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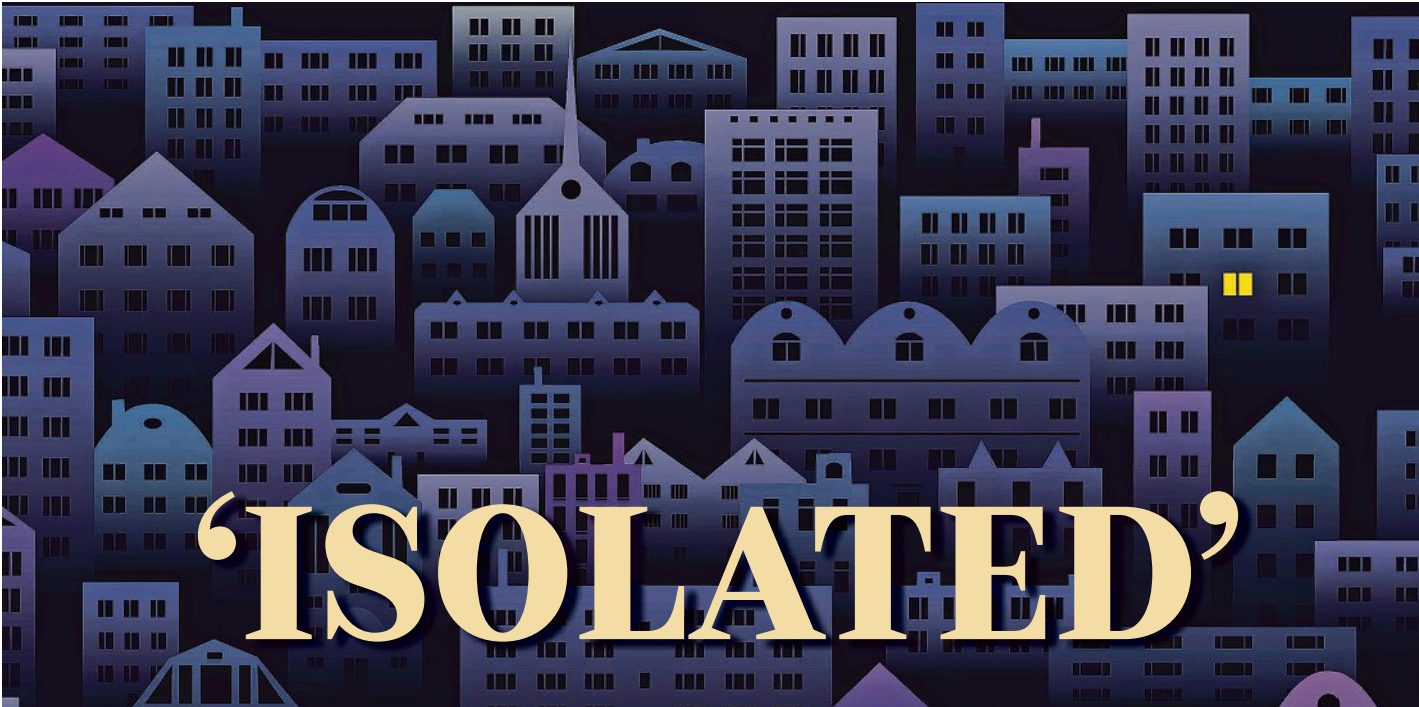
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Climate change may be making us lonelier:
How extreme weather disrupts social connections



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Severe storms, heat waves and wildfires can shut down the social life of a community, flooding out festivals, canceling community events and keeping people indoors.

They’re also evidence of how climate change isn’t just changing the environments we all live in, but also impeding our ability to connect with one another.

Around the world, social connection is increasingly recognized as essential to individual and collective well-being. It keeps our brains active and can lower stress levels. During emergencies, social ties can also save lives.

Relationships are conduits for timely information sharing, mutual aid and collective action. When temperatures soar, friends and neighbors share heat warnings, check on older adults or other community

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Social connection is crucial, both for responding to extreme weather and for working together to help the entire community adapt to a changing climate. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES FILE



One way climate change can weaken social connection is by altering places and traditions that hold cultural and community significance. JON CHERRY/GETTY IMAGES FILE

The effects of climate change may be weakening the very social fabric that helps communities thrive. As extreme weather becomes more common and disruptive, the effects can impair relationships, interrupt routines and communication, and damage gathering places and the foundations of community traditions.

Iran still wants negotiated end to war

Hostilities resume as U.S. hits Iranian island

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DUBAI – Iran is still seeking a negotiated solution to its conflict with the United States, President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Aug. 31, a day after the two countries resumed hostilities for the first time since late July, driving oil prices up more than 3.5%.

Pezeshkian’s comments also came after President Donald Trump posted an AI-generated video clip that he said showed Iran’s oil hub Kharg Island being destroyed. There was no evidence of any such attack, and a U.S. official said on Aug. 31 the military had not targeted Kharg Island in overnight strikes. An Iranian official dismissed Trump’s post as “laughable.”

U.S. forces on Aug. 30 struck two Iranian launchers on Iran’s Larak Island, some 410 miles east of Kharg, a U.S. official said, prompting Iran to strike two U.S. bases in Jordan, according to Iranian media.

Two people were killed and others were injured in the attack on Larak Island, Iran’s IRNA news agency quoted the local governor as saying on Aug. 31.

The return to hostilities followed weeks in which Trump’s administration has stepped up efforts to punish

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\$800M winner claims prize on ticket sold near Sarasota

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The winner of the \$800 million Mega Millions ticket sold near Sarasota has claimed the prize and chosen the \$344.2 million cash option, according to newly updated Florida Lottery records.

The winner is listed as being from Bradenton but remains temporarily exempt from public disclosure under Florida law. The winning Quick Pick ticket was purchased at Wawa No. 5185, located at 14510 State Road 70 E. in Bradenton, just east of Lakewood Ranch and a short drive from Sarasota.

The Florida Lottery report identifies the advertised jackpot as \$800 million and the winner’s cash-option prize as \$344.2 million before taxes.

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