



