four back surgeries, a metal plate in the back

KANSAS CITY, Mo. _ They often work 40 hours a week _ sometimes 80. They talk of being embarrassed or of living in fear of a common cold or twisted ankle, of an accident or illness that in an missing instant could fell them or a family member and hobble their financial lives for In the parlance of current health care debate, they are the working uninsured. As a statistical group, they are mas-NEW YORK _ The New Haven, | sive and diverse but speak of a singular

Conn., police chief said Friday that concern. Medical coverage often sta authorities may never know the rea- beyond their reach even with a regular soning behind the killing of a Yale paycheck, leaving them in the same vulhim do what he did, we may not know Full time. Part time. Multiple part time. The average family insurance premium: working uninsured. views not long after the disappearance of Annie Le first became suspicious of her accused killer, Raymond Clark III, when he was seen trying to hide equipment that was later discovered to contain blood spatters, the Hartford Courant reported Friday.

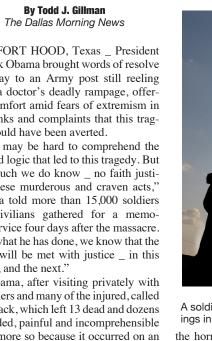
A police source told Newsday that Clark returned to the lab early in the search for Le to try to cover his tracks

and clean up the crime scene. "He's that arrogant," the source said. The Courant reported that Clark was observed cleaning areas that | Stephany Bowen suffers from fibromyal Le was in before the 24-year-old researcher was even reported missing diabetic neuropathy and chronic pain fro Sept. 8, citing a law enforcement of-That and other apparent telltale gns led investigators to view Clark, of her neck and hypertension in her right leg 24, of Middletown, Conn., as their

recess where Le's body was hidden, der state law, but she is hopeful that one day an official told the Courant. Clark was arrested Thursday at a that will change. Super 8 Motel in Cromwell, Conn. There are no other arrests forthcom- "I believe it does have medicinal qualitie" ing," a New Haven police spokesman told Newsday on Friday.

Clark, 5-foot-9 and 190 pounds, did not enter a plea on charges he marijuana is grown naturally, it should be lechoked to death the 4-foot-11, 90-Le was a researcher at the lab. Clark was a technician who some Momentum supporting that position is sources have called "a control freak." The New York Times, citing a regrowing. Since 1996, 13 states have legalized searcher who asked not to be identified, reported that Clark sometimes | medical marijuana. grew angry if lab workers did not wear slip-on covers on their shoes. State Rep. Mark Cohen, D-Philadelphia, in-Le's body was found last Sunday stuffed into a wall chase in the base- | troduced House Bill 1393 in April that would ment of the Yale Animal Resources Center, the same day she was to be legalize marijuana for medical purposes. A married in Syosset, N.Y., to Columbia University graduate student Jonathan | public hearing is scheduled tomorrow in Har-Widawsky of Huntington, N.Y. Now being held on a \$3 million | risburg before the House Health and Human bond, Clark was represented in court by two public defenders. One, Joseph Services committee See MISSING G2-

The Dallas Morning News FORT HOOD, Texas _ President Barack Obama brought words of resolve Tuesday to an Army post still reeling from a doctor's deadly rampage, offering comfort amid fears of extremism in the ranks and complaints that this tragedy could have been averted. "It may be hard to comprehend the twisted logic that led to this tragedy. But this much we do know _ no faith justifies these murderous and craven acts," Obama told more than 15,000 soldiers and civilians gathered for a memorial service four days after the massacre. 'For what he has done, we know that the killer will be met with justice _ in this world, and the next." Obama, after visiting privately with mourners and many of the injured, called Army post, the nation's largest. of home."





wounded, painful and incomprehensible ings in Killeen, Texas, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Americans did not die on a foreign field of Army psychiatrist Maj. Nidal Ma- the ceremony with relatives of those "You are wonderful to be support- choice of attending or not." of battle," Obama said. "Here, at Fort lik Hasan, alluding to his Muslim faith slain by Hasan, and dozens of survivors. ing our cause. We support you too," a "I feel like I still have a contract with to protest furloughs, budget cuts Hood, we pay tribute to 13 men and without directly mentioning or blaming They spent another half-hour at Darnall custodian told the crowd. He said he had any student who wants to be here," he and tuition increases in the UC sys women who were not able to escape it. Aides said the president wants to let See FORT HOOD G5 been laid off last week. said. "I'll lecture to one student if that's tem, Thursday, September 24, 2009.

