

## **Letter: Serious ramifications**

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Mac Cantrell's Feb. 2 letter, "A matter of degrees," reinforced the importance of accurate facts in dealing with climate change. A minor formatting glitch in going from a Word file to the Daily News format resulted in a tenfold error (from 2 to 20 degrees Celsius) that the Daily News was quick to correct.

Trying to understand the seriousness of a 2 degree increase introduces ramifications that are little understood. A warming climate affects things living and non-living throughout our planet. From melting glaciers and rising oceans, to plants and trees, to microorganisms, humans, and much in between, the effects augur ill for our burgeoning population.

There's an informal saying among ecologists: "Everything's connected to everything else, so you can never do just one thing in an ecological system." We're part of the largest ecosystem of all. Given the bloviated smokescreen of disinformation still being spread about climate change, informed publics throughout the world need to work together to dispel misinformation with clear facts. We face a darkening future that threatens us all. Hope for a resilient future lies in widespread cooperation, liberally sprinkled with intelligent altruism.

And it all begins with agreement on facts.

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