

Broad View discussion topics for May 18, 2013

1 Gosnell found guilty of triple murder in Philadelphia

A Philadelphia abortion provider who killed babies by cutting their spinal cords with scissors was found guilty of first-degree murder on Monday.

2 Obama fires IRS commissioner... shortly before his term ended anyway

Obama announced the appointment of... Daniel Werfel as the next acting IRS commissioner. This comes after Obama announced Wednesday that acting IRS Commissioner Steven Miller would resign -- though Miller was apparently set to step down anyway.

3 IRS scandal threatens Obamacare and Obama legacy

Sarah Hall Ingram, the IRS executive in charge of the tax exempt division in 2010 when it began targeting conservative Tea Party, evangelical and pro-Israel groups for harassment... was promoted to serve as director of the tax agency's Obamacare program office...

4 Eric Holder testifies about AP scandal - doesn't remember anything

...in response to repeated questions... about the DOJ seizing phone records from the AP, Holder said: "I was not the person involved in that decision...I am not familiar why the subpoena was constructed in the way it was because I was not involved in the case..." etc.

5 Texas tornadoes kill at least 6, more still missing

Officials and residents in north-central Texas had to wait until daybreak to assess the damage caused by a string of tornadoes that touched down Wednesday night, leaving at least six people dead, dozens injured and hundreds homeless.

6 Anjolie Jolie had double mastectomy

The Oscar-winning actress reveals in an emotional op-ed for the New York Times that she underwent a double mastectomy earlier this year after a blood test showed she was genetically susceptible to cancer.

Nevada - State & local news

1 **Did IRS give Romney's tax returns to Harry Reid?**

During the 2012 presidential campaign, Harry Reid claimed to have intimate knowledge of what was secretly inside Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney's tax returns.

2 **Trial testimony about illegal contributions to Harry Reid continues**

Six former and present Wingfield Nevada Group employees testified Thursday that they each contributed \$4,600 to U.S. Sen. Harry Reid's campaign in 2007 and Harvey Whittemore gave them checks that covered those donations on the very same day.

Michigan - State & local news

1 **Detroit mayor not running for re-election**

After a tumultuous four years overseeing a city long riddled with blight, corruption, crime, and historic financial issues, mayor Dave Bing has had enough, telling a stunned audience... Tuesday that he'd leave when his term ends in December.

2 **Detroit pension trustees off to Hawaii for \$22,000 conference**

Four trustees of Detroit's two public pension funds are heading to a Hawaiian beach resort this weekend with their \$22,000 tab paid for by the funds, which are mired in claims of mismanagement and said to be at least \$600 million underfunded.

Sports

1 **Tiger Woods wins Players Championship amid controversy**

"It lacked character." Those words have been used to describe a Tiger Woods decision before, but the fact that they're increasingly being used to describe Woods' on-course actions is something else.