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From Boulder & Colorado:

Post: Op Ed: Ruzzin: Control Emissions Locally

http://www.swenergy.org/media/op2004_1222.pdf

Submitted by Howard Geller.

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Calendar:

CESC: Golden: Home Sealing & Energy Analysis Workshop. 1/8.

ENERGY STAR Home Sealing and Energy Analysis Course, 9 am to 2 pm
Colorado Energy Science Center (CESC) offers an informative workshop for homeowners. The workshop will include an air sealing demonstration, self-audit tools, a heating system replacement analysis, and a free energy bill analysis. CESC has developed an Energy Bill Analysis tool so that a homeowner will know exactly where their home stands on a scale of energy efficiency

http://www.energyscience.org/homeowners/workshops/analysis_homesealing.htm

**Help Defend & Implement A 37 With Environment Colorado
Denver. 1/12.**

6:30 - 8 PM.

Unfortunately, the opponents of clean energy have vowed to fight to weaken the measure. In fact Intermountain Rural Electric Association has already publicly announced their plans to run an election in the Spring of 2005 to opt-out of the measure. Help Colorado get the clean energy, clean air and rural economic development that we deserve.

Please join Coloradans for Clean Energy, including Environment Colorado,s Energy Team on Wednesday, January 12th from 6:30-8pm to discuss how best to defend and implement 37. You can attend in person or call-in. Please RSVP by emailing sbonin@environmentcolorado.org. The in-person meeting will be held in Environment Colorado,s office at 1536 Wynkoop, Denver CO. The call-in number is 775-478-0000, passcode 573-5121.

P3 Colorado: Implementing Sustainability. 1/26. 6:30 PM.

Boulder.

"Kick off the new year with a workshop designed to help you direct your business and/or personal life closer to a sustainable model. Facilitated by Susan Skjei, Director of Naropa University's Authentic Leadership program..."

<http://p3colorado.org/events/eventShowDetail.jsp?inx=8>

CESC: Golden: The New Ecological Home. 1/29.

9am to 4pm

Renowned environmental and sustainability author Dan Chiras has just published The New Ecological Home. Real Goods magazine calls it

“carefully researched, comprehensive and an engaging read. This is a great one!” A complete range of green building topics will be covered, including green building materials, design considerations, passive solar heating and passive cooling and even water usage and landscaping.

http://www.energyscience.org/homeowners/workshops/ecological_home.htm

Colorado Sustainability Summit. CU. 2/3 - 2/4.

Boulder. CU Environmental Center. \$70 for non-students.

Forging Solutions at Colleges and Universities.

http://www.colorado.edu/ecenter/greening_cu/css2005/index.html

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Part of the summit, but you can attend just this keynote:
Thursday, 3/3. 7:00pm. UMC Glenn Miller Ballroom.
Tickets \$10 at Boulder Theatre Box Office.

A New Conceptual Framework for Sustainability and Higher Education
William McDonough

(I've read his excellent book "Cradle to Cradle," read several articles and have wanted to hear him speak. I will be there. Ken).

BGBG: Daylighting. Boulder. 2/16

11:30 - 1:30.

http://www.bgbg.org/event_registration011905.htm

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From Elsewhere:

World PV Manufacturing up 47% to 990 MW in 2004

This article is really about Sunpower doubling its PV manufacturing...but so many companies have done this in the last year that it probably would not merit inclusion in BREEE News.

However the third paragraph has the first reports for 2004 total PV shipments:

"According to Strategies Unlimited, a leading independent market research firm, industry shipments are projected to have increased by 47 percent to more than 990 MW in 2004 and have grown on average by more than 40 percent annually over the past five years."

http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/altavista/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20041214005314&newsLang=en

Submitted by Ken.

Ducks Unlimited Survey of US on Environment

"Our sense is that a disconnect exists in the hearts and minds of most Americans, who care deeply about the environment yet are unsure how to translate that care into action,' says Don Young, DU's Vice President."

http://ducks.org/news/du_study_environment.asp

Submitted by Ken.

Report: Solar Saves Homeowners & Ratepayers Money

"The report also details the benefits to all Californians of developing solar power - reduced air pollution, consumer protection from volatile electricity prices, reduced dependence on imported natural gas, and a reduced need for expensive upgrades to electric transmission and distribution systems. Incentive programs such as rebates and net metering compensate owners of solar homes for the benefits they bring to the state as a whole."

News Release, Summary & Report (download 414 kB)

<http://environmentcalifornia.org/envirocalifenergy.asp?id2=15123&id3=CEnergy&http://environmentcalifornia.org/envirocalifenergy.asp?id2=15122&id3=CEnergy&http://environmentcalifornia.org/reports/economicssolarhomes.pdf>

Submitted by Morey Wolfson.

Clean Energy Experts Reply to NCEP

"An organization composed of twelve clean energy leaders who each have over 25 years in the field, labeled the recently-released study by the National Commission on Energy Policy as a 'well-intentioned but misguided attempt to balance US climate change emissions goals with reliance primarily on traditional energy resources.'"

<http://www.cleandedge.com/story.php?nID=3338>

Submitted by Ken.

Real Climate Response to Michael Crichton's Work of Fiction

"In a departure from normal practice on this site, this post is a commentary on a piece of out-and-out fiction (unlike most of the other posts which deal with a more subtle kind). Michael Crichton's new novel 'State of Fear'..."

<http://www.realclimate.org/index.php?p=74#more-74>

Submitted by Ken.

Uncertainty, Risk, and Global Climate Change

" By 2050 heatwaves like that of 2003, which killed 15,000 in Europe and pushed British temperatures above 38C (100F) for the first time, will seem 'unusually cool', the Hadley Centre for Climate Change says. "

Guardian article and the brochure (Large 2.2 MB download).

http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,,1373013,00.html

<http://www.metoffice.com/research/hadleycentre/pubs/brochures/B2004/global.pdf>

Submitted by Ken.

Educational DVD: Your Solar Home

Close-up video and animations clearly describe use of solar in a home. Check out the Quicktime samples.

<http://www.rahus.org/products.html>

Submitted by Ken.

Christian Science Monitor: New Coal Plants Bury Kyoto

"The official treaty to curb greenhouse-gas emissions hasn't gone into effect yet and already three countries are planning to build nearly 850 new coal-fired plants, which would pump up to five times as much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere as the Kyoto Protocol aims to reduce."

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2004/1223/p01s04-sten.html/>

Submitted by Alison Burchell.

Appliance Efficiency Standards Rulemaking in California

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/index.html>

Submitted by Ken.

Journalistic Balance on Global Warming

Creating Controversy Where Science Finds Consensus

"A new study has found that when it comes to U.S. media coverage of global warming, superficial balance—telling "both" sides of the story—can actually be a form of informational bias. Despite the consistent assertions of the United Nations-sponsored Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that human activities have had a "discernible" influence on the global climate and that global warming is a serious problem that must be addressed immediately, "he said/she said" reporting has allowed a small group of global warming skeptics to have their views greatly amplified."

<http://www.fair.org/extra/0411/global-warming.html>

Submitted by Ken.

Bush Left in Cold by Climate Allies

"George Bush's two closest allies in his attempt to sabotage international action to combat global warning last week dramatically distanced themselves from him.

Saudi Arabia announced that it had approved the Kyoto Protocol, the treaty on climate change which President Bush has been trying to kill. And Australia, while still rejecting it, parted company from the United States by saying that it was prepared to negotiate its successor."

<http://www.climateark.org/articles/reader.asp?linkid=37630>

Submitted by Ken.

(This is the end of BREEE News)