n as Mohamed Abdalla, to whom an Reluctant to pay a doctor's bill, doctor bill may as well be \$800. she tried to salve it herself. Infection

How do they manage? As they tell it, bloomed.

it's hard work. bloomed. "I was, 'Oh my gosh, I hope this is orker/car dealer For a long time, Megan and Scott insurance. It was \$150 for the first visit strander of Kansas City, North, didn't That, in itself, was a lot. Then we ended worry about health insurance. up going to a specialist." Scott, 24, worked at a car dealership. "They said she could lose her vision," He made good money and was covered _ Scott said. ntil the recession hit, and the job disap- "The medication was about \$600," eared. It didn't take long before every- Megan said. "I had to go to the doctor ev-

University graduate student whose nerable place as those with no work or At Pendleton's Country Market outside Lawrence, Tanna Hess picks spinach, and later got a job at a roofing firm that Seeing no other body was found hidden behind a wall those scratching out the most meager of October 20, 2009. Hess works without health insurance. "The only person that really, truly It is hardly because of a lousy work said, "I don't think figuring out health in-houses and cleaning our tables," said The bank foreclosed on their house; a car want to borrow money from somebody." knows the motive in this crime is the ethic. Of the approximately 46.3 mil-surance has figured into my plans yet." Hilda Fuentes, chief executive officer of was repossessed. Scott got another job, Meantime, Jace _ Megan's 5-year suspect," Chief James Lewis told a lion uninsured individuals in the United For countless workers, choice plays the Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center in but the new employer went belly up. old son from a previous relationship

local TV station Friday. "What made States, 27.8 million are adults with jobs. no role. It's about the lack of benefits. Kansas City, which serves thousands of "We lived for like a year with no got sick. Born with a heart murmur, Jace until trial. We may never know." Some are like Tanna Hess, 29, a \$12,500. Individual: \$4,700. More, they are shopkeepers and ser- Of course, ailments hit. An investigator conducting inter- healthy "free-spirited" farmhand who "These are the people cleaning our vice workers. They are jazz sing- "I put in a contact that had a fungus on See HEALTHCARE G3

She worked uninsured in a day care handing the couple their credit card. offered no insurance. But the loss of near- way out was heartbreaking, Scott rely \$70,000 in salary was just too great. called. "I'm a very proud person. I don't health insurance," Megan said. contracted swine flu to the point of de-

Megan and Scott Ostrander, office easily fixed," Megan recalled think-

We got to the point where we had One day's bills: \$1,176.

thing in the bank," said Megan, 23. Scott's parents stepped in with a loan

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ing. "Most doctors don't see you without

The bill aims to ease the lives of suffering patients, take money away from the drug trade and create about \$25 million a year in tax revenue from the sale of marijuana, Cohen said. "The bill has a 1-in-4 chance of becoming

law, but I think that health care groups will Her daily ritual includes insulin, Vicodin lean toward it," he said. and up to two bowls of marijuana, which she claims eases nausea caused by her medication chairman of the subcommittee on drugs and

alcohol, said the decision to legalize marijua-She said she is unable to work and rarely leaves home. Her marijuana use is a crime un-"Doctors should determine whether there's a place for the drug in the treatment of their

to it," said Bowen, 46, of Penn Hills. "Since

cines, according to the ass

Pittsburgh NORML, the local chapter of the National Organization for the Reformation of Marijuana Laws. See MARIJAUNA G4

Students protesting against rising tuition

BERKELEY, Calif. _ An estimated occurred on other campuses throughout underlying the protest. See PROTEST G2 ,000 people packed into UC's Sproul the state. aza on Thursday afternoon to protest

About 60 picketers circled in front of a school entrance at the corner of Teleice estimated the Sproul Plaza crowd Yudof.

