

Broad View discussion topics for January 19, 2013

- 1 **Obama administration sets aside 1.7 million acres for sage grouse** #

That's 368 acres per bird.

- 2 **Obama warns Republicans about debt ceiling and default** # # #

President Barack Obama issued a strong warning to Republicans on Monday that he will not negotiate over the debt ceiling or allow Republicans to use it as a bargaining chip. "To even entertain the idea of... not paying our bills is irresponsible. It's absurd," Obama said.

- 3 **Sandy relief bill passes with \$34 billion (two thirds) pure pork** #

...we use scare quotes around "Sandy Relief" because it's a \$50.7 billion bill with \$17 billion in actual Sandy relief. Two thirds of the money in that bill has diddly poo to do with Hurricane Sandy.

- 4 **Bundesbank starts gold run by withdrawing gold from NY Fed. Reserve** #

In what could be a watershed moment for the price, provenance, and future of physical gold, not to mention the "stability" of the entire monetary regime... the long suffering German gold, all official 3,396 tons of it, is about to be moved.

- 5 **PolitiFact "Lie of the Year" turns out to be true** #

Surely the Tampa Bay Times, being ethical journalists and professionals, will publish a retraction and apologize to Romney.

- 6 **Employee outsourced his job to China, spent days websurfing** #

Typical 'work day' for Bob looked like this: 9:00 a.m. – Arrive... surf Reddit for a couple of hours. Watch cat videos 11:30 a.m. – lunch 1:00 p.m. – Ebay time. 2:00 – p.m Facebook updates – LinkedIn 4:30 p.m. – End of day update e-mail to management. Go home.

Nevada - State & local news

1 Meteor seen from Reno to San Francisco and San Diego

Lunsford says while most reports about the fireball came from the San Francisco Bay area, it also was seen around Reno, San Diego and Redding, Calif.

2 Verdi Post Office reopens

The post office is set to reopen Tuesday a little more than a year after it was burned by an alleged arsonist on a crime spree.

Michigan - State & local news

1 Kentwood murder suspect arrested near Chicago

An announcement that FBI agents took the prime suspect in a Kentwood murder into custody near Chicago came Friday... much to the relief of many... Authorities sought Javonte Higgins for... the murder of David and Vivian Bouwman the weekend of Jan. 5.

2 Detroit man steals father's remains from mausoleum

Vincent Bright, 48, of Detroit is accused of stealing his 93-year-old father's dead body from mausoleum, police said with the hope of resurrecting him.

Sports

1 Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o and his fake girlfriend # # #

Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick said he believes Manti Te'o was the victim of a hoax and he thinks just as highly of the linebacker as he always did.