

TUESDAY MORNING: I DON'T WANT IT GOOD



[image: Leo Reynolds via Flickr]

I don't want it good. I want it Tuesday.
– Jack Warner

Pretty sure Mr. Warner would get it just the way he wanted it today.

Surprise: Saudis and Russia agree mutual economic destruction = bad

Expect a rocky market today after a hush-hush agreement by Saudi Arabia and Russia to hold oil production levels to January levels. The FTSE and Brent crude have already taken a hit, though why Brent's price dropped when supply firmed/tightened makes no sense to me. Good thing I'm not a commodities broker.

Predictable outcome: Dropbox account hacked, contents posted, then teacher fired

I feel awful for this poor teacher, whose privacy was violated and his job lost after someone hacked his Dropbox account, then posted a personal sex tape on his school's website. Unfortunately, this is another painful real-life lesson: Do NOT store content in the cloud if the content hurt you if leaked.

Shaken by a quake? There's an app for that
UC Berkeley Seismological Lab released an
Android app called MyShake. The application
detects vibration fitting earth tremor profiles
and reports them to the lab for diagnostics.
Enough data combined with other seismic
monitoring can confirm an earthquake. The
Seismological Lab hopes to build a global
seismic detection network which can help detect
earthquakes before they begin. With enough
advance notice, humans may be able to reduce
damage and injury. The Lab says the app runs
silently in your phone's background and doesn't
use up the battery, but this seems like an
impossibility. Only one way to find out, though,
and only one way for the lab to improve the
app's performance. An iOS version is expected in
the near future.

Volkswagen fined by Mexico over emissions – but
not the defeat device
Looks like VW imported more than 45,000 vehicles
into Mexico without dotting all the Is and
crossing all the Ts. The automaker has been
fined nearly \$9 million dollars (168 million
pesos) for failing to obtain mandatory emission
and noise certifications. Sounds like VW needs
to overhaul its management culture.

Air-gapped computers may not be safe from
hacking
A team of researchers from Tel Aviv University
and Technion identified a means for hacking air-
gapped computers in a completely separate room
in order to snag data. Their method only
required an antenna, amplifiers, a software-
defined radio, and a laptop to measure
electromagnetic waves created by a target
computer as it deciphered a specific message.

There it is: it ain't good, but you've got it on
a Tuesday.