yoffs and faculty furloughs. graph Avenue and Bancroft Way, shout-As the rally began, lines of demoning, "Chop from the Top," and "You say strators streamed into the plaza from all layoff, we say Yudof," a reference to sides, chanting and holding signs. UC
University of California President Mark
Vides 5,000 at its peak. Protesters brought a many issues to ers had grown to about 200 people who the gathering: One sign advocated mariformed a line, linking arms, to try to juana legalization, while others criticized keep people from entering the campus. administrative salaries and student-fee Most professors planned to stay out

Some emphasized the need to keep groups and students were joining them Thursday's energy going long enough to on picket lines. Faculty members make changes. "What's really important is this is the day. The protests coincided with the Nguyen, a student government sena- Geology professor George Brimhall tor. "We should use our mobilization was one who said he felt a responsibility The president and first lady Michelle to hit the roots of the problem, which is to be in class for any student who wished Doug Oakley/Contra Costa Times/MC

By Matt Krupnick and Doug Oakley The Berkeley protest began early who shows up." Thursday with union picket lines at two On the picket line, a union ceramics entrances to the campus. Similar protests technician expressed the broad concern

> By 11 a.m., the number of picketof class Thursday and other employee planned teach-ins and rallies throughout

> > to be there, though he gave them the Thousands crowd Sproul Plaza at

and declined to comment further.

tor Sandra Sherry told the AP.

By Paul Richter and Julian E. Brnes theless found doubters in virtually all Tribune Washington Bureau camps.

In Washington, Republicans said it WASHINGTON _ The timetable was contradictory to add 30,000 U.S for rapidly expanding and then shrink- troops by mid-2010 and begin with-Lopez, told The Associated Press on | ing U.S. force levels in Afghanistan, drawing them a year later. Thursday he is still reviewing the case | a central feature of President Barack "That gives the wrong impression to Obama's new war strategy, came under our friends; it's the wrong impression to ABC News reported that Clark sent a glaring worldwide scrutiny Wednesday give our enemies," Sen. John McCain, text message to Le on the day she disapase to Le on the day she disapase as top administration officials ventured R-Ariz., told Defense Secretary Robert peared, requesting she meet with him to | out to build support for the plan. M. Gates and Secretary of State Hilliscuss the cleanliness of mouse cages in The timeline, which fixes the begin-lary Rodham Clinton at a hearing of the ning of troop reductions in July 2011 Senate Armed Services Committee. Widawsky's temple, Temple Beth | but does not set an end, was the subject | But | Democrats | worried | that El in Huntington, is planning "to create of widespread confusion and frustration Obama's emphasis on a "conditionsa private memorial service" for Le, who as lawmakers, diplomats and others debased" withdrawal set up the possibility had "not yet" converted to Judaism, Can-bated whether it meant American forces of an enduring involvement. were headed for a hasty exit or a pro- "I need to be convinced that ... we The service is planned for between the tracted military engagement. are not making an open-ended commitupcoming High Holy Days, starting with The first reviews of the plan showed ment and that there is a sensible way to Rosh Hashanah on Friday and ending how a policy carefully designed to appay for the war," said Sen. Al Franken,

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to know what any of us can do. I see these egislators wrapped up in small stuff," he said. His idea for a solution was to repeal Rally Committee, but the list in front of she said. "I'm 40 and I have four room-

Proposition 13, the state's groundbreak- him was empty. ing cap on property taxes that voters ap"At this time of the day, my list would to work I have to think if I can afford it."

normally be full and I'd have three oth-Fewer students could be seen on ers already full," said Iturraran, who business school, said Yudof "isn't makthe Berkeley campus in the morning. A would normally have been in class on a ing any sense" when he talks about raishandful of student club leaders steadfast- Thursday morning. All but one of his five ing tuition and faculty furloughs. ly continued to try to attract attention to classes Thursday were canceled. "He said he wants to raise tuition in their organizations on Sproul Plaza, but "I understand their point but then order to maintain a high caliber of tuition, interest was low and passers-by few. again I'm a student and it hurts me not to but at the same time he's furloughing fac-

MISSING: Afgahan strategy college debated heavily

other students from entering buildings

"I feel like I still have The protest comes after a rough year "All the causes are aimed at one thing, a contract with any Robert Abrams. The "they," he said, was student who wants to government in general. "There has to be be here," he said. "I'll Brimhall had a different way of ex- lecture to one student if pressing the difficulty of focusing on an that's who shows up." "The problem is so big that is difficult **GEOLOGY PROFESSOR GEORGE**

Sept. 28 with Yom Kippur. peal to differing points of view none- D-Minn.

