



## *Election Countdown 2012: New York Prepares for the Worst From Hurricane Sandy, and More*

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*This week in the Election Countdown: New York prepares for the worst from Hurricane Sandy; India puts GM food crops under microscope; CATO Institute Helpfully makes its fake climate report look like actual government climate report; and more.*

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[The Social Networking Lives Of The Dead Celebrities](#) Forbes

[The Big Book of Lesbian Horse Stories](#) Amazon. From a reader who wisely prefers to remain anonymous.

[Street lights turned off in their thousands](#) Telegraph

[Geoengineering: Testing the Waters](#) Naomi Klein, New York Times. Um, we already screw around a lot with nature, starting with GMOs. But yes, more scrutiny early is probably better.

[India Puts GM Food Crops Under Microscope](#) Common Dreams (Aquifer)

[New York prepares for the worst from Sandy](#) MarketWatch. Most people seem pretty blasé about the storm, but the flip side is we got the usual bad weather behavior: insanely long lines in grocery stores of people buying water and whatever they regarded as staples (for the record, I stuck my head in a store to verify. But late in the evening, I must confess to having done a bit of extra provisioning. Of course, I told myself I wasn't really losing my cool like everyone else, just saving myself the trouble of schlepping groceries in the rain).

[Hurricane Sandy: How utilities are planning for power outages](#) Raw Story. Translation: if there's a mess, it's not because we didn't try harder than last time.

[B.C. teen arrested for photographing mall takedown](#) CBC

[When the Growth Model Changes, Abandon the Correlations](#) Michael Pettis. Pettis is always worth reading, and this is a particularly good piece.

[The renminbi bloc is here: Asia down, the rest of the world to go?](#) VoxEU

[House elections spell a Republican story and victory](#) Washington Post

[Citizens United Rule Rocks Key 2012 Races](#) Associated Press

[Journalism in the Obama age shows the real media bias](#) Glenn Greenwald

[Long Wait Times at the Polls](#) Michael Fromkin. See [this clip](#).

[CATO INSTITUTE HELPFULLY MAKES ITS FAKE CLIMATE REPORT LOOK LIKE ACTUAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE REPORT, EXCEPT FAKE](#) Wonkette (Brad DeLong)

[Stephanie Kelton Appears on Le Show with Harry Shearer](#) New Economic Perspectives

[We've located the reality distortion field, and it's in the consumer's brain](#) ars technica

[Barclays slashes bankers' pay by up to half as profits fall](#) Telegraph.  
Mirabile dictu, this is looking like the old Wall Street! Crappy bonuses if the firm has a bad year. How long do you think this will last?

[Hamptons Home Prices Fall as Buyers Seek Cheaper Retreats](#) Bloomberg

[Lord Bichard: Old People Need To Work For Their Pensions \(Even If They Already Have\)](#) Jesse. His name would fit right in a Dickens novel, as would his attitude.

[A Part-Time Life, as Hours Shrink and Shift](#) New York Times

[When Only \\$1 Billion Will Do, the Rich Live in a Bubble: Books](#) Bloomberg.  
Don't read this if you've eaten recently.

[The progressive case against Obama](#) Matt Stoller, Salon. Much gnashing of teeth among *soi-disant* liberals over this piece.