Between the lines

The Republicans are eager to blame President Obama and the Democrats for the bad economy with claims that their policies and spending programs are making times tougher.

Democrats claim it’s the Republicans who caused the financial meltdown and recession in the first place.

The Tea Party wants to throw out any incumbent.

Talking points

1. Henry Payne pokes fun at President Obama by sending him back to school to retake an intro economics class -- for at least the third time! State the cartoonist’s message in a sentence or two.

2. John Darkow's Republican elephants are still drunk on spending despite what they pledge. Explain the symbols Darkow uses as a visual shorthand.

3. Which of these cartoonists can be considered conservative and which liberal?

Laying blame for the economy

By John Darkow / Columbia Daily Tribune, Courtesy CagleCartoons.com

By Henry Payne / The Detroit News

Additional resources

More by John Darkow
http://www.cagle.com/politicalcartoons/PCcartoons/darkow.asp

More by Henry Payne
http://henrypayne.com/

Association of American Editorial Cartoonists
http://editorialcartoonists.com/