Sophomore Nick Iturraran glumly be in class right now. It's something I'm ulty. It doesn't make any sense." waited for students to sign up for the UC paying for," he said.

tive assistant at UC Berkeley law school, said a threatened furlough would really hurt her. "Two-thirds of our union mem bers have salaries in the low \$40,000s" mates. Every time I take BART or the bu

for the university, which has cut enroll-

raised student fees to make up for state

budget cuts. In November, the Board of

32 percent over the next year.

ment, ordered employee furloughs and

Regents is expected to increase tuition by

Toni Mendocino, 40, an administra-

HEALTHCARE: many need coverage

strep throat: \$200 in doctors' fees, plus "It makes a difference if I don't go to "You know, it's terrifying, it really nificant chunk of my livelihood. ... The

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is," Megan said of having no insurance. weekend, on Sunday, I played two gigs Scott now works at another car deal- with a 102-degree temperature." ership that offers coverage. But he has It ended up being a kidney infection, opted not to take it in order to find less-serious enough to land her in Trus expensive coverage on his own. Megan's Medical Center, where, because of her roofing firm also recently agreed to offer income, she qualified for financial assisinsurance. Soon the family will be cov- tance. Years before, she needed an operation "A huge stress off our backs," Megan for ovarian cysts. She went to Truman said. "I lot of times you don't think about then, too. it until something happens. Then it's one "I'm sure it was thousands and thouof those panic things." sands of dollars," Estes said of the opera-

Mohamed Abdalla, cabdriver tion. "I don't like accepting handouts. I "My favorite medication is Tylenol. don't feel like I'm the kind of person who That's my insurance now," said Mo- wants to take one. It's a little bit embarhamed Abdalla of Kansas City. rassing that I have to do that, and it's a The numbers tell the story: terrible drain on the system. But if yo Abdalla, a Somalian immigrant turned don't have the money to pay these astro-U.S. citizen, is 43. nomical insurance fees, you don't have a Work: 12 hours a day, 7 days a week, actors, musicians, painters, sculptors.

work for one day," Estes said. "It's a sig-

They ignore their dental health. They 18 hours on weekends. Pay: \$1,500 in a decent month, after wait until the last minute before her to a doctor. They rely on friends or fam But then there is food and rent and or, when they can, double up on jobs utilities and clothes for the children. "It's a really big deal. What if I "I tried to buy private insurance. They dancer and I break my ankle? It come were asking \$350 to \$400 a month," Ab- down to pure economics," said Liz Barto dalla said. "I don't save that much. We're lomeo at Americans for the Arts, a lead lucky to end up even at the end of each ing policy advocacy group for artists in Dental insurance? Forget it. When a and you don't have access to health ca tooth decayed, he opted to pay \$85 to get it is always on top of your mind." it yanked rather than fixed, which would Although many arts unions, performhave cost more. His wife did the same. ing companies and nonprofits offer some The Ostrander family including Scott, right, Megan and their son Jace, 5, center, pose He is grateful, he said, that his children insurance, the group estimates that a minfor portrait at their Kansas City, Missouri home, October 19, 2009. The family will Health Insurance Program. It is designed lion artists lack any coverage. In August, for families who make too much to be on Americans for the Arts and 20 other such

Like a lot of younger people, "I don't Sorry, I can't help you."

