

Broad View discussion topics for week ending January 21, 2012

- 1 Cruise ship Costa Concordia sinks off Italian coast - captain bolts** # #

The captain of the Italian cruise ship gave a slapstick explanation of how he ended up safely in a lifeboat instead of going down with his ship, saying he tripped and fell into the boat as it was being lowered into the sea...
- 2 Nine European nations receive credit downgrades** #

France and Austria lost their top credit ratings in a string of downgrades that left Germany with the euro area's only stable AAA grade as Standard & Poor's warned that crisis-fighting efforts are still falling short.
- 3 Obama says no on Keystone pipeline** # # #

In a decision that quickly re-ignited a fierce energy debate, the Obama administration on Wednesday rejected the controversial Keystone XL pipeline because the 60-day deadline imposed by Republicans did not allow adequate time to review an alternate route...
- 4 U.S. Attorney in Arizona will plead Fifth in Fast & Furious case** #

The chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Arizona is refusing to testify before Congress regarding Operation Fast and Furious, the federal gun-running scandal that sent U.S. weapons to Mexico.
- 5 Romney wins New Hampshire - Huntsman & Perry drop out** # # #

Mitt Romney won the Republican presidential primary in New Hampshire on Tuesday night, giving the former Massachusetts governor a sweep of the first two primary contests.
- 6 Official tally for Iowa finally done - Santorum won by 34 votes** #

*THE RESULTS: Santorum finished ahead by 34 votes
MISSING DATA: 8 precincts' numbers will never be certified*
- 7 SOPA Internet blackout Wednesday - Megaupload busted Thursday** # #

Numerous Internet companies engaged in a "blackout" protest Wednesday against two anti-piracy bills, SOPA and its counterpart in the Senate, the PROTECT IP Act (PIPA). The bills are supported by the RIAA, MPAA and countless other creative and business organizations.
- 8 Joran van der Sloot pleads guilty in Peru** #

After Joran van der Sloot pleaded guilty Wednesday to the 2010 murder of a Peruvian woman he met at a Lima casino, his lawyer argued that the killing was tragically triggered by fallout from the very event that originally brought his client notoriety.

Nevada - State & local news

1 Galena fire burns 4,000 acres - 10,000 people evacuated #

Fire officials in Reno say a man has admitted to accidentally starting a huge fire that destroyed 29 homes and forced as many as 10,000 people to evacuate.

2 Roethlisberger Tahoe rape lawsuit settled

The civil lawsuit filed by a former Harrah's Lake Tahoe casino host claiming Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger raped her... has been resolved. But neither side will say whether the Super Bowl star paid Andrea McNulty any money as a settlement.

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Sports

1 San Francisco playing for trip to Super Bowl tomorrow

Vice President Joe Biden fumbled on a play to campaign contributors in San Francisco on Wednesday... In a rousing speech at a private fundraiser, the politician mistakenly predicted the city's 49ers football team would lose its shot at the Super Bowl to the New York Giants.