

FRIDAY (SOMEWHERE): WHY

More stuff broken and worse than I expected.

Rather an understatement, that. This week has been a massive case of broken.

Other broken things

- Polarized Congress damaging oversight? (CSMonitor) – Hyper-partisanship at fault? Perhaps. But it's awfully weird when the current FBI Director, who served under a Republican president as Deputy Attorney General, doesn't give a GOP-dominated House what it wants. Maybe something else is broken, too?
- Android's user credentials and crypto keys storage system is broken (Threatpost) – Researchers say KeyStore's encryption is exploitable; hackers could store forged keys. Yikes.
- White male celebrity's sentence too light – in South Africa (Herald Sun) – U.S. is not the only place where sentencing is broken, as the case of Oscar Pistorius shows. Six years is utterly ridiculous.
- Train derailment exposes

critical flaw in inspection methodology (Oregon Local) – Because inspectors drive the tracks rather than walk them, broken bolts were missed. Federal Railroad Administration said Union Pacific is at fault for the derailment and explosion of a 94-car train carrying oil, caused by the broken bolts. And yet the FRA doesn't require walking track as part of mandatory inspection processes, nor does the FRA inspect track that rigorously. More than bolts were broken here.

- FOX's Roger Ailes wants Gretchen Carlson's sexual harassment suit to go to arbitration (LA Times) – Ailes claims Carlson's contract specifies arbitration. Hell, no. This isn't a contract dispute, bonehead. It's a violation of her civil rights under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and that's not subject to arbitration. I'd like to break my foot off on this one.

Wishing us all a better weekend. Be kind to each other and fix something broken.