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Society

'We've got to have realistic expectations'

Society Guardian, Monday February 24 2003

[Excerpted in the Guardian of February 27 2003] My work involves planning to mitigate the effects and consequences of potential disasters, both man-made and natural. Along with many others I'm involved in reviewing procedures for dealing with many incidents, including those involving the deliberate release of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) materi

(...)biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) materials - those...our animals or plants, including food crops...winds that caused power cuts across (...)

World news

UK terror emergency plans delayed

guardian.co.uk, Tuesday February 18 2003

Staff and agencies

A government review of Britain's plans to cope with a major terror attack has been delayed, as experts claim that emergency procedures have not improved since September 11. Ministers had been expected to publish updated civil defence plans early this year. But the overhaul of the 55-year-old emergency planning laws will not be announced until the summer, the Financial Times (...)

(...)Bradwell-on-Sea nuclear power plant in Essex (...)

Science

Some crackling and then silence

The Observer, Sunday February 2 2003

Ed Vulliamy

Saturday morning is sports time at the Child Harold pub in Washington DC; it's the earliest beer of the week, to accompany whichever basketball or football game commands attention. But yesterday America awoke to an eerie echo of those sentiments of September 11 - those feelings of power mixed cruelly with vulnerability. The empire is not invincible. America builds the tallest

(...)September 11 - those feelings of power mixed cruelly with vulnerability. The...on the lunar surface to plant the star spangled banner. (...)

World news

Court blocks Japan's nuclear plans

The Guardian, Tuesday January 28 2003

Jonathan Watts in Tokyo

A £4bn Japanese project to develop the world's most advanced nuclear reactor appeared doomed yesterday after a court ruled that the government's safety standards for the prototype plant were unacceptably flawed. The judgment means that the Monju fast-breeder reactor may never be reopened, dealing another blow to a Japanese nuclear industry that has been plagued by (...)

(...)most advanced nuclear reactor appeared...the prototype plant were unacceptably...plagued by accidents and cover...uses nuclear power to (...)

Technology

Feedback

The Guardian, Thursday January 9 2003

Remedial work The collision last week between the Tricolour and the Kerosene-laden Turkish boat, the Vicky, was attributed to human error - the latest in a long line that includes Chernobyl, the Challenger explosion and the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant accident. Last year, two web-based events made news and were dismissed in the same way: Egg's online banking (...)

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Science

False dawns in the brave world of New Genetics

The Observer, Sunday December 22 2002

Mike Bygrave

It has been the Year of the Gene. Fresh from their triumph of 'sequencing' (spelling out) the three billion letters of the human genome, molecular biology and the New Genetics left the science pages and hit the front pages. Genetic discoveries alternated with genetic threats in the headlines almost daily. One day scientists found genes 'for' asthma or skin cancer. The next da
World news

Roh wins S Korean elections

guardian.co.uk, Thursday December 19 2002

Staff and agencies

Roh Moo Hyun today won presidential elections in South Korea, in a vote that could affect critical relations with both the US and North Korea. After 94.5% of the votes had been counted, Mr Roh, the pro-government candidate, had taken 49% while opposition leader Lee Hoi Chang had just 46.5%. The lead was described by South Korean television stations as insurmountable. At his (...)

(...)a road accident in June...Korea's nuclear weapons programs...frozen nuclear plant previously suspected...to provide power, but (...)

Politics

Blair losing control, say top unions

The Observer, Sunday November 24 2002

Kamal Ahmed and Oliver Morgan

Tony Blair was accused last night of 'completely losing control' as the firefighters' strike entered its third day - and a wave of new industrial unrest was set to hit airports and schools. With Britain facing growing paralysis as unions considered a series of 'spin-off walkouts' over safety across the rail network, power plants and the Tube, leading union figures presented (...)

(...)safety across the rail network, power plants and the Tube, leading (...)

Business

Power to the people

guardian.co.uk, Thursday October 10 2002

Victor Keegan

If I were allowed a dream about energy it would be this: what would the world look like if, instead of squandering billions on an uneconomic nuclear programme, we had spent the same amount on research and development of renewable energy sources? This thought was prompted by today's story that Powergen, Britain's third biggest generator, has warned that £1bn of potential invest

(...)on an uneconomic nuclear programme, we had...s Magnox nuclear power stations. Powergen, of...of its generating plant in response (...)

World news

How hawks captured the White House

The Guardian, Tuesday September 24 2002

Frances FitzGerald

The Bush administration has broken with the internationalist premises that have been accepted by every other administration since the second world war - with the exception of Reagan's first. The lack of debate over foreign policy since September 11 has obscured the rift, but to recall Bush senior's approach to foreign policy is to see just how radical the change is - and to (...)

(...)and others in the administration, he said: "That's as much an accident of personalities as anything else." He added: "We used to have (...)

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