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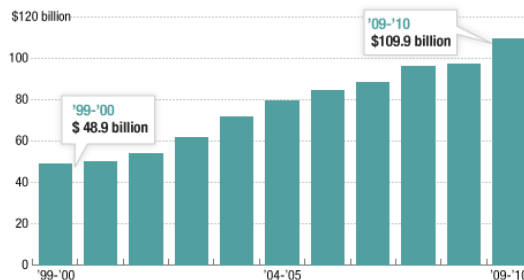
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Reports & Resources

Student Debt in America

NPR | [READ STORY](#)

This report shows that the rapidly increasing national level of student debt in the United States hinges less on increased individual debt levels than on an increasing number of students attending college.



U.S. Population Getting Older

Daily Yonder | [READ STORY](#)

Data from the Census Bureau confirms that most U.S. counties are seeing increases in the median age of citizens. This is most true of rural counties, which are becoming progressively "older" than metropolitan areas.

President's Corner

We still have some scholarships available for the [2012 Rural Community Conference](#), May 15-16 in Bozeman, MT. Be sure to check out the updated [Agenda](#) and [Workshop Descriptions and Speaker Bios](#) page.

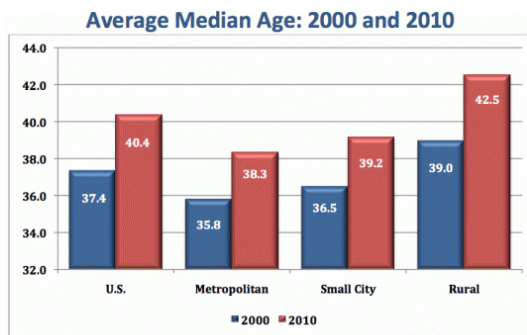
Also, kudos to our Montana extension educators, Betsy Webb, Barb Andreozi, and Dan Clark presenting at the upcoming [NACDEP Conference](#) in Park City, UT, May 20-23!

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

2012 Symposium on Small Towns and Leadership Chautauqua

June 12-13, 2012
Morris, MN

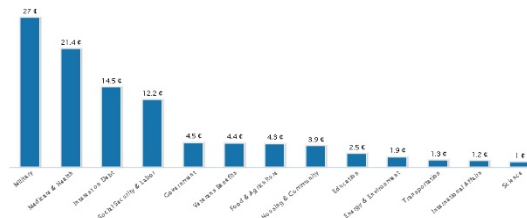


Source: Census Bureau

Federal Income Tax Spending

National Priorities | [READ STORY](#)

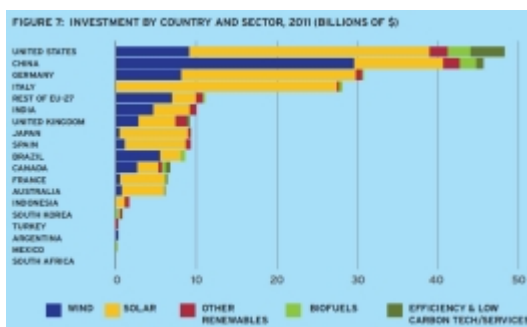
The Tax Day 2012 report, compiled by the National Priorities Project, charts how federal income tax revenue is spent, with 27 cents out of every dollar invested in the military, and only one cent invested in the sciences.



World Clean Energy Investments

Pew Charitable Trusts | [READ STORY](#)

This report from Pew Charitable Trusts evaluates investment rates in industries related to the clean energy race, showing that while national and corporate experience in this area continues to oscillate, consumer experience is on the rise.



Sponsor: Center for Small Towns & Bush Foundation

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences 2012 Annual Meeting

June 21-24, 2012

Santa Clara, CA

Sponsor: Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences

Montana Farm to School Conference

August 16-17, 2012

Bozeman, MT

Sponsor: Montana Team Nutrition

International Economic Development Council

September 30-October 3, 2012

Houston, TX

Sponsor: International Economic Development Council

2012 Communities Collaborating Institute: Innovating Together

October 1-5, 2012

Kitchener-Waterloo, ON, Canada

Sponsor: Tamarack

Grants, Awards & Jobs

Grants to Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse

Deadline: May 11, 2012

Funder: Cardinal Health Foundation

Innovative Programs to Address Childhood Obesity

Walmart Effects on Local Wages

Daily Yonder | [READ STORY](#)

This story from the Daily Yonder reflects on a study performed by University of Connecticut economists on the influence employed by Walmart on local wages, particularly in rural areas of the country.



