

SOMETHING HAPPENED TO OUR PLANET

Something happened to our planet, and it was us. The upshot is that it is getting insane. People yammer about how hot it is currently in Phoenix. It has always been thus, but it no longer



cools off at night. The high temperatures are not the problem so much as the the overall heating. Including that the cool off at night no longer happens.

Climate change and heat sinking.

But, together, they really do matter. A lot. Both can be minimized if humans are not stupid. Do not count on that happening. Because humans are stupid.

But the kids today, and their kids, will make the future. They can make a difference in their own schools and communities. Starting now.

This is book for kids. But a really helpful, and useful, one.

Many, if not most, of the people that frequent here won't be around in fifty years to see how it all goes, but you can school up those next generations. This book can help. It is a great starting point.

As an adviso, the author is a friend and relative of mine. But I would not recommend it if I did not truly believe in her and her work.

THE INTELLIGENCE GAPS WHERE THE SAUDIS HID THEIR OCTOBER SURPRISE

A NYT piece on how the Biden Administration falsely believed Saudi Arabia had made a deal to increase oil production seems to suggest that belief was wishful thinking. But it also seems to require pretty major intelligence gaps.

OTHER POSSIBLE CLASSIFIED MATERIALS IN TRUMP'S SAFE

Is it possible there were crimes still in progress at the time Trump left office, ones which might be outlined in classified documents Trump held at Mar-a-Lago? Is one of them a war crime?

THREE THINGS: DEAD, DEADER, DEADEST

There's a heck of a lot of death and dying related to Russia and the invasion of Ukraine. Not all of it is on the battlefield; some death needs to be encouraged, like death to fossil fuels.

THREE THINGS: UKRAINE, UKRAINE, UKRAINE

We all should have and could have seen the current tensions over Ukraine coming. It's a bigger surprise that tensions didn't increase earlier.

THREE THINGS: POURING CEMENT DOWN THE WELLS

There's no going back to the toxic avoidance of disruption. Change has come whether we like it or not – fossil fuel industries are finally feeling it.

MINORITY REPORT: UKRAINE AS BUGBEAR

Ukraine and NATO figured large, and the future of energy figured even larger in the run-up to and the outcome of 2016 U.S. general election. It looks as if Ukraine may play an outsized role in 2020.

SOMETHING SMELLS — AND IT'S NOT BURNING OIL

Things don't add up when looking at images of the aftermath from this weekend's attack on Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq oil processing facility.

LIGHT CYCLES

In 8 minutes, 18 seconds light travels from the sun to Earth. In that time, roughly 25 million in national debt accrues. Somewhere around 157,806 tonnes of CO₂ is released into the atmosphere. 113,046 years of global human experience goes by in 8 minutes, 18 seconds. Around 900 people die – a Jonestown Tragedy, if such a thing could be a unit.

THE CURIOUS TIMING OF KUSHNER'S VISIT TO KSA AND THE U.S.' EITI EXIT

Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner – he of the shaky memory and a massive debt in need of refinancing – met with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman within the week the US withdrew from an anti-corruption effort and Saudi Arabia cracked down on corruption. What curious timing.