Broad View discussion topics for March 3, 2012

1 Andrew Breibart dies - sparking conspiracy theories

Andrew Breitbart's unexpected death on Thursday has sparked a swift outpouring of grief and remembrances--but also the inevitable conspiracy theories about the timing of the outspoken conservative's demise.

2 Sheriff Arpaio says Obama birth certificate is a forgery

Armed with a new 10-page report he commissioned, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said Thursday he suspects the birth certificate President Obama released last year is a "computer-generated forgery" — and also raised questions about the authenticity of the president's selective service registration card.

3 Tornado swarms hit midwest

Powerful storms leveled small towns in southern Indiana, transforming entire blocks of homes into piles of debris, tossing school buses into a home and a restaurant and causing destruction so severe it was difficult to tell what was once there.

4 GM halts production of Chevy Volt

GM, which is based in Detroit, announced to employees at one of its facilities that it was halting production of the beleaguered electric car for five weeks and temporarily laying off 1,300 employees.

5 Limbaugh calls law student slut and prostitute

In a show of moral support, President Barack Obama called Georgetown law student Sandra Fluke on Friday defending her in the face of conservative radio icon Rush Limbaugh's "reprehensible ... personal and crude" attacks on her...

6 Ted Nugent endorses Mitt Romney

"after a long heart&soul conversation with MittRomney today I concluded this goodman will properly represent we the people & I endorsed him"

7 Japanese invent speech silencer

Japanese researchers have invented a speech-jamming gadget that painlessly forces people into silence.

8 Europeans were first people in America

Forty years later, this rediscovered prehistoric slasher has reopened debate on a radical theory about who the first Americans were and when they got here.

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Sports

1 New Orleans Saints players paid to injure opposing players # The NFL's security department believes that between 22 and 27 defensive players on the team, as well as at least one assistant coach, maintained a program funded primarily by players that rewarded tackles inflicting injuries on opposing players...