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## Web Roundup: Weather the Weather

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Inspired by yet another prediction of snowfall tonight in Brooklyn, this month's web roundup will briefly outline some recent looks at climate change. Over at Jacobin, [Andreas Malm critiques the Anthropocene narrative's](#) place in discourse around climate change. Malm writes, "Species-thinking on climate change only induces paralysis. If everyone is to blame, then no one is." [At Aeon, Jedediah Purdy worries](#) that the "Anthropocene [is set up] as a Rorschach blot for discerning what commentators think is the epochal change in the human/nature relationship." But when the news, like [this recent post on ThinkProgress](#), argues that "global warming creates more global warming," what else is there to do beyond looking to the Anthropocene for answers?

[Nautilus looks at archaeology's role in nuclear-waste management](#), where "archaeological analogs can inspire us to reflect more imaginatively on possible similarities and differences between distant past, far-future, and present-day worlds." Here too the Anthropocene is central, the guide to thinking through efficacy and futurity in nuclear-waste repositories.

Shrinking natural resources worldwide also inspired quite a few publications this month. Wired recently published an edifying piece on struggles over sand, ["The Deadly Global War for Sand,"](#) that details the high-stakes culture of illegal sand mining. The infographics alone are worth the trip to FEELguide, where ["R.I.P. California \(1850-2016\)"](#) reviews the "world's first major water collapse." Is there anything we can do to fight this seemingly inevitable march toward climate collapse? Well, [Upstream suggests we continue to explore recycling.](#)

Given the unseasonable snow headed my way, it might seem like the earth isn't getting any warmer, but MAHB's [Holly Moehler has a hot take](#) on why snowstorms fit firmly into climate change science.

Grab a sweater and enjoy a few more links of interest:

["Anglo Saxon Remedy Kills Hospital Superbug MRSA"](#) – NewScientist

["How Influential Was Alan Turing? The Tangled Invention of Computing \(and its historiography\)"](#) – blog.CASTAC

[“The Science of Near-Death Experiences”](#) – The Atlantic

[“The Secret Life of the Aluminum Can, A Feat of Engineering”](#) – Wired

[“Aliens Among Us: Extraterrestrial Anthropology”](#) – The Geek Anthropologist

[“Fur Trade: When a Niche Community Goes Corporate”](#) – Hazlitt

[“Sex, Lives and Disability”](#) – Mosaic

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