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Weather Channel Cofounder: Gore Shares Blame for Rise in Gasoline Prices

There is a direct connection between the frenzy about global warming and four-dollar-a-gallon gasoline, according to John Coleman, a weathercaster at KUSI-TV in San Diego and cofounder of the Weather Channel.

“What an amazing fraud; what a scam,” Coleman recently told the San Diego Chamber of Commerce. “There is no significant man-made warming. There has not been any in the past, there is none now and there is no reason to fear any in the future.”

Coleman noted that climate is changing, but asserts that mankind’s activities have not overwhelmed or even significantly modified natural forces.

Natural warming has been mostly due to sun spot activity, he said. “That ended in 1998 and now...global temperatures have gone into decline,” Coleman added. “Earth has cooled for almost ten straight years.”

Indeed, Professor Oleg Sorokhtin of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences was quoted in the *Washington Examiner* advising people to “stock up on fur coats,” in light of new data showing that ocean temperatures have been decreasing since 2003 and NASA data showing that worldwide temperatures have dropped enough to wipe out most global warming in the past 100 years.

Are Markets Great or What?—Bugs Eat Waste; Excrete Oil

Imported oil may soon be obsolete if a Silicon Valley software executive, Greg Pal, has anything to say about it. Pal told the *TimesOnline*, “this is the one hot area everyone wants to get into. It’s a brave new world.”

He’s referring to genetically altered bugs, very small ones, that feed on agricultural waste such as woodchips or wheat straw and excrete crude oil (the *TimesOnline* photo below is of Mr. Pal holding a beaker of excreted oil).

Pal says the first fill-up using “renewable petroleum” may be only a month away. In addition, he says the oil is not only renewable but also carbon negative.

“All of us here—in this company and this industry—are keenly aware of the urgency,” he said.



Klaus Challenges Gore to Climate Debate

While in Washington, D.C. to release his new book, President of the Czech Republic Václav Klaus told a National Press Club audience that he’s ready to debate former Vice President Al Gore about global warming.



“I many times have tried to have a public exchange of views with him,” said Klaus, who also is a Distinguished Leader at the NCPA, “and he’s not too much willing to make such a conversation.”

His book is entitled “*Blue Planet in Green Shackles—What Is Endangered: Climate or Freedom.*” His reply to the question is quick and decisive. “My answer is it is our freedom and, I might add, our prosperity.”

Klaus advocates free market responses to environmental concerns as opposed to unrealistic regulations and economically crippling caps on greenhouse gas emissions.