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And, now, a green E85 Hummer...



..from this morning's (4-7-08) NYTimes Paul Krugman column "Grains gone Wild"

"The subsidized conversion of crops into fuel was supposed to promote energy independence and help limit global warming. But this promise was, as Time magazine bluntly put it, a "scam."

This is especially true of corn ethanol: even on optimistic estimates, producing a gallon of ethanol from corn uses most of the energy the gallon contains. But it turns out that even seemingly "good" biofuel policies, like Brazil's use of ethanol from sugar cane, accelerate the pace of climate change by promoting deforestation.

And meanwhile, land used to grow biofuel feedstock is land not available to grow food, so subsidies to biofuels are a major factor in the food crisis. You might put it this way: people are starving in Africa so that American politicians can court votes in farm states."

full column is at

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/07/opinion/07krugman.html?ref=opinion>

Weds April 9 Energy seminar and Energy Social in its new location:

Woods Energy Seminar
Spring Quarter, Wednesdays 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Building 420 Room 40

April 9: Prof. Anthony Kavscek, Energy Resources Engineering Department, Stanford University*
CO2 Sequestration: What Have We Found? What Should Future Priorities Be?

Followed by an Energy Social

New Location!!

Please join us after the Energy Seminar at Stanford for some refreshments, and a little visiting with students, faculty, and locals from the community who share a common interest in energy.

Where: Y2E2 Red Area "Social Entrance" (1st floor, north wing of the new building)
When: Wednesday, April 9, 2008
Time: 5:30p-7:30p

To help plan refreshments, if you plan to attend please RSVP to judith@maproyalty.com.

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