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City Farmers Seek Firmer Ground



By: Thomas MacMillan

The answer to creating jobs, improving access to fresh food and to help mitigate climate change could lie in small scale farming, in particular rooftop farming. New York City has “14,000 acres of unused rooftop that has the potential to feed millions” and with a new bill introduced this July for a comprehensive urban agriculture plan, rooftop farming finally has the potential to become a reality.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-farm-grows-in-the-city-1494813900?mg=prod/accounts-wsj>

Exxon Misled the Public on the Risks of Climate Change, a Study Says



By: John Schwartz

Two Harvard researchers, Naomi Oreskes and Geoffrey Supran found after reviewing “nearly 200 documents representing Exxon’s research and its public statements.. that the company ‘misled the public’ about climate change even as its own scientists were recognizing greenhouse gas emissions as a risk to the planet.” Although 80% of Exxon’s research acknowledged climate change, 80% of their statements to the broader public expressed doubt.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/23/climate/exxon-global-warming-science-study.html?mcubz=3>

Tesla Skips Green Bond Label Amid Slow U.S. Issuance

By: Emily Chasan

U.S. companies are hesitant to embrace green bonds, unlike European companies in fear of “being accused of ‘greenwashing,’ or trumping up their commitments to green energy.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-08-16/tesla-skipping-green-bond-label-keeps-fl edgling-market-limited>

Companies Slow Pace of Clean Energy Purchases



By: Kyle Harrison,

Although “global companies are expected to purchase smaller amounts of clean energy this year” some companies are are buying more than ever before. Apple Inc “has lead volumes globally, signing contracts to purchase over 500 megawatts of clean energy in 2017, more than any other corporation in the world”.
<https://about.bnef.com/new-energy-outlook/>

First Tesla Solar Roof Systems Installed On Employee Homes



By Steve Haneley

Tesla is installing new solar roof-system on employee homes to work out the kinks before sending it to market. “The whole point of the solar roof is that it costs less than installing a new roof and adding a conventional rooftop solar system on top of it.” Tesla's solar roof would cost \$42 per square foot, which is less expensive than asphalt shingles, the least expensive roofing currently on the market!

<https://cleantechnica.com/2017/08/04/first-tesl a-solar-roof-systems-installed-employee-homes/>

Making America Polluted Again



by: Paul Krugman

“Trump's true legacy may well be defined...by his decision to put Scott Pruitt in charge of the Environmental Protection Agency.” A former Oklahoma Attorney General, “Pruitt effectively acted as a servant...of polluting industries.” Although voters may think that Trump's administration isn't getting much done, Pruitt's plan of dismantling the E.P.A is underway, and if people knew that their fresh air and clean water was at risk they would not stand idly by.. “Pruitt can do a lot of harm without changing the law..he can cripple enforcement,” reverse bans on pesticides, and even change the limit of heavy metal contamination in water from power-plants.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/25/opinion/trump-pruitt-polluted-climate-.html?mcubz=3>

Alice Waters on Sustainable Agriculture



Alice Waters in the Edible Schoolyard garden in Berkeley.

by Kim Severson

Alice Waters established the farm to table movement in creating Chez Panisse, the Berkeley restaurant that opened in 1971 . Her restaurant and philosophy shifted the way we think about food and where it comes from.” She remains devoted to the idea that all food should be organic, beautiful and eaten communally. She is focused on what seems impossible in the current political climate: giving all American children free organic food at school and tying it into the curriculum. ‘Feeding children is a moral issue,’ she said.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/22/dining/alice-waters-chef-author-book.html?mcubz=3>

Study Explains Tidal Flooding



By: Justin Gillis

A new mechanism may give researchers the ability to more accurately predict tidal; flooding. Research has found that “two large-scale atmospheric patterns had intersected to push the water off the Southeast coast, causing a ‘hotspot’ of sea-level rise.” Other than the average “foot per century” sea level rise due to anthropogenic climate change, some places like “south of Cape Hatteras [FL] rose six times faster than the long-term rate of global increase.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/09/climate/the-sea-level-did-in-fact-rise-faster-in-the-southeast-us.html?mcubz=3>

Utilities Goal: Sell Less Power



By: Stanley Reed

Eneco Netherlands is a company that went from “selling a pure commodity to selling energy as a service.” By giving customers devices to monitor their own electricity use, they save money and the planet. This proves that if you combine cost saving incentive with the idea of cutting emissions it is possible to be a successful and respected company.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/18/business/energy-environment/eneco-netherlands-electricity-utility.html?mcubz=3>

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