

Broad View discussion topics for February 23, 2013

- 1 Obamacare kicking in with dire consequences** # # # #

Companies are dropping health coverage for spouses to cut costs: By denying coverage to spouses, employers not only save the annual premiums, but also the new fees that went into effect as part of the Affordable Care Act.
- 2 Secret Vatican report alleges underground network of gay priests** #

...the real reason he resigned is... the repercussions of a secret 300-page Vatican dossier that allegedly found... an underground network of high-ranking gay clergy, complete with sex parties and shady dealings with the already scandal-ridden Vatican bank.
- 3 UN climate chief admits Global Warming stopped 17 years ago** #

THE UN's climate change chief, Rajendra Pachauri, has acknowledged a 17-year pause in global temperature rises, confirmed recently by Britain's Met Office, but said it would need to last "30 to 40 years at least" to break the long-term global warming trend.
- 4 F-35 fleet grounded - again** #

The Pentagon... suspended all test flights for the... Lockheed Martin F-35 Joint Strike Fighter fleet due to engine problems. The move came nine days after the Pentagon cleared the F-35B jump-jet variant... to resume tests after a monthlong suspension.
- 5 First big hacker attack on Apple computers** #

The incident, the widest known cyberattack against Apple-made computers to date, occurred when the Apple employees browsed to a special website that had been infected with malware custom-written for the Macintosh platform...
- 6 Alcohol busting drug sobers people up instantly** #

Party animals could soon be able to sober up in an instant just by popping a pill. Researchers have developed a cocktail of alcohol metabolizing enzymes that speedily reduces blood alcohol levels in drunk mice.

Nevada - State & local news

1 Brooks tries to buy gun at Scheels in Sparks

Embattled Nevada Assemblyman Steven Brooks attempted to purchase a gun at Scheels in Sparks on Thursday, and a background check is under way.

2 Claim: Sasquatch shot and killed near Las Vegas

“Well, one thing was obvious when you looked at this bigfoot: it had lived a hard life,” said one person after examining the body. “You could tell by the condition of the body.”

Michigan - State & local news

1 Detroit nearing bankruptcy

At this point, an emergency manager for Detroit may not be enough. “The emergency financial manager does not have the ability to step in and change the nature of debts, to alter pension, to alter benefits. That’s where the bankruptcy court comes in...”

2 Giant ice boulder along Sleeping Bear Dunes

Giant ice boulders have rolled onto the shore of Sleeping Bear Dunes. The rounded chunks of ice, some the size of a dog, were spotted Thursday afternoon by Leda Olmsted, who posted photos of the boulders on her Facebook page.

Sports

1 Tim Tebow cancels appearance at Texas church

Tebow had been scheduled to deliver two sermons at the church... whose leader has... spoken out against homosexuality, called Islam and Mormonism “heresy from the pit of hell” and linked Catholicism to “a Babylonian mystery religion...”