

Broad View discussion topics for April 20, 2013

1 Bombs at Boston Marathon

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More than 130 people were injured today as multiple explosions rocked the Boston Marathon in a "coordinated" terror attack.

2 Ricin letters sent to Obama by Democrat Elvis impersonator

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Strangely enough, if he turns out to be the ricin terrorist, Kevin Curtis isn't just thoroughly unoriginal in his job of imitating a dead entertainer and in his bizarre yet banal web musings. He isn't even the first Elvis impersonator to launch ricin attacks. Seriously.

3 Fertilizer plant explosion in Texas

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When the fertilizer plant exploded in West, Texas last night "it was like a small nuke," said a senior Obama administration about the force of the explosion and the damage it caused.

4 Obama's gun control bill fails in Senate

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The Senate on Wednesday defeated a vital background check amendment seen as the linchpin to Democrats' gun control bill, dealing a major setback to President Obama -- who lashed out at opponents in unusually blunt terms during remarks from the Rose Garden.

5 Rubio's illegal alien amnesty bill

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The Senate's pending immigration bill includes roughly 400 exemptions, exceptions, waivers, determinations and grants of discretion. The bill's complexity is forcing opponents and supporters to comb through its 844 pages...

6 McConnell buggers linked to White House

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Days before Progress Kentucky launched a Twitter offensive against Mitch McConnell, its executive director met with White House officials.

Nevada - State & local news

1 Nevada is shipping mentally ill out of state on Greyhound buses

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Over the past five years, Nevada's primary state psychiatric hospital has put hundreds of mentally ill patients on Greyhound buses and sent them to cities and towns across America.

2 Nevada Assembly ups penalties for feeding wild horses

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Don't feed the horses. That's the message the Nevada Assembly is sending with passage of a bill increases penalties for feeding stray or feral livestock.

Michigan - State & local news

1 Detroit is dumping homeless outside city

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The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan says Detroit police are removing homeless people from the popular Greektown entertainment district downtown and dropping them off miles away — sometimes outside the city.

2 Grand Rapids/Kent County in state of emergency because of flooding

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Kent County officials declared a state of emergency in the county on Friday, April 19, as the worst flooding in more than a century hit the area.

Sports

1 Kobe Bryant suffers possibly career-ending injury

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In the final minutes of the Lakers 118-116 victory over the Golden State Warriors on Friday, after earlier falling to the floor twice with apparent knee injuries, Bryant suffered a probable torn left Achilles' tendon that should end his season and perhaps his Lakers career.