Top 10 must-see posts for November

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Here’s a rundown of the most read, most popular, most awesome articles on the web. Take a look at what you missed the first time around or check up on an old favorite to see the conversation in the comments. Keep checking out the Lead at www.ecnmag.com [1] and follow us on Twitter @ecnonline [2] for our most up-to-date articles.

1. This “smart” traffic light could cut commutes by 60 percent **[3]**
   By Kasey Panetta, Associate Editor
   By moving away from the traditional traffic-light infrastructure and to a more modern approach, a group of researchers is claiming they can reduce commutes by 40 to 60 percent. By utilizing smart technology, which allows cars to communicate with each other to address each traffic situation instead of using a preprogrammed algorithm, the team has created a new kind of traffic light that works from inside the car.

2. Saudi Arabia's new "tracking" system for women **[4]**
   By Kasey Panetta, Associate Editor
   Reports out of Saudi Arabia are saying when any woman crosses the border, her guardian—usually a husband, father, or brother—will receive a text message notifying him that she has left the country. While the kingdom isn’t known for its women’s rights, critics feel “tagging” women like a dog that wanders astray is way out of bounds and wrong on every level.

3. In defense of the Tesla Model S **[5]**
   By Kasey Panetta, Associate Editor
   When Motor Trend announced an electric car was their pick for Car of the Year, something tells me you could have heard a pin drop in the car world. An *electric* car? They must have rigged the vote. Well, my friends, I hate to break it to you, but Consumer Reports just agreed with Motor Trend, effectively doubling down on the support. The all-electric Tesla S is officially a legitimate vehicle purchase.

4. **Why Android is beating Apple**
   [6]*By Kasey Panetta, Associate Editor*
   [6]It wasn't so long ago the Apple was *the* phone to have. Yes, there were the holdouts who took a dislike to the brand's smartphone monopoly, but for the most part, if you wanted a phone that worked, you took a trip to Steve Jobs land. It seems, however, that the tide is now changing and it was really only a matter of time.

5. **Greatest advertising technique of all time (Hint: Involves urinals)**
   [7]*By Kasey Panetta, Associate Editor*
   [6]Here at ECN, we often talk about alternative energy options. Sometimes it's solar power, other times wind power, and occasionally we dabble in the world of electric cars. But there is one energy option we've been sorely remiss in covering: pee-power.

6. **Scientists look at climate change, the superstorm**
   [8]*By Seth Borenstein, AP Science Writer*
   Once in a century storms in NYC could become a more frequent problem, according to researchers. By looking at various patterns in the weather and climate, scientists have determined it's more likely the storms will occur every three to 20 years.
7. **This watch could save your kid's life**
   [9]*By Kasey Panetta, Associate Editor*

[6]The Leo wristwatch from Guardian Lion wireless won't just tell you what time it is; it's also a phone, GPS locator and –worst case scenario—a 911 panic button. You can set up designated areas for your child and receive a real-time text with their location if the person ventures from that area or route. You can also set up designated no-go areas. It's the new must have for any parent.

8. Do ultracapacitors make wind energy a sustainable option? **[10]**
By Kasey Panetta, Associate Editor
[6]Ultracapacitors could prove to be the solution to the much debated question of how to store energy created by wind turbines. Because wind energy can be inconsistant, there is a challenge of coming up with a space-saving solution for storing the energy so that it can be delivered on a constant level. Breaththroughs in ultracapacitor allow them to be small, but reliable solutions.

9. Why I don't trust cars that think for themselves **[11]**
By Kasey Panetta, Associate Editor
[6]The Autonomous Emergency Steering System in new Nissans will take over steering in emergency situations in which a crash could be avoided when you remove human error from the equation. According to the company, the primary objective is to use the system when braking alone isn't a sufficient means of avoiding a car crash

10. New planet discovered in habitable zone **[12]**
By Chris Wickham, Reuters
A new planet discovered in the Goldilocks Zone, where the sun is not too hot or too cold for human life, has the potential for supporting human life, according to researchers. The planet, called HD 40307g, was discovered along with two other planets.
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