Broad View discussion topics for February 11, 2012

1 Obama pretends to compromise on birth control/abortion mandate

The move, based on state models, will almost certainly not satisfy bishops and other religious leaders since it will preserve the goal of women employees having their birth control fully covered by health insurance.

2 Obama grants waivers to 10 states on No Child Left Behind

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...nothing in federal law grants Obama the power to issue these conditional waivers. He is unilaterally rewriting federal education policy through selective enforcement.

3 Seattle father who killed sons had kiddie porn on his computer

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A computer in Josh Powell's former home in Utah had animated images that depicted "incestuous" sex between parent and child, and a state official said the material prompted a judge to order Powell to undergo a psycho-sexual evaluation just days before he killed his children and himself.

4 Another president another intern - JFK and Mimi Alford

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She always called him "Mr. President" — not Jack. He refused to kiss her on the lips when they made love... She was in the midst of an 18-month affair with the most powerful man in the world, sharing not only John F. Kennedy's bed but also some of his darkest and most intimate moments.

Whales are not slaves according to San Diego judge

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A federal judge in San Diego dismissed an unprecedented lawsuit seeking to grant constitutional protection against slavery to a group of orcas that perform at SeaWorld parks, saying the 13th amendment applies only to humans.

6 Oglala Sioux suing Anheuser-Busch for \$500 million

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An American Indian tribe sued some of the world's largest beer makers Thursday, claiming they knowingly contributed to devastating alcohol-related problems on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

7 Czech study conclusively proves that cats make people crazy

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But if Flegr is right, the "latent" parasite may be quietly tweaking the connections between our neurons, changing our response to frightening situations, our trust in others, how outgoing we are, and even our preference for certain scents.

8 Jack in the Box new 1,081 calorie bacon milk shake

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A 16-ounce bacon shake weighs in at 773 calories, 28 grams of saturated fat, 2 grams of trans fat and 75 grams of sugar. Hankering for a 24-ounce size? That'll be 1,081 calories, 37 grams of saturated fat, 3 grams of trans fat and 108 grams of sugar.

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