon cache, probably on Thursday or Friday and probably from within Lebanese airspace. The report cited Western intelligence sources, likely based on radar evidence.*

## 2 Unemployment rate goes down while number of unemployed stays high #

*US job growth in April beat economist expectations as nonfarm payrolls rose 165,000, and the jobless rate fell to a four-year low of 7.5%. But the report contained worrisome signs that President Obama's health care reform law is hurting full-time, high-wage employment.*

## 3 Sallie Mae cancels \$225 million debt offering #

*Sallie Mae (SLM), the nation's largest non-government student lender just cancelled a \$225 million debt offering as investors decided they simply were not getting paid enough for risk - amid rising student loan defaults.*

## 4 Obama in Mexico blames Mexican deaths on U.S. guns # # #

*President Obama used a speech at Mexico's Museo Nacional de Antropología – the National Anthropology Museum – to claim that ‘most of the guns used to commit violence here in Mexico come from the United States.’*

## 5 Saudi Arabia says they warned U.S. about Tsarnaev, then denies #

*The Saudi embassy in Washington, D.C. today denied its government warned the U.S. about accused Boston bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev. According to a highly placed source who spoke to MailOnline, the Saudis sent a written warning about Tsarnaev... in 2012.*

## 6 California takes baby because parents wanted second doctor opinion #

*A California couple had their five-month-old baby “snatched” by police after they took the infant to get a second opinion on a medical procedure, they claim.*

## Nevada - State & local news

### 1 Sexual revolution pioneer John Williamson dies in Reno #

*John Williamson, a pioneer of the 1960s sexual revolution as co-founder of Topanga Canyon's Sandstone Retreat, where nudity and free love once took place with abandon, has died at age 80.*

### 2 Vegas homebuilder convicted of stealing from Navajo Nation #

*A federal court jury in Las Vegas found a Nevada-based homebuilder guilty of siphoning off federal money that was supposed to be used to build Navajo Nation affordable homes for his own gambling and personal expenses.*

## Michigan - State & local news

### 1 25-year-old Jessica Heeringa disappears from gas station #

*Exxon Mobil Corp. has contributed \$15,000 to the Jessica Heeringa reward fund, Norton Shores Police Chief Daniel Shaw said.*

### 2 Mayor threatens to kill, township official uses the N word # #

*"If I had a baseball bat, I'd beat the f----- down to the f----- ground. I mean, it would take me just a little bit to get a f----- gun and blow his f----- head out. That's how p----- off I am..."*

## Sports

### 1 High school track team disqualified for religious gesture #

*Some people are outraged after a high school track team is disqualified from competing in state finals because one runner made a religious gesture.*