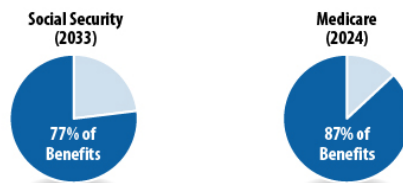
Social Security and Medicare Exhaustion

Off the Charts | [READ STORY](#)

This article attempts to clarify some of the data released in the 2012 Social Security and Medicare trustees' report, showing that while "exhaustion" of both funds has been predicted, "exhaustion" does not entail bankruptcy.

Social Security and Medicare Are Not Going Bankrupt

Percentage of benefits payable when trust fund is depleted, if no action is taken



Note: Years indicate estimated date of trust fund depletion. Social Security figure depicts combined Old-Age and Survivors and Disability Insurance Trust Funds, Medicare figure depicts Hospital Insurance Trust Fund.
Source: 2012 Social Security and Medicare trustees' reports.

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities | cbpp.org

Books vs. eBooks

Pew Internet | [READ STORY](#)

With one-fifth of the American population reading eBooks in the last year, it would appear that the digital

Deadline: May 15, 2012
Funder: Safeway Foundation

Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)

Deadline: May 21, 2012
Funder: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

Good Neighbor Student Achievement Grants

Deadline: May 31, 2012
Funder: Youth Service America and State Farm

Community Economic Development (CED) Projects

Deadline: June 5, 2012
Funder: Administration for Children and Families

Farm to School Grant Program

Deadline: June 15, 2012
Funder: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

National/International News

Graduate Unemployment at High

Daily Camera; April 22

Keystone XL Headed Eastward

JournalStar; April 19

Welfare Drug Tests Unproductive

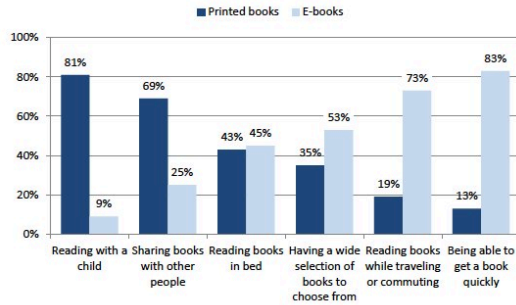
New York Times; April 17

U.S. Highest Clean Energy Investor

Denver Post; April 11

medium has become a substantial contender in the struggle for American readers' time and attention.

Which is better for these purposes, a printed book or an e-book?
% of those who have read both e-books and printed books in the last 12 months who say that this format is better for these purposes

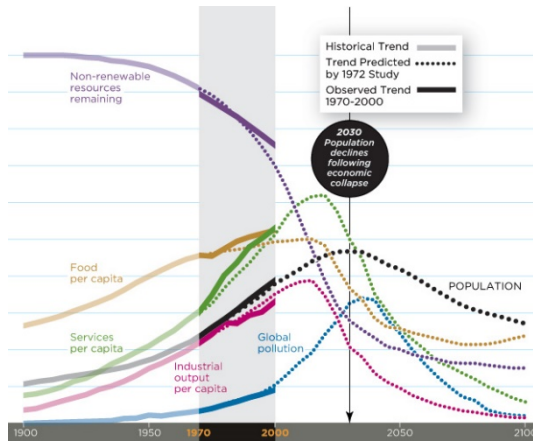


Source: Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Reading Habits Survey, November 16-December 21, 2011. N=2,986 respondents age 16 and older. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish and on landline and cells. N for those who have read both printed books and e-books in the past 12 months is 701.

New Light on Overpopulation

Smithsonian | READ STORY

The Smithsonian online magazine provides a synopsis of recent work done by the physicist Graham Turner, revisiting and reevaluating predictions concerning overpopulation made in the 1970's.



New Unemployment Divide Stats

Daily Yonder; March 28

Montana News

MT Wheat Earns World Attention

Billings Gazette; April 26

Park Service OKs Yellowstone Plans

Billings Gazette; April 25

Ranchers Win \$730k for Backfire Damage

Missoulian; April 20

CO2 Injection in Montana

Great Falls Tribune; April 20

Grizzlies Threatened to 2014

Billings Gazette; April 20



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