

March was [the 529th straight month hotter](#) than the 20th century average globally. If you're younger than 44, you've never seen a cooler-than-normal month.

LINK: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2023/04/07/earth-warm-march-climate-nino/>

Meanwhile, [the surface of the ocean is now so hot](#) it's broken every record since satellite measurements began.

LINK: <https://www.livescience.com/ocean-surface-temperature-record>

Meanwhile, here's our president, who ran on a climate-conscious agenda, [approving another massive "carbon bomb" fossil fuel project in Alaska](#).

LINK: <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/apr/14/biden-alaska-lng-liquefied-natural-gas-exports>

Flagler County [bans the intentional outdoor release of balloons](#) because they so often end up causing problems for wildlife once they float back down to earth.

It's a small thing, except to the turtle who won't end up with a balloon down its throat starving to death.

LINK: <https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2023/04/11/flagler-county-bans-intentional-release-of-balloons-outdoors/>

Heavy duty trucks, defined mostly as dump trucks, commercial trucks, that sort of thing, make up less than a tenth of vehicles on the road, but contribute over 25% of all emissions. The Environmental Protection Agency is proposing [new, stricter emissions standards for such vehicles](#) which could prevent millions of tons of CO2 from entering the atmosphere annually.

LINK: <https://www.enr.com/articles/56268-epa-proposes-new-heavy-truck-emissions-standards>

Lend your support to a potential new National Wildlife Refuge [in southwest Florida](#), critical panther habitat.

LINK: <https://www.refugeassociation.org/news/2023/3/28/proposed-southwest-florida-fish-and-wildlife-conservation-area-a-partnership-driven-approach>

Speaking of panther's, the new ["Path of the Panther" documentary](#) will be available on Disney+ streaming service beginning April 28.

LINK: <https://www.disneyplusinformer.com/national-geographics-path-of-the-panther-disney-release-date-announced-us/>

Simple steps to lighten your burden on the environment when [shopping at the grocery store](#).

Better still, to the extent you can afford it, buy food at your local farmer's market. You'll be supporting small scale family producers instead of industrial, factory farming, which takes a terrible toll on the environment and animals, not to mention all the CO2 emissions resulting from reshipping that produce, meat and fruit around the world.

LINK: https://www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-adventure/environment/grocery-store-swap-outs/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=OOL%20-%20NL%20-%20Dispatch&utm_content=252457265&_hsmt=252818515&utm_source=hs_email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-iZg2ntx3MglmGkpp3WgBFq9ZUB15Y04vNui4TEV0OwuOBGZCgS8WRxJYciejEL-CU456T9BXgh4Nj1wg_-L-OgxSAoA

What is “desertification?” The process by which fertile land becomes desert, typically as a result of drought, deforestation, or inappropriate agriculture. Scientists prove clear link between [deforestation and local drop in rainfall](#).

LINK: https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/mar/01/scientists-prove-clear-correlation-between-deforestation-and-rainfall-levels?CMP=share_btn_tw

Why does Florida get an “F” for solar power generation. I discuss on my “Welcome to Florida” podcast.

LINK: <https://www.stitcher.com/show/welcome-to-florida/episode/episode-148-solar-power-in-florida-302172976>