The emergency room billed him \$700. musicians such as Estes. He is still paying it off. He looked down the line of cabs in way, something to help keep people ry about it too much." lems, you are not being a major drain," sick." joked Tiga, an Ethiopian who said he had people."

covered by Medicaid. Two weeks ago, Tiga's son needed or inside the greenhouses of Pendleton's ter. \$1,000. I cannot pay it," he said. ance, either. singer Shay Estes, 29, stands at a micro- as small-business owners and farmers, "All I kept saying was, 'No, no, no. Mexico. They are on their own. phone, eyes closed, with the music of they barely pull in enough cash each year,

Cole Porter or Johnny Mercer or Tom they said, to pay their own medical insur-Waits filling the air. ance _ \$14,400 a year in premiums and a "When I'm singing," she said. "I'm a \$2,000 deductible. complete person. It's what I was built to About 95 percent of farmers have some health insurance, found a recent There are those, she knows, who think survey by the Center for Rural Affairs in she would be much more complete _ Lyons, Neb. safely insured _ if she got a "real" job. "But what you have to ask is at what "I actually got into a very serious arpoint do \$12,000 premiums, with \$5,000ient with a gentleman who was well- or-more deductibles and increases e off, telling me if I wanted to have a job year, make that business unviable," said and I wanted to have health care, I could, the center's John Crabtree. (that) it was my fault." recalled Estes, of He called it very common for a spous Kansas City. "I said, 'Do you not enjoy to work off the farm simply to obtain

music? Do you not enjoy art?" health insurance. Couples such as the She has a job. It's music, which oc- Pendletons _ with both partners working cupies her for 20 hours a week between in the fields _ are becoming increasingly performances and rehearsals. Problem rare. is, it doesn't pay enough. Meantime, for "Basically, it's taking our entire payan additional 25 to 30 hours each week, check," Karen said of her insurance. she works serving meals and drinks at a They are still trying to get out from under a \$50,000 out-of-pocket hit they Would she like to have health care? took in March 2006 when a microburst pummeled some of their farm buildings "I have a mother who is terrified on a They had insurance for that, too, but it daily basis that I don't have it," she said. didn't cover enough. Last spring, Estes thought she had the "Thank goodness we're in a business that we are growing stuff that we can

"It was coming on gradually," she eat," Karen said.

said. "Then one day it hit me like a ton Hess understands. And it's OK with

are covered by the Missouri Children's imum of 300,000 of the nation's 2 mil-soon have insurance, but was without it for a year and faced mounting medical bills.

front of the Westin Crown Center hotel. healthy before illnesses get worse. Because to Hess, worry is an illness. "Like I said, working here is a perseems like any job I enjoy is not going to "Our god is our insurance now," she said. "Healthy people are productive She figures that if people tried for pay me benefits or a high salary or almost more nature-centered lives, free of pestiany pay at all." not been in the U.S. long enough to be Tanna Hess, farmhand cides, eating organically, drinking water, What if something really bad hap-

no way she could pay for it.

Medicaid, but not enough to afford pri- groups urged Congress to choose a path think figuring out health insurance has Don't get her wrong: "I feel I should that would make insurance affordable figured into my plans yet." She is not be able to go to the doctor," she said. Abdalla got pneumonia not long back. for everyone from dancers to sculptors to sure she would take insurance if it was Hess, of Lawrence, has tried public clinics, but they make appointments so She agreed there must be a smarter "I try to be free-spirited ... not to wor- far off that it is useless for an acute sick-All the other drivers are uninsured, he as"If you are preventing major prob"It just makes you more inclined to be sonal choice for what makes me happy. It

Hess loves it out on this farm east of everyone would be healthier. pens? In general, immigrants must be here Lawrence, Kan. _ under the blue sky, For a short time, she worked a help "I guess I'd go to the emergency five years to qualify. picking flowers or pumpkins in the fields line at a Medicare and Medicaid call cenroom," she said, knowing there would be

Country Market. "Worst job I ever had in my life. I "I have to take care of myself," she "They send me a bill. More than No cubicle for her. No medical insurcried every night, hearing what those said. "Without me, my daughter has no people went though. So many had faith in one." Not that owners Karen and John the government programs, assuming they Soto's daughter, Karen, is 8. Soto, On nights she is the happiest, jazz Pendleton wouldn't love to offer it. But would be taken care of," she said. 33, came to the U.S. 10 years ago from

Job summit unlikely FORT HOOD: memorial service held Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend the ceremony. Army Medical Center afterward, visiting privately with victims too badly hurt to attend t

