

Broad View discussion topics for November 17, 2012

1 War in Middle East - Israel calls up 75,000 reserves and masses tanks #

Israeli aircraft bombed Hamas government buildings in Gaza on Saturday, including the prime minister's office, after Israel's cabinet authorized the mobilization of up to 75,000 reservists in preparation for a possible ground invasion.

2 Petraeus testifies about Benghazi coverup and his resignation #

David Petraeus is going to tell members of Congress that he "knew almost immediately after the September 11th attack, that the group Ansar al Sharia, the al Qaeda sympathizing group in Libya was responsible for the attacks," CNN reports.

3 Jill Kelley visited the White House 3 times this year

Jill Kelley, the Tampa, Fla., socialite who initiated the investigation that revealed the affair, and her twin sister had two "courtesy" meals at the White House mess... Kelley and her family also received a White House tour on the weekend before the Nov. 6 election.

4 Hostess, maker of Twinkies and Ho Hos, goes out of business #

Hostess, the makers of Twinkies, Ding Dongs and Wonder Bread, is going out of business after striking workers failed to heed a Thursday deadline to return to work, the company said.

5 Wal-Mart and LA Airport workers plan Thanksgiving weekend walkouts #

A group of Wal-Mart workers are planning to stage a walkout next week on Black Friday, arguably the biggest holiday shopping day for the world's largest retail store.

6 FEMA bogged down in red tape over Sandy cleanup

...unions and union-related red tape are causing workers from out of state to be turned back, as well as workers contracted by FEMA, as well as tons of supplies, already in New York and New Jersey to sit idle—at a cost of millions to taxpayers.

Nevada - State & local news

1 **Contract approved to begin Southeast Connector (finally)**

Construction of the uncompleted portion of a long-envisioned road linking southeast Reno to Sparks, including a bridge spanning the Truckee River, should begin in January... Approved was a \$65.1 million contract with Nebraska-based Kiewit Western...

2 **Reno mayor Bob Cashell says he has no plans to retire**

With two years left until his term expires in 2014, Cashell is now dealing with a brand new council to work with on several big issues... Cashell also went through open heart surgery four weeks ago, which included getting a replacement part from a cow.

Michigan - State & local news

1 **Appeals court overturns ban on race-conscious college admissions**

Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati ruled that Michigan's ban on race-conscious admissions to public universities, voted into the state constitution in 2006 by 58% of the voters, was a "form of political manipulation..."

2 **Deer hunting season starts (and turkey hunting season)**

I'm out of state this weekend, which means I'll be missing the parade of deer riding to their new homes on the roof.

Sports

1 **Obama poses with Olympic gymnast McKayla Maroney**

Fresh off of the Olympics, McKayla Maroney's "sideways" mouth meme has overtaken the internet, and... the President of The United States is not immune. The 16-year-old Olympian met with President Obama... and the below picture was the outcome. Internet gold.