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U.N. synthesis climate report ready to publish

'Warming ... is unequivocal,' is among wording agreed to by delegates

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Former Vice President Al Gore and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will take part in a bipartisan presidential forum on energy and climate change next month in New Hampshire, shortly ahead of the state's first-in-the-nation primary.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21821879/wid/18298287/>

U.S., others at odds on U.N. climate wording

Using term 'irreversible' to describe impacts becomes one sticking point

VALENCIA, Spain - Delegates at a U.N. climate change conference struggled Thursday to hammer out the text of a scientific report that will guide governments for years to come on their global warming policies.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21818386/wid/18298287/>

Science adviser grilled over altered testimony

He acknowledges seeking changes in CDC view of climate's health effects

WASHINGTON - The president's science adviser said Wednesday that he recommended some changes in global warming testimony by the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention but denied he wanted entire pages cut.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21795734/wid/18298287/>

Climate change panel too slow to react?

Diplomacy and peer reviews make for reports that can lag the science

VALENCIA, Spain - They are seen as the gurus of global warming, and their reports are accepted almost as the gospel of climate science. Esteem for the panel of scientists was immortalized when it shared this year's Nobel Peace prize.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21788174/wid/18298287/>

Call for action issued at first summit of women leaders

Agence France-Presse

NEW YORK -- The first summit of women leaders held in New York Friday and Saturday issued a call for action on global warming, terrorism, poverty and women's security.

http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/breakingnews/world/view_article.php?article_id=101641

Re-Thinking Energy in Homes

By Environmental Defense

Pretty much everything we do requires energy. Over the centuries, we have tapped different energy sources to heat, cool, cook and light up the dark. Fire was one of the earliest one-stop energy sources, as was sunlight. In fact, as early as the 1890s, solar water heaters were used in California. By the 1920s, though solar systems had spread to Arizona and Florida, low-cost oil and natural gas systems edged solar out.

<http://green.msn.com/Articles/article.aspx?aid=124>

Can You Live Without a Car?

By Jacob Gordon of TreeHugger.com

If New York decides to add a congestion charge for entering in downtown areas during peak hours, a pedicab may be the alternative to getting around the city.

<http://autos.msn.com/advice/article.aspx?contentid=4024863&topart=msngreen>

Enertia: The Electric Motorcycle

By Paul Seredynski

This plug-in two-wheeler has a driving range of about 50 miles and a 0-30 mph time of 3.8 seconds.<http://autos.msn.com/advice/article.aspx?contentid=4024869&topart=msngreen>

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The Science of Global Warming: Cars

By Environmental Defense

Ever since Henry Ford turned cars into must-have items, automobiles and America have been intertwined. But the road from Ford's Model Ts to today's cars has been bumpy and uneven.

<http://green.msn.com/Articles/article.aspx?aid=123>

What would Jesus drive?

By Philipp Harper

What should religion do about global warming? So, just what would history's most famous Nazarene drive if he were alive today?

<http://green.msn.com/Articles/article.aspx?aid=139>

World's Fastest Train You Can Ride Dumps Energy like a Prius

By Alex Hutchinson

The Series N700 is billed by Japan Railways as the world's fastest bullet train in service (France's faster TGV train has been used only to break speed records), with a top speed of 186 mph.

<http://men.msn.com/greenarticlepm.aspx?cp-documentid=5444430>

Five Breakthrough Energy Technologies

By Kristin Roth; Illustrations by Flying-Chilli.com

With the outlook for oil uncertain, it's time for new ideas. Here are five emerging technologies--from buoys that harness the power of waves to bacteria that extract electricity from wastewater.

<http://men.msn.com/greenarticlepm.aspx?cp-documentid=702606>

How to Run a Green Office

By Narasu Rebbapragada, PC World

Going green is a hot business trend. Here are practical ways to conserve. Chances are, you're not ready to compost in the office kitchen or turn off all the lights. "Greening" your computing equipment, though, is a low-risk way for your business to not only help the environment but also reduce costs. It's also one of the hottest trends in business today.

<http://tech.msn.com/guides/green/articlepcw.aspx?cp-documentid=5352853>

Breast Cancer and Your Environment

By Francesca Lyman for MSN Health & Fitness

There may be no two scarier words for women than breast cancer. The most common invasive malignancy among women around the world, breast cancer's rates during the last several decades have nearly tripled in the United States. Today, this cancer is the leading cause of death in U.S. women in the prime of their lives—between their late 30s and early 50s.

<http://health.msn.com/general/greenarticlepage.aspx?cp-documentid=100170477>

U.S. Military to Use Cooking Oil to Fuel Guantanamo Base

By Eliza Barclay, Nomad

Following in these eco-savvy footsteps, the U.S. Navy has bought itself a biodiesel processor to clean used cooking oil from Guantanamo Base and mix it with diesel fuel to produce a biodiesel blend. Currently, the base produces about 1,500 gallons (5,680 litres) of used cooking oil a month in its galleys, restaurants and home kitchens. That oil was being poured directly into a landfill.

http://www.treehugger.com/files/2007/11/us_military_to.php

Bold Plan to Make New York a World Model of Green

New York, America's oldest big city, is constantly reinventing itself. Here, millions of people raise families and build careers. It's a top destination for tourists and immigrants and a world cultural and financial center. It can also lead the way to a greener future — and continue being a vibrant metropolis.

<http://www.environmentaldefense.org/page.cfm?tagID=1239CongestionPricing>

Congestion Pricing

A smart solution for reducing traffic in urban centers and busy corridors. The idea of congestion pricing is simple: Use price to signal when drivers should consider taking mass transit, reschedule their trip or pay a higher fee for driving. An electronically-collected toll system charges drivers more to use the most congested roads at the most congested times. Like airline ticket prices, prices can be cheaper at off-peak times.

<http://www.environmentaldefense.org/page.cfm?tagID=6241>

Doctors Concerned About Clean Air

As physicians, health care professionals and public health researchers who work in the New York metropolitan area, we are writing to highlight the urgent need to reduce New Yorkers' exposure to the air pollution created by traffic.

<http://www.environmentaldefense.org/pressrelease.cfm?contentID=7316>

By Stop Global Warming

StopGlobalWarming.org is the home of the Stop Global Warming Virtual March, a non-political effort to bring people together to declare that global warming is here now and that it is time to demand real solutions. Global warming is a scientific reality and the most urgent issue of our time. This online grassroots movement is about change – as individuals, as a country, and as a global community. We are all contributors to global warming and must all be part of the solution.

<http://stopglobalwarming.org>

Arroyo to press environment issues

By Norman Bordadora, Inquirer

SINGAPORE -- PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO is expected to follow up in Singapore environmental issues concerning Southeast Asia, including the need for renewable sources of energy and the conservation of coastal and marine ecosystems.

http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/inquirerheadlines/nation/view_article.php?article_id=101556

Asian leaders aim for green region, promote nuclear energy

Agence France-Presse

SINGAPORE--Asian leaders from 16 countries will pledge to increase the region's forest cover by 2020 and promote the use of nuclear energy during their annual summit here next week.

An Idea Whose Time Has Come

Sylvia L. Mayuga , INQUIRER.net

Ecologists old and new believe that 'all things are connected.' Cyber entrepreneurs, overnight multi-millionaires among them, are making mind-boggling profit from 'connectivity' and 'convergence.' A whole generation cutting across all social classes conducts its life on cellphones; networks, flirts, drinks and games in cyber cafés worldwide
<http://www.inquirer.net/specialfeatures/theenvironmentreport/view.php?db=1&article=20071118-101576>

ADB executive calls for private sector action on climate change

By Alex Villafania, INQUIRER.net

AN EXECUTIVE from the Asian Development Bank said that an Asia-wide action to alleviate the effects of climate change is not only an obligation but also a moral imperative.

<http://inquirerbloggers.net/insidescience/2007/11/09/adb-executive-calls-for-private-sector-action-on-climate-change/>

Environment group calls for passing of renewable energy bill

By Alex Villafania, INQUIRER.net

GREENPEACE is calling for the Senate to pass the Renewable Energy Bill in an effort to fend off the effects of climate change.

<http://inquirerbloggers.net/insidescience/category/environment/>

Smart gets into 'green emission'

By Alex Villafania, INQUIRER.net

MOBILE communications firm Smart Communications recently joined the Philippine Greenhouse Gas Accounting and Reporting Program (PHILGARP) in an effort to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases among large companies in the Philippines.

<http://inquirerbloggers.net/insidescience/category/environment/>

RP finishes 11th in the Solar Challenge category

By Alex Villafania, INQUIRER.net

TEAM Sinag has finished 11th out of the 21 participants in the Challenge category of the Panasonic World Solar Challenge (WSC) in Australia.

<http://inquirerbloggers.net/insidescience/category/alternative-fuels/>

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WWF honors 'green' firms

MANILA, Philippines -- A village and a solar panel manufacturer are taking steps to measure their carbon footprints. A company is slowly shifting to rice husks to produce cement. A bank is implementing a policy not to grant loans to polluting firms.

<http://www.inquirer.net/specialfeatures/thegoodnews/view.php?db=1&article=20071106-99103>

Finetuning for energy efficiency and conservation

By Amado de Jesus

Inquirer

MANILA, Philippines—Many buildings waste a lot of energy mainly through inefficient lighting, badly maintained air conditioning, prolonged use of equipment and lights left on when not in use.

<http://supplements.inquirer.net/propertyguide/main.php?content=building021>

Zubiri calls for passage of renewable energy bill

By Felipe V. Celino

Visayas Bureau

ROXAS CITY, Philippines -- Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri said the Senate will need to prioritize the passage of the Renewable Energy Bill as part of the long-term solution to the oil price crisis now experienced worldwide.

http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/breakingnews/metro/view_article.php?article_id=100150

Clean Air 101

By Marcos de Guzman Jr.

Inquirer

GREEN architecture advocate Robert Mirafuente and I recently had a discussion on the advantages of a naturally ventilated house over one that's centrally air-conditioned. There are many benefits to buildings designed with natural ventilation. Air-conditioning has become standard in the city, where the air is not at all clean. The prime reason is the great comfort cool temperature brings. But a second, equally important reason is that it keeps unclean air out.

http://globalnation.inquirer.net/propertyfocus/propertyfocus/view_article.php?article_id=98966

The most energy-efficient buildings in Asean, 2007 (Part II)

By Amado de Jesus

Inquirer

SINGAPORE AND MYANMAR GARNERED the top awards in the Retrofitted and Tropical building categories, respectively, in the recently concluded Asean Energy Awards. The Asean Energy Awards is Southeast Asia's most prestigious annual awards program that recognizes outstanding works in the field of energy. Its aim is to provide international prominence and recognition to outstanding companies and individuals who consciously apply the concepts, systems and technologies of energy efficiency and conservation.

http://globalnation.inquirer.net/propertyfocus/propertyfocus/view_article.php?article_id=91060