KANSAS CITY, Mo. _ From "Build jobs. things" to "Butt out," conflicting opinions

The summit agenda outlines a focus

Antonio. White House jobs summit. ness employment, government spending or the two generals who spoke at the cername. ment report, President Barack Obama has development. His stated goal for the listening ses- mist Paul Krugman, endorse the federal as visit as president. The first, only last granted." The economy has started moving lars put into creating public-works and University.

the day will end with a specific recombusiness expansion. mendation, much less consensus about
That position is akin to the Reaganwhether another federal job stimulus is omics _ or trickle-down _ approach to necessary. job creation that characterized stimulus The ideas the 130 or so invited pare efforts in the 1980s. ticipants offer eventually could provide Between the polarized approaches

the framework if the nation embarks on a may be those who seek a policy amalthird job-stimulus plan in three years. gam, perhaps extending a tax credit to Underpinning the table talk will be businesses that add workers in what has two poles of thought _ whether federal been called a "cash for clunkers" kind of spending or tax cuts will best spark job program for job creation. That attendees will bring wide-rang Carl Schramm, who leads the Ewing ing thoughts is a given. Participants will Marion Kauffman Foundation, will be be as diverse as the leaders of the AFI among the guests who believe job cre- CIO and Google, Disney and Boeing. ation will prosper through tax incentives Meanwhile, there is not even con for new companies. sensus about whether the summit should He will share a handout headlined be held. House Republican leader John "Entrepreneurs are key to job creation" Boehner, for example, took a "why bothand call for a payroll tax "holiday" for er" approach _ but then set up a competing "jobs round table" for the same time "Washington needs to create an en- Thursday. vironment where entrepreneurs and new Boehner and other Republicans think companies can thrive and create the jobs the right job-creation plan is to give small

that our country desperately needs," Sch- businesses breaks, including a tax deducramm said Wednesday. tion equal to 20 percent of their incomes Jonathan Freiden, chief executive of- perhaps giving struggling employers ficer of U.S. Toy/Constructive Playthings more flexibility to stay in business. in Grandview, Mo., had previously been But the idea that the White House invited to meet with Obama on the job- meeting might not do much to advance stimulus topic and had hoped to be in- policy is not limited to Republicans. cluded in the summit. Count Robert Reich, former labor sec-"It doesn't look like that's going to retary under President Clinton, among happen," Freiden said Wednesday. Democrats who doubt that a presiden-If he did attend, he said, he would tial summit can do much to create jobs. bring a strong message:

attend the ceremony. somber duty of the modern presidency, people to faint. Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., a several "The stimulus package has worked. Hasan fired more than 100 shots be- and this was Obama's first such effort. He Civilians in the back whooped at their other senators. McClatchy Newspapers I can point to \$600,000 in stimulus confore two police officers ended the ram- was resolute and somber; he did not well first glimpse of the commander in chief. Asked afterward about Obama's retracts that have helped me keep and add page in a gunfight, authorities say. He is up, and his voice did not crack. Lt. Gen. Robert Cone, commander of marks, Perry said: "I thought it was spotrecovering at a military hospital in San He spoke movingly, offering some- III Corps and Fort Hood, noted that more on." thing about the upbringing, family lives than 500 Fort Hood soldiers have been Ringing the stage was a memorial to are expected to be heard Thursday at the on six topics: "green" jobs, small-busi- His name was never uttered by Obama and Army service of each victim by lost in Iraq and Afghanistan, "but never each of the slain: a photo, a pair of boots, did we expect to pay such a high price a helmet and dog tags set atop a rifle, a On the eve of what is likely to be an- on infrastructure, U.S. export growth, emony Tuesday outside the III Corps "We knew these men and women as at home." other 10 percent-plus monthly unemploy- business competitiveness, and work force Headquarters, which was ringed by a soldiers and caregivers. You knew them Those killed left behind 19 children, have originated in the Civil War as a way makeshift security barrier erected out of as mothers and fathers; sons and daughplus one on the way, Cone said. to mark the location of a dead soldier. invited business, labor, financial, aca- Some summit participants, such as huge metal shipping containers. ters; sisters and brothers," Obama said. The Army's chief of staff, Gen. At the end of the service, Obama demic and nonprofit leaders to Washing- former Federal Reserve Vice Chairman | Obama delayed a weeklong Asia trip "Their life's work is our security, and George Casey, spoke of the "newlyweds, placed a presidential coin on each, as he ton to discuss job creation.

