



Times Remembered Betty A. Young

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On April 22, 1970, environmentalists proclaimed the first Earth Day here in the United States. The positive part is that much progress has been made in the years since. We breathe cleaner air, we drive more fuel-efficient cars, we recycle more, and the bald eagle is back. But yet we continue to face major environmental challenges, both in the United States and around the world.

But on Earth Day in 2019 we've now exceeded even the highest ceiling of natural CO2 swings by 130 ppm. In short, it is not normal, especially over the last 49 years since the first Earth Day. That's 87 ppm in 49 years.

In the 1970s, after the first Earth Day, CO2 levels were going up by about 1 ppm per year. But in recent years the rate has increased to, on average, over 2 ppm. That rate is unheard of over the last 800,000 years (Scientists have direct proof of the earth's CO2 levels as far as 800,000 years ago from

Earth Day -- April 22

air bubbles trapped in ancient ice.)

Earth's glaciers lost 9 trillion tons of ice. That's the weight of 27 billion 747s.

Now almost five decades later, that number has shot to around 412 ppm, nearly 90 ppm higher. It's a change atmospheric researchers, geologists and climate scientists call unparalleled in at least 800,000 years. The CO2 rate is definitely picking up steam.

The last time the CO2 levels were this high the sea level was many feet higher than it is today. This was a warmer geologic period on earth called the Pliocene, spanning some 2.5 to 5 million years ago. Earth's oceans were some 30 feet higher and after the planet's ice sheets melted into the sea.

Today there is no time for slow-moving natural processes to deal with historically high greenhouse gases. CO2 emissions are just increasing too quickly. The rate of CO2 emissions is very important; it affects how much of the CO2 that is emitted stays in the atmosphere and thus contributes to warming. It is important to put forth significant efforts to slash emissions this century.

Although political leadership in the U.S. is still activity fostering misinformation about climate science, the United Nations (UN) has made clear that society must radically decarbonize the future from the worst consequences of climate change. "The next

few years are probably the most important in our history," says Debra Roberts, an environmental scientist and lead author of the UN's latest climate report.

There are many little things we can do to celebrate and help save the earth such as:

*Plant something . . . a tree maybe, ride your bike, let your voice be heard, attend an event, buy reusable bags, use a refillable water bottle, grow your own food, don't litter and help you're your community clean.

Our county recently conducted a county wide clean-up day and according to officials it was successful. But we could use a week of cleaning up roads and places.

Every day I travel past rental houses that look like someone just dumped their garbage and old furniture and appliances all over the yard. In my opinion, I don't think owners of that particular type of properties should be allowed to rent such deplorable places.

Are there laws concerning the conditions of rentals properties before they can be rented? I've seen many that sure look unsafe. It is ashamed that such a beautiful county has so much garbage and junk along the side of the roads and most of it is just plain pure laziness.

The Lord gave such a beautiful world to live in; I wonder what God thinks about how we have littered, abused, junked and destroyed this earth.

Are you in good hands? If you're in the Lord's hands, you are



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Maybe you heard about the fellow who wrote a heartwarming last will and testament. Well, it was mostly heartwarming.

"To my loving wife who stood by me through thick and thin over these past 57 years, I leave the house and \$2 million," the fellow wrote.

"To my darling daughter who lovingly helped to care for me during my illness and who has singlehandedly kept the business going, I leave the yacht and \$1 million.

"And, finally, to my son Ralph, who hated me and argued with me and thought I would never mention him in my will, well, you were wrong. 'Hi Ralph.' I'm always pleased to

know spouses and parents who take seriously the biblical directive to care for those in their households. You realize, the Bible says anyone who doesn't care for his family "hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel" (1 Timothy 5:8).

It seems to me that one of the ways we can show our concern for our loved ones is to see to it that they're cared for even after we're gone. And one way we can do that is through "life insurance."

No, I'm not pitching the kind of insurance All State offers in the TV ads. I'm sure you've considered that the Lord offers "life insurance." In fact, His policy offers the greatest of all benefits. For, you see, He offers the promise of eternal life.

While insurance companies can offer huge cash settlements, the Lord offers a beautiful mansion that awaits in a city whose builder and maker and God. He offers us an eternity in heaven absent the difficulties we face down here, a place where there will be no more tears, no more pain, no more sorrow. A place where we will enjoy the peace we long for in this world.

The insurance agent will set you up with a policy for a price. But, get this: the Lord offers his "life insurance" free to all, because He paid the full price for it on the cross of Calvary the day He died in our places.

Unlike the fellow who rewarded his wife and daughter while giving poor Ralph nothing, God offers only the best to all of his children.

So, you see, if you're a child of God, "You're in good hands."

Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at rogeralford1@gmail.com.

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World's Biggest MEAT EATERS*

1. Australia
2. United States
3. Israel
4. Argentina
5. Uruguay
6. Brazil
7. New Zealand
8. Chile
9. Canada
10. Malaysia

Source: OECD *per capita consumption

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MONDAY April 29	TUESDAY April 30	WEDNESDAY May 1	THURSDAY May 2	FRIDAY May 3
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SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER BREAKFASTS

Sausage Biscuit Oranges Milk	Oatmeal & Toast Apples Milk	Maple Waffles Peaches Milk	Biscuit & Gravy Hash Browns Milk	Chocolate Muffin Fruit, Apple Juice Milk
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SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER LUNCHES

Grilled Chicken Rol, Green Beans Mac & Cheese Fresh Pears, Milk	Hamburger on Bun French Fries Peaches Milk	Taco w/Shell Salsa, Corn Lettuce & Tomato Side Kicks, Milk	Pizza Hut Garden Salad Pineapples Milk	Corn Dogs California Blend Mandarin Oranges Milk
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ESTILL SPRINGS BREAKFASTS

Cinnamon Pop Tart Cocoa Puffs Pears Asst. Juice Milk Choices	Pancake Porky w/Syrup or Cinnamon Toast Crunch/ Graham Snacks, Applesauce	Yogurt/Cheese Sticks of Frosted Flakes, Graham Snacks, Strawberry Cup, Juice, Milk	Biscuit/Sausage Patisserie, Lucky Charms, or Gravy, Banana Asst. Juice Milk Choices	Funnel Cakes or Fruit Loops Strawberry Pop Tart Peaches Asst. Juice, Milk
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ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES

Chicken Nuggets, Roll French Fries Baked Beans Pears, Milk	Turkey/Cheese Bun Chips Steamed Broccoli Grape Tomatoes/Dip Peaches	Cheese Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Normandy Blend Cucumber Slices Sidekicks or P-apple	Pizza Hut Pizza Corn Romaine Salad Mandarin Oranges Milk	Pizza Munchable Pepperoni, Sauce Mozz. Cheese, Loco Bread, Baby Carrots Raisins, Milk
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WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS

Toast & Cereal Pear Halves Juice Milk	Mini Cinni Roll or Cereal Peaches Juice, Milk	Donut or Cereal Banana Juice, Milk	Pancakes & Syrup or Cereal Pineapple Tidbits Juice, Milk	Assorted Muffins or Cereal Apple Juice, Milk
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WEST IRVINE LUNCHES

Hot Dog/Bun French Fries Cucumbers/Dip Strawberry Cup Milk	Rectangle Pizza Corn Broccoli/Dip Applesauce Milk	Grilled Cheese Carrots/Dip Baked Beans Fresh Oranges Choc. Chip Cookie	Hamburger/Bun French Fries, Slaw Pineapple Tidbits Lettuce & Tomato Dill Slices	Pizza Hut Pizza Corn Tomato/Dip Apple Ice Cream
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Pancake Porky Mini Wheats Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts, Apple	Oatmeal & Toast Cinn. Toast Crunch Cereal Bars, Pears Juice, Milk	Cinnamon Roll Lucky Charms Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts, M. Oranges	Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Cinn. Chex, Pop Tarts, Peaches	Choc. or Cinn. Muffins, Cocoa Puffs Cereal Bars, Pop tarts, Pineapples
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH

BBQ Pork on Bun or Fish on Bun Baby Bakers Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Apples, Milk or Juice	Sausage Links Biscuit & Gravy Hash Brown Grape Tomatoes Cooked Apples Peaches	Pizza Hut Pizza Broccoli w/Dip Corn Mixed Fruit Pineapples Fudge Bar	Chicken Noodle Sop, Grilled Cheese Carrot Sticks/Dip Cauliflower Bites Oranges/Sidekicks Milk or Juice	Fiestada Mexican Pizza or Taco Snax Garden Salad Cucumber Slices Pears Strawberry Cups
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Breakfast Honey Bun, Cereal, Cereal Bars Pop Tarts Oranges or Apples	Pancake Porky Pop Tarts Donut Holes Oranges or Apples Pancake Porky	Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit Pop Tarts Yogurt Parfait Apples or Oranges	Sausage Biscuit, Pop Tarts, Yogurt Parfait Donut Holes Apples or Oranges	Dutch Waffle Cereal, Cereal Bar Pop Tarts, Mini Chocolate Donuts Oranges or Apples
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH

Hamburger on Bun Chili Dogs Let./Tom./Pickles Potato Wedges Baked Beans Tropical Fruit Sidekicks Milk or Juice	Meatball Marinara on Bun & Chips Pizza Hut Pizza Let./Tom./Peppers Roasted Carrots Peas Strawberry Cup Applesauce	Burrito Bar Let./Tom./Cheese Refried Beans Corn, Salsa Pineapples Juice Assorted Milk	BBQ Pork on Bun Fish on Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pears Applesauce Juice Assorted Milk	Chicken Alfredo Breadstick, Mr. Rib on Bun, Broccoli Cucumbers Carrot Sticks Grape Tomatoes Mandarin Oranges Strawberry Cup
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