Why I wrote the 'ESN book' part two

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1. Thirty years on: where do we go from here? a) High quality education for all It is to that wider war, a war whose slogan and rallying cry, I suggest, should be "high quality education for all", that all should address their minds, and focus their organising energies to achieve. It is my belief, backed up by recent relevant research from the US, that a successful assault on (...)societal "resources" as status and power within the society; and to...their factories, ports, railways, power plants; in fact, virtually their (...)

Kicking the carbon habit

The Guardian, Thursday February 3 2005

Justin McCurry

The Kyoto international conference hall is deserted now, with the events of December 1997 a surreal memory. For several days that month this architectural nightmare from the 1970s was the setting for the most concerted attempt yet to save the planet from self-asphyxiation. In the critical final 48 hours of the UN summit on climate change, exhausted government delegates fought

Deal allows Irish to check on Sellafield

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David Hencke, Westminster correspondent

Britain and Ireland have signed an agreement aimed at ending hostility over the nuclear dangers and environmental pollution from Sellafield power station and its reprocessing plant. The deal will allow Ireland's police and its environmental protection body, the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland (RPII) regular access to the nuclear plant. Britain and Ireland will

Yesterday in parliament

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Press Association

Burglars The prime minister indicated support for greater self-defence powers for householders against burglars. Challenged by the Tory leader, Michael Howard, Tony Blair said it was worth looking at whether the law needed clarifying. It was important to send a "very, very clear signal to people that we are on the side of the victim, not the offender". Iraq Mr Blair (...)
Hugo Young memorial lecture: part two

Phil Stephens

The present For me, though, the big question is why even those governments which have recognised that Britain cannot escape its European destiny - including, as I have said, the present one - always seem over time to retreat from their initial resolve. Think of John Major’s “Heart of Europe” speech back in 1991, or Tony Blair’s frequent promises to end once and for all (...) World news

How I survived Chernobyl

Vivienne Parry

On April 25 1986, 24-year-old Sasha Yuvchenko clocked on as usual for the night shift at the Chernobyl power plant in northern Ukraine. It was a beautiful evening, particularly warm and clear, and Yuvchenko, an engineer-mechanic, and his workmates were full of their plans for the upcoming May Day holidays. At home, his wife, Natasha, was still up with their fretful (...) Environment

Fatal accidents damage Japan’s nuclear dream

Eric Johnston in Mihama

On the coast of the Japan Sea, two and a half hours by train from Kyoto, is the quiet fishing village of Mihama. Noted for its harbour and beautiful beaches, it draws tourists from all over the country. When told by local television crews that the white buildings on the other side of the harbour house a nuclear power plant, and that an accident there killed four people this month, some holidaymakers (...) Environment

Nuclear plants shut in Japan

Justin McCurry in Tokyo

Japan’s second largest power company is to close all 11 of its nuclear reactors to carry out urgent safety checks after an accident at one of its plants on Monday in which four workers died and seven others were injured. Kansai Electric Power said the closures would not affect power supplies, but admitted it would have to restart two ageing oil-fired plants to make up the exp (...) Environment

An ill wind blows for turbines

As usual, an elegant article from George Monbiot, the first two-thirds of which I agree with (Goodbye, kind world, August 10). In the third section I find some problems. My argument in the Daily Mail was based on the past record of natural climatic change and questioned how a rise in the tiny amount of carbon dioxide that is in the atmosphere could have such a drastic effect (...) Environment

What they said about ...

Jenny Kleeman

Four workers were killed and seven others were injured on Monday in Japan's most deadly nuclear power plant accident. Officials insisted that no radiation escaped when steam leaked from cooling pipes at the Mihama plant in Fukui prefecture, but the plant's owner faced criticism after it was revealed the pipes had not been inspected since 1998. Japan Today put the incident i (...) Environment