Alan Blinder and Nobel laureate econo- to lead the service. It was his second Tex- the freedom that we too often take for single moms, immigrants, teenagers and and the first lady wordlessly paused in 50-somethings" among the slain, all tribute at each display. sion: "To talk about how we can work to- government as an "employer of last re- month, was for a happier occasion _ to Survivors filed into the service on bound together by a desire to serve the Many of those at the ceremony witgether to create jobs and get this economy moving again."

sort."

celebrate volunteerism with former Presiment George H.W. Bush at Texas A&M

dent George H.W. Bush at Texas A&M

a wheelchair.

rutches. Some wore slings. One was in wheelchair.

he called the attack "unimaginable ...

For Herman Toro, it was his second in the second of t There were teenage mourners in jeans, a kick in the gut."

time under hostile fire. A retired infantry again, but unemployment remains the public-service jobs, a remedy akin to The theme of selflessness, and service and widows in black dresses. Some in the The crowd was sprinkled with VIPs: soldier, now chief of the Soldier Readibiggest unsolved problem, causing great President Franklin D. Roosevelt's 1930s to a larger cause, echoed in his remarks crowd flinched at the blasts of three 7-shot the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, ness Processing Center, where the attack economic pain for millions of families Works Progress Administration and Ciat Fort Hood. wolleys _ not a 21-gun salute; that's for Adm. Mike Mullen; Defense Secretary occurred, hadn't been shot at in 32 years, and threatening to stall or even reverse vilian Conservation Corps.

"Soldiers made makeshift tourniquets festive occasions _ and eyes welled when Robert Gates; Texas Gov. Rick Perry; since a tour in South Korea. the recovery. Other participants, such as Schramm, out of their clothes. They braved gunfire a sergeant in a cavalry hat blew taps. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John He was outside, trying with others to In the short term, summit organizers __ want the government to cut employers to reach the wounded, and ferried them to ____ The Obamas strode to the stage to the ____ Cornyn; and assorted U.S. House mem- drag a wounded woman to safety when including Obama _ have no illusion that taxes, freeing private-sector dollars for safety in the backs of cars and a pickup squeal of bagpipes. Soldiers remained at-bers. Sen. John McCain of Arizona, a Hasan spotted him.

supports complete legalization. "It concerns me as an attorney that I've had to prosecute and defend folks are fighting for this bill want to use the

way drug, and a lot of the people who sign it."

Jackson County Sheriff Mike Byrd holds a piece of undried marijuana, August 13, illegal immigrants were arrested and more than a half million dollars of marijuan

A group of about 20 members, who ranged "It concerns me as widely in age and profession, discussed methods of spreading information about an attorney that I've We will be organized and profession-

had to prosecute and al,"said Patrick Nightingale, a Downtown defend folks for condefense attorney and founder of Pittsburgh duct no different than NORML. "We're not a bunch of freaks buying a six-pack or getting together to get stoned." Nightingale, a former Allegheny bottle of wine." County assistant district attorney, said he

for conduct no different than buying a legislation as a step-off point for legalsix-pack or bottle of wine," he said. izing all marijuana," said Vulakovich, a tomorrow's public hearing is a small former police officer. step forward for supporters of the bill, Gov. Ed Rendell maintains his posibut with just six cosponsors there's a tion on medical marijuana, said spokeschance it will never reach a vote, said man Gary Tuma. Rep. Randy Vulakovich, R-Shaler. If a reasonable, well-crafted bill "Marijuana is still considered a gate- reached his desk," Tuma said, "he would



2009, that was seized from two alleged grow houses in St. Martin, Mississippi. Fiv were seized after sheriff&apos:s deputies and agents with the Narcotics Task Force f Jackson County went to the house on an anonymous tip. Officials now believe the growing operation was being run by members of the Mexican Mafia.

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