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Art and design

Sun, sand - and a nuclear reactor

 The Guardian, Tuesday October 14 2008
 Steve Rose

Reg, a retired daytripper from Southend, is looking at Sizewell B, Britain's newest and best-looking nuclear power station. "It's not that bad, as power stations go," he says. "After all, St Paul's Cathedral has got a dome on it as well, hasn't it? I've seen much worse around London, and you've got to have power, haven't you?" Reg's reaction is fairly typical of passers-by -

(...)best-looking nuclear power station. "It...nuclear power plants. With the...of an accident, but (...)

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Brown goes nuclear

 guardian.co.uk, Saturday September 20 2008
 David Lowry

The problem with the Labour government is not the unpopularity of Gordon Brown, as measured by successive opinion polls, but the policies being pursued. Let me take one important example. Last Wednesday Gordon Brown held his monthly prime-ministerial press conference. The reports by the Guardian's current and former political editors ("Producers may pass on cost of energy (...)

(...)to praise nuclear power. He said...improbable and plants are well...the Chernobyl accident should (...)

Business

How to get a merger on the road

 guardian.co.uk, Wednesday September 3 2008
 David Gow

"I'm pleased we are not in an Alcatel-Lucent situation," laughs Francois Bertreau, the chief executive of French transport and logistics group Norbert Dentressangle (GND), in his first British interview since masterminding the integration of venerable UK rival Christian Salvesen (CS), bought for £254m last October. He became the chief executive on July 24 and has ambitious plans.

World news

US election: Full text of Joe Biden's speech in Denver

guardian.co.uk, Thursday August 28 2008

Beau, I love you. I am so proud of you. Proud of the son you are. Proud of the father you've become. And I'm so proud of my son Hunter, my daughter Ashley, and my wife Jill, the only one who leaves me breathless and speechless at the same time. It is an honour to share this stage tonight with President Clinton. And last night, it was moving to watch Hillary, one of the great

(...)so I could walk down that street the next day. After the accident, she told me, "Joey, God sends no cross you cannot bear." (...)

Business

Role of energy giants in UK

The Guardian, Saturday July 26 2008
 Angelique Chrisafis

The problems inside France's nuclear industry could not come at a worse time for Britain. They may be "anomalies", as some say, but they raise questions about the safety and efficiency of the giants Électricité de France (EDF) and Areva, entirely or largely state-owned. EDF is in a row over 100 staff at the Tricastin plant being irradiated, but is also wrapping

(...)France's nuclear industry could...the Tricastin plant being irradiated...to nuclear power, on the...have had accidents and (...)

Environment

'It feels like a sci-fi film' - accidents tarnish nuclear dream

The Guardian, Friday July 25 2008

Sylvie Eymard's Provence farmhouse kitchen should be the picture of French rural calm. But the stockpiles of bottled water, disinfectant rinse and disposable paper plates hint at something strange. For the past two weeks, Eymard, 41, and her children, 13 and seven, have had a phobia of taps. To wash up, they go out to the yard and fill a bowl from a specially delivered plastic

(...)site, a nuclear power plant run by...month an accident at (...)

Environment

French nuclear firm admits uranium leaks at two plants

The Guardian, Saturday July 19 2008
 Angelique Chrisafis in Paris

The French nuclear giant Areva yesterday confirmed there was a radioactive leak from a broken pipe at a nuclear fuel plant in south-eastern France, a week after a uranium spill at another of its plants polluted the local water supply. The latest incident comes as an embarrassment to the French government as it struggles to contain environmentalists' anger and reassure residen

The French nuclear giant Areva...nuclear fuel plant in south...from nuclear power. The newly...of nuclear accidents. The (...)

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All aboard the nuclear power superjet. Just don't ask about the landing strip

The Guardian, Thursday July 17 2008
 Ulrich Beck

Are we witnessing the beginning of a real-life satire, at once amusing and terrifying? Its theme is the smothering of the nuclear power risk by catastrophic climate change and the oil crisis. At the G8 meeting in Hokkaido last week the US president, George Bush, reiterated his plea for the construction of new nuclear energy plants. At the start of this week, Gordon Brown, (...)

(...)smothering of the nuclear power risk by catastrophic...new nuclear energy plants. At the (...)

Business

Amec group wins Sellafield contract

The Guardian, Saturday July 12 2008
 Mark Milner, industrial editor

A consortium including UK engineer Amec has been chosen as the preferred bidder for the contract to run the Sellafield nuclear facility in Cumbria, including the Thorp and Mox reprocessing plants. The Nuclear Management Partners consortium, which also consists of URS Washington Division and France's Areva, will now start detailed negotiations over an initial £5bn, five-y

(...)the Sellafield nuclear facility in...Mox reprocessing plants. The Nuclear...former nuclear power stations at...out any accidents on (...)

Environment

River use banned after French uranium leak

The Guardian, Thursday July 10 2008
 Angelique Chrisafis in Paris

Residents in the Vaucluse, a popular southern French tourist destination, were banned yesterday from drinking well-water or swimming or fishing in two rivers after a uranium leak from one of France's nuclear power plants. Nuclear officials yesterday revised down the amount of untreated liquid uranium that spilled from the Tricastin nuclear power centre in Bollène, saying it w

(...)France's nuclear power plants. Nuclear officials...of nuclear accidents. But (...)

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