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Science

Recipe for a disaster

 The Guardian, Thursday May 30 2002
 David Bradley

The French have always had a penchant for fungi, but one day you may be more likely to find a cep cleaning up after a nuclear accident than being served in a soufflé. Edible mushrooms might not be an obvious choice, but French scientists believe a wild mushroom might soak up radioactive caesium-137 ions as easily as it can olive oil. Caesium-137 was released in vast quantities

(...)after a nuclear accident than being...Chernobyl nuclear power station 16...However, no plants thrive (...)

World news

Postcards from the edge

 The Guardian, Tuesday April 23 2002
 Martin Wroe

On Friday morning the prime minister, Tony Blair, can expect an uncomfortable message from the people of Ireland. A million postcards are en route to Downing Street, each with the message: "Tony, look me in the eye and tell me I'm safe." The mail will arrive on the 16th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, when an explosion ripped away the roof of a nuclear reactor in the (...)

(...)of a nuclear reactor in...worst nuclear accident. The postcards...Sellafield nuclear plant in Cumbria...this nuclear power base (...)

Science

Go like a bomb

 The Guardian, Thursday April 18 2002
 David Hambling

Air travel and nuclear power are both notably risky areas, so combining the two to produce nuclear-powered aircraft seems a surprising idea. But in 1946, anything seemed possible, including the US Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion (ANP), which reached an advanced stage before it was cancelled in 1961. In principle, the atomic jet engine is similar to the conventional version. Air (...)

(...)travel and nuclear power are both...huge power plants like those...of an accident, they (...)

World news

Cancer linked to cold war bomb tests

 The Guardian, Friday March 1 2002
 Julian Borger in Washington

A US government study says that the fallout from cold war nuclear tests carried out by the US, Britain, France and the Soviet Union has caused the death of an estimated 15,000 Americans. The study was conducted by the National Cancer Institute and the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, but its publication has been delayed by the US government. However, excerpts of (...)

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Environment

Renewable energy

guardian.co.uk, Friday December 14 2001

What is the report? The government's energy review: a document produced by the cabinet's performance and innovation unit, a group that develops government policy, to determine the best energy strategy for Britain for the next 50 years. A leaked draft was printed in the New Scientist, though the actual report will be published within the next month. What does it say? Renewa

(...)large scale disaster in the event of an accident or terrorist attack at a nuclear power plant. The west also depends on the Middle (...)

Education

Edward Radford

The Guardian, Friday November 30 2001

Pearce Wright

Because his work explored some unpalatable truths about the risks of smoking, industrial waste and nuclear discharge, the American scientist Edward Radford, who has died aged 79, was never far from controversy. Despite the intellectual rigour of his research into the effects of prolonged exposure to very low intensities of environmental pollutants, commercial interests often (...)

(...)explored some unpalatable truths about the risks of smoking, industrial waste and nuclear discharge, the American scientist Edward Radford, who has died aged 79, (...)

UK news

Sellafield attack 'could be worse than Chernobyl'

The Guardian, Tuesday October 23 2001

Paul Brown, environment correspondent

An EU report says an accident at Britain's Sellafield nuclear plant could cause greater damage than the Chernobyl explosion in Ukraine in 1986. The report, leaked on the same day that MEPs in Strasbourg discussed safety at nuclear sites following the September 11 attacks, paints a harrowing picture of the disaster which could follow an accident in the high level waste tanks (...)

(...)report says an accident at Britain's Sellafield nuclear plant could cause (...)

World news

US wants 300m doses of smallpox vaccine

The Guardian, Friday October 19 2001

Matthew Engel in Washington

The US Congress has been asked to earmark \$500m (£345m) to develop a new smallpox vaccine as Americans were warned yesterday of a terror potentially more lethal than anthrax. Health secretary, Tommy Thompson, wants to order 300m doses, which will be more hygienic than the traditional cowpox-based injection and enough to treat every American. No decision has yet been made (...)

(...)Mile Island nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania...worst nuclear accident

News

The wrap: Calls for ground war to begin

guardian.co.uk, Friday October 19 2001

Ros Taylor

Welcome to the Wrap, Guardian Unlimited's daily round-up of today's papers. GROUND WAR IMMINENT "There is no choice but to step up the pace and to step it up now," urges the Times this morning, calling on the US to "send in its own hunters and use its air power to hit Taliban and Al-Qaida troop concentrations as hard as it is visibly capable of doing." The paper worries that (...)

(...)hunters and use its air power to hit Taliban and Al...Kong. The Independent reports that nuclear power stations in the (...)

Books

number9dream by David Mitchell (II)

guardian.co.uk, Wednesday October 10 2001

'Queues in the supermarket. It took for ever.' 'Did you hear the thunder?' asks Donkey, and I suspect that she is not such a bad person, just a weak one under the influence of Dowager. 'Of course she heard it!' snorts Dowager. 'My Aunt Otane heard that thunder, and she's been dead for nine years.' My money says Dowager tampered with the will and shoved Aunt Otane down the

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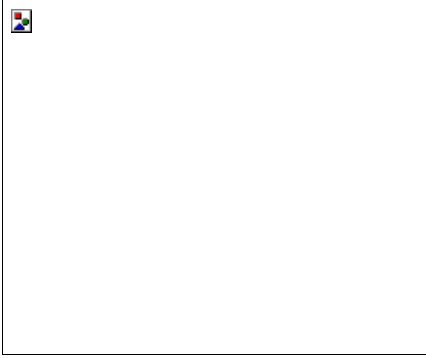
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