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retical physicist Freeman Dyson says, "the non-climatic effects of carbon dioxide as a sustainer of wild-life and crop plants are enormously beneficial, that the possibly harmful climatic effects of carbon dioxide have been greatly exaggerated, and that the benefits clearly outweigh the possible damage."

USA Today says CO2 emitters use the atmosphere as a "free waste dump," seemingly unaware that this same gas is exhaled by the smallest babies, all humans, livestock, other animals, and warm seas; in fact, CO2 is the elixir of life, since it's the source of plant carbohydrates we use to sustain ourselves.

Al Gore blurted the truth when he said, in a Judy Woodruff interview, the most recent UN IPCC report was "torqued up," to get attention. Yes, Gore said they lied, meaning this is political hyperbole not scientific analysis.

Until 1940 global emissions of carbon in CO2 was 1Gigaton per year, in the post-WW2 economic boom, by 1975, it had risen to almost 5Gigatons, but global temperatures plummeted, leading to speculation by Time, Newsweek, Der Spiegel, and the New York Times warning of the imminence of another ice age, so, the "enhanced greenhouse effect" with CO2 emissions is tiny, lost in natural variability.

This is important because Michelle Lujan-Grisham and other politicians have demanded a mandate to dramatically increase use of unreliable wind and solar in New Mexico, an action sure to kill hundreds of thousands of birds and bats, increase electricity prices, maybe to double or triple present rates here, to those now seen in Germany.

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CO2 is the elixir of life

The recent USA Today editorial about Washington state's ballot Initiative 1631 to tax carbon dioxide was full of errors and misstatements; the measure was defeated by voters in a landslide.

USA Today postulates added CO2 an "existential threat," and is "greenhouse gas pollution," but theo-