



SHOW ME THE COOKIES SUCKER!

Sometimes the more I think about certain things in life the more I feel like I'm close to spinning my wheels. Maybe that's God's way of reminding me that thinking that I haven't the slightest clue. Patience IS a virtue...[lack of patience](#) can (and does) cause you to miss out on blessings. That makes for painful reading...just to think, if Saul had just waited a few more hours his kingdom would've been established forever. It makes me think of the things I've done in the past that have removed the possibility of blessing from my life. I don't know though, I have a tendency toward believing that when God takes something away he replaces it with something better, even if that 'better something' is the ability to not get bent out of shape with regret.

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give

him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.~ Romans 12:13-21

He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ~ Acts 17:26,27

I haven't thought about it in awhile but the Bible has some pretty sordid bits in it. For instance...read how [Jacob met his wife](#). Particularly verses 22-25. Big party, everyone got polluted, then the father in law pulls a very fast one over on Jacob...who then gets stuck with seven additional years of hard labor. The main thing that this whole story brings to my mind is how awesome God is and how glad I am he's nothing at all like people.

[White House memo outlines new anti-leak measures](#)

A four-page draft memo circulated by the White House says President Barack Obama's national security staff has created an "Interagency Policy Committee for WikiLeaks." The panel is charged with assessing the damage caused by the WikiLeaks dump of State Department cables, coordinating various agencies' response to the leaks, and coming up with measures to improve security for classified documents

[U.S. military network cut off from cables](#)

The U.S. State Department has cut off a U.S. military computer network from its database of diplomatic cables after WikiLeaks obtained more than 250,000 such cables, a senior U.S. official said on Tuesday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the system was the U.S. military's Secret Internet Protocol Router Network, known as SIPRNet, believed to have been the ultimate source for the cables obtained by the whistleblower website.

[Obama losing support for Afghan war policies](#)

Now, the administration is playing down the date combat troops will begin to come home and focusing instead on 2014 as the target for the pullout to be completed, conditions permitting. The new end date leaves Obama at odds with his Democratic base, which wants troops out faster, and with newly empowered Republican critics in Congress, who oppose deadlines and timetables altogether. It guarantees the war will be ongoing when Obama presumably runs for re-election in 2012. And if the military and political situations fail to improve in Afghanistan, the president could face a revolt in his own party and unrelenting fire from the GOP as he defends his leadership on what is already America's longest war.

[Amazon stops hosting WikiLeaks website](#)

Amazon.com Inc has stopped hosting WikiLeaks' website after an inquiry by the U.S. Senate Homeland Security Committee amid anger about the release of classified U.S. government documents on the site.

FTC Calls for Online Do-not-track List to Protect Privacy

U.S. Web users should be able to sign up for a do-not-track list that would prohibit websites and advertising networks from following their movements online, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission said. The do-not-track list, modeled after a national do-not-call list targeting telemarketers, would help consumers better protect their privacy because a uniform mechanism for opting out of online tracking does not yet exist, the FTC said in an online privacy report released Wednesday. The do-not-track list could be implemented by the Internet industry or by the U.S. Congress, the FTC said.

Wikileaks' Assange in UK, police know where

The international police agency Interpol this week issued a "red notice" to assist in the arrest of Assange, who is wanted in Sweden on suspicion of sexual crimes, but Britain's Serious Organized Crime Agency (Soca) so far has refused to authorize this, the paper said. Citing unnamed sources, the Independent said Soca needed clarifications about the European Arrest Warrant issued by Swedish prosecutors but it described the delay as technical.

Verizon Wireless Launches The World's Largest 4G LTE Wireless Network On Dec. 5

Verizon Wireless customers can choose from two 4G LTE Mobile Broadband data plans: \$50 monthly access for 5 GB monthly allowance or \$80 monthly access for 10 GB monthly allowance, both with \$10/GB overage. For laptop connectivity, two 4G LTE USB modems will be initially available: the LG VL600 is available at launch and the Pantech UML290 will be available soon, each \$99.99 after \$50 rebate with a new two-year agreement. Both USB modems provide backward-compatibility with Verizon Wireless' 3G network. If laptop users travel outside of a 4G LTE coverage area, they will automatically stay connected on the company's 3G network.

WikiLeaked: How to handle a walk-in

If you saw the movie *Salt*, you already know that one of the most intriguing intelligence conundrums that comes up is how to handle a 'walk-in' -- a foreign national who literally walks into a U.S. embassy (or other agency) and wants to talk. They can be sources of intelligence (maybe they know about nuclear proliferation) or in dire need of protection (perhaps they've been threatened by their home government.) But in all cases they pose a delicate challenge for diplomats: They are either valuable, dangerous, or both. Brought to you by WikiLeaks: the State Department memo on how to deal with walk-ins

GOP holds reins in debate over tax cut extension

A day after agreeing to work with President Obama to end a stalemate over expiring tax cuts, congressional Republicans flexed their newfound political muscle Wednesday, declaring that they would block consideration of any other legislation during the lame-duck session until a deal is reached on the tax cuts and temporary government funding. The move put Republicans in a much stronger position to win across-the-board extensions of the Bush-era tax cuts by essentially making hostages of several high-profile Obama priorities, including extending unemployment benefits, a new arms reduction treaty with Russia, the youth immigration law known as the Dream Act, and the repeal of the controversial ban on gays openly serving in the military. The White House brushed off the Republican maneuver, but it puts the administration in a bind. Without a quick deal that could require Obama to drop his opposition to continued tax cuts for the wealthiest taxpayers — those earning beyond \$250,000 annually — Democrats probably would end the lame-duck session without signature victories.

Fed ID's companies that used crisis aid programs

New documents show that the most loan and other aid for U.S. institutions over time went to Citigroup (\$2.2 trillion), followed by Merrill Lynch (\$2.1 trillion), Morgan Stanley (\$2 trillion), Bear Stearns (\$960 billion), Bank of America (\$887 billion), Goldman Sachs (\$615 billion), JPMorgan Chase (\$178 billion) and Wells Fargo (\$154 billion).

Nigeria agency says to charge Dick Cheney over Halliburton

Nigeria's anti-corruption police said on Thursday they planned to file charges against former Vice President Dick Cheney in a \$180 million bribery case involving a former unit of oil services firm Halliburton.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) on Tuesday summoned the country chief of Halliburton and last week detained 10 Nigerian and expatriate Halliburton staff for questioning after raiding its Lagos office. "We are filing charges against Cheney," EFCC spokesman Femi Babafemi told Reuters, but declined to give any further details on what the charges were, or where they would be filed.

Anti-earmark Tea Party Caucus takes \$1 billion in earmarks

Members of the Congressional Tea Party Caucus may tout their commitment to cutting government spending now, but they used the 111th Congress to request hundreds of earmarks that, taken cumulatively, added more than \$1 billion to the federal budget. According to a Hotline review of records compiled by Citizens Against Government Waste, the 52 members of the caucus, which pledges to cut spending and reduce the size of government, requested a total of 764 earmarks valued at \$1,049,783,150 during Fiscal Year 2010, the last year for which records are available.

Companies beware: The next big leak could be yours

At risk are e-mails, documents, databases and internal websites that companies think are locked to the outside world. Companies create records of every decision they make, whether it's rolling out new products, pursuing acquisitions, fighting legislation, foiling rivals or allowing executives to sell stock. Although it's easy technologically to limit who in a company sees specific types of information, many companies leave access settings far too open. And despite intentions, mistakes happen and settings can become inadvertently broad, especially as networks grow more complex with reorganizations and acquisitions.

As newspapers shrink, journalists land jobs in state government

Had Vogel's reporting appeared in the *Times*, it would have been front-page news. Instead, her work had a smaller, although more influential, audience: state legislators and staffers in a position to do something about what she'd found. That's because late in 2008, Vogel left the *Times*' state capitol bureau and went to work for state government in the new Senate Office of Oversight and Outcomes. Created by Senate President Pro Tem Darrel Steinberg, the office is designed "to professionalize oversight and institutionalize it across the board," in Steinberg's words. But it does so in an unusual way: Its three "consultants" — Sacramento committee-speak for research and policy staff — are all former reporters.

Vatican keen on solar-powered electric popemobile

Cardinal Giovanni Lajolo, who runs the Vatican City state, said Wednesday Benedict would certainly prefer an electric popemobile to a traditional, petroleum-powered one given the priority he has given to making the Vatican a leader in green energy. His comments came during a presentation of a book on the Vatican's ecological efforts: "The Energy of the Sun in the Vatican." The book documents the 2008 installation of photovoltaic cells on the roof of the Vatican's main auditorium and the 2009 installation of a solar cooling unit for its main cafeteria.

NATO Capabilities in an Age of Austerity

NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen has made clear his intention to 'cut fat and build muscle' through ongoing NATO reform. Such reform will make NATO more effective, by concentrating on key capabilities such as cyber- and missile defence; more engaged, by collaborating with other international organisations and Partner countries; and more efficient, by making the best use of taxpayer funds.

NATO Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence

The Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCD COE) mission is to enhance the capability, cooperation and information sharing among NATO, NATO nations and Partners in cyber defence by virtue of education, research and development, lessons learned and consultation. The CCD COE vision is to be the main source of expertise in the field of cooperative cyber defence by accumulating, creating, and disseminating knowledge in related matters within NATO, NATO nations and Partners.

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