



## DrumBeat: November 20, 2006

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### [Motorists face new costs for highways](#)

Frustration over traffic gridlock and inadequate gasoline-tax funds are prompting state and local governments to try alternative ways to finance road building.

Oregon is charging some motorists a road-user fee based on miles traveled instead of the state gas tax. Georgia is considering replacing its state gas tax with a 1% statewide sales tax dedicated to road and transit projects. New Jersey is looking at converting more freeways into toll roads.

### [The Community Solution/Richard Heinberg Energy Use Survey](#)

The Community Solution (Pat Murphy and Megan Quinn) along with Richard Heinberg need your help! The Community Solution, producers of *The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil*, and Richard Heinberg, author of *The Party's Over* and *PowerDown*, are performing a market study based on energy conservation. We are researching a new service that makes it easier to conserve energy.

We feel this survey is vital work towards improving The Community Solution's conservation plan, "Plan C." Your response on the survey helps us greatly because we value your input. It takes less than five minutes and allows your voice to be heard while preserving your anonymity. Please, take just a few minutes to follow the [link](#) to the survey and fill it out.

You'll be helping us make a difference. We'll be sure to publish the survey results so everyone can see what our next steps will be.

Thank you for participating! Very truly yours,

Pat Murphy, Executive Director  
Megan Quinn, Outreach Director

### [Does \*The Oil Drum\* threaten CERA's market share?](#)

CERA is a profit-making business that sells its consulting services and specialized reports to a narrow, well-heeled audience. Why would it care about the pronouncements of a relatively small band of peak oil Internet vigilantes, some mostly retired oil company geologists, a few energy analysts and some concerned citizens who still constitute only the tiniest fraction of the public? The answer could lie in the accessibility, credibility and packaging of their message, a message that can be examined in detail for free by anyone (including CERA clients) at The Oil Drum, Energy Bulletin, The Oil Depletion Analysis Center, the Association for the Study of Peak Oil & Gas, and myriad other places.

### [OPEC should wait before studying output cut: Barkindo](#)

TEHRAN (AFP) - Acting OPEC secretary general Mohammed Barkindo has said that the cartel will have to wait several weeks before examining a new production cut to support oil prices.

"The market is wrong about the OPEC commitment, we should wait at least for one month to assess the impact of the OPEC decision," he told reporters on the sidelines of an oil and gas conference in Tehran.

### [Gas prices on the rise again, analyst reports](#)

Gas prices are on the rise again, just as Americans hit the highways for Thanksgiving.

### [Polish gas monopoly signs new gas deal](#)

WARSAW, Poland - Poland's oil and natural gas monopoly has signed a three-year gas deal with a Russian-Ukrainian gas supplier, even as Warsaw looks to diversify its energy supplies.

### [A peril that dwelt among the Navajos](#)

During the Cold War, uranium mines left contaminated waste scattered around the Indians. Homes built with the material silently pulsed with radiation. People developed cancer. And the U.S. did little.

### [Energy Descent Scenarios: Integrating Climate Change & Peak Oil](#)

### [Why will Oil Prices Fall?](#)

The world's oil supply is expanding. It is possible to meet increase in global demand

comfortably with new reserves and new technologies. For example, the newly discovered oil reserves in the Gulf of Mexico that may contain 3-15 billion barrels will relieve production demands.

### [Why Being An Oil Bull Continues To Make Sense](#)

When we last visited the oil patch, we found the arguments against higher oil prices lacking. It remains our view that demand for oil is rising at a faster pace than supplies of oil, and that the imbalance will be solved through the price mechanism. We don't think the correction is even close to done.

### [Space sunshade might be feasible in global warming emergency](#)

[A Sunnier Forecast for Solar Energy](#): Still Small, Industry Adds Capacity and Jobs to Compete With Utilities.

### [Four Steps To Energy Independence](#)

Americans have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to dramatically shift the direction of our nation's energy policy by demanding that candidates support policies to reduce our reliance on oil, increase renewable energy, promote conservation and dramatically increase investments in the energy-saving and renewable energy technologies.

### [Ten Year Moratorium on all Immigration](#)

We need to create jobs for 14 million of our unemployed Americans. We need to solve our 1.5 million homeless peoples' problems. We've got to deal with 13 million of our children living below the poverty level. We must solve our energy crisis as we exceed our ability to produce enough oil and gas for our own citizens.



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