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Environment

Gore on Lovelock, nuclear power and climate change sceptics

 guardian.co.uk, Monday March 16 2009
 Leo Hickman

Gore on why he's hopeful a meaningful deal will be struck at the UN-brokered climate talks in Copenhagen at the end of this year [Barack Obama's election is] one of the main factors. We have a big ally in reality. The planet is under assault. This collision with human civilisation, as it's currently being operated, is increasingly dire. An economist called Herman Daly said year

(...)the US, there have been 80 cancellations of major new coal-burning plants and people thought that maybe we'll be able to block (...)

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James Hansen's war on coal

 guardian.co.uk, Friday February 20 2009
 Robert Bryce

The next time you hear someone say "we are addicted to oil" or "we are addicted to coal", try this exercise: substitute the word "prosperity" for "oil". Do the same for "coal". This suggestion came to mind while reading James Hansen's latest broadside against coal. On 15 February, Hansen wrote an opinion piece for the Guardian, in which he declared: "Coal is the single greatest

(...)which he called coal-fired power plants "factories of death" (pdf). (...)

Environment

Can anyone recall what we put in our nuclear dump?

 The Guardian, Saturday February 14 2009
 Terry Macalister

"We need your help," begins the plaintive ad on the front of the Whitehaven News. Did you work at Sellafield in the 1960s, 1970s or 1980s? Were you by chance in the job of disposing of radioactive material? If so, the owners of Britain's nuclear waste dump would very much like to hear from you: they want you to tell them what you dumped - and where you put it. The reason for t

(...)Britain's nuclear waste dump...huge disastrous accident in 1986...of nuclear power plants; they (...)

World news

Japanese spa town in a lather over geothermal plans

 The Guardian, Saturday February 7 2009
 Justin McCurry in Tokyo

A deep breath is all that's needed to appreciate why Kusatsu is ideally suited to lead Japan's quest for new sources of renewable energy. As the steam rises from myriad holes in the ground, the air is filled with the unmistakable stench of sulphur. The pong is inescapable - it hangs on your clothes for days - but the volcanically heated water that creates it is the lifeblood o

(...)for substantial investment in geothermal plants for the first time in...The envisioned new generation of power plants will tap into (...)

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Getting a reaction

guardian.co.uk, Saturday February 7 2009
Gwladys Fouché

Much to the shock of many Swedes, the country has just overturned a ban on new atomic plants. As Terry Macalister reports, the government has decided to give the green light to a new generation of nuclear reactors to replace its ten existing plants. Sweden was at the forefront of anti-nuclear sentiment in the 1970s and 1980s, when the subject was one of the top political issue

(...)new atomic plants. As Terry...generation of nuclear reactors to...1979 nuclear accident at Three...that nuclear power was (...)

Environment

Nuclear renaissance: the switch to low carbon power

guardian.co.uk, Friday February 6 2009
Terry Macalister

The current nuclear renaissance started in Finland when a local electricity provider received permission and then started to build the first new nuclear power station in Europe for 30 years. It was followed by France whose state owned electricity supplier, EDF, is constructing a new plant at Flamanville in Normandy and has its eye on a number of plants for Britain along with o

The current nuclear renaissance started...new nuclear power station in...a new plant at Flamanville...1990s following accidents at (...)

Environment

Sweden lifts ban on nuclear power

guardian.co.uk, Thursday February 5 2009
Terry Macalister

Nuclear power received a significant boost today when the Swedish government announced plans to overturn a near 30-year ban on atomic plants as part of a new drive to increase energy security and combat global warming. Ministers said they would present a bill on 17 March which would allow the construction of nuclear reactors on existing sites and introduce a new carbon tax as

Nuclear power received a...on atomic plants as part...Mile Island accident in (...)

Environment

Nuclear industry claims it is now 'sexy' but admits to rising costs

The Guardian, Friday December 5 2008
Terry Macalister

Widespread doubts about the ability of nuclear power companies to bring a new generation of reactors on stream at the right time and on budget were raised yesterday within an industry that the UK government is relying on to meet its climate change and energy security goals. EDF, the French power company that has positioned itself as a leading player in the market, admitted tha

(...)ability of nuclear power companies to...other new plant under construction...Mile Island accident had (...)

Business

Plant delays and overspend harm the cause of nuclear cheerleaders

guardian.co.uk, Thursday December 4 2008
Terry Macalister, industrial correspondent

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(...)ability of nuclear power to bring...other new plant under construction...just one accident and (...)

Media

The great showdown

The Guardian, Thursday October 30 2008
Jonathan Freedland

The oracle told us that Barack Obama would eventually defeat Hillary Clinton and win the Democratic nomination for president of the United States. But what does the oracle predict for next Tuesday? Can it tell us what the whole world wants to know: who will win the race for the White House? The oracle is, of course, the astonishingly prophetic sixth and seventh series of The

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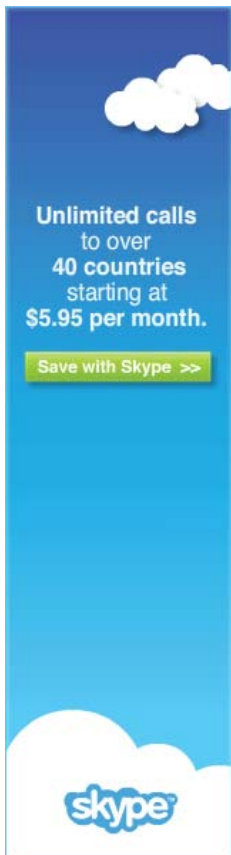
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