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## Got the blues about stormy weather?

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REGARDING BETH Daley's front-page story yesterday, "Often with showers, this May glowers": Just where is global warming now that we need it? Cloudbursts bring out the worst as deluges drown the gutters. Curse words shake the trees, shear the branches, shatter nests, and scatter leaves. It is dismal, disease-inducing, and dangerous.

But you were never promised a rose garden. Nasty weather comes with the territory. Climate today is consistently warmer than it has been in the past. And warmer oceans evaporate, fuel storms, and generate extremes. Thawing polar ice and ice discharges can also lead to cold reversals, affecting weather. Wild weather can also forewarn tipping points, where climate flips into another state.

Since humans have evolved, Earth has experienced neither the current level of atmospheric carbon dioxide nor the warming projected for the near future. So put on your slickers and batten down the hatches. And then do everything you can to promote policies aimed at stabilizing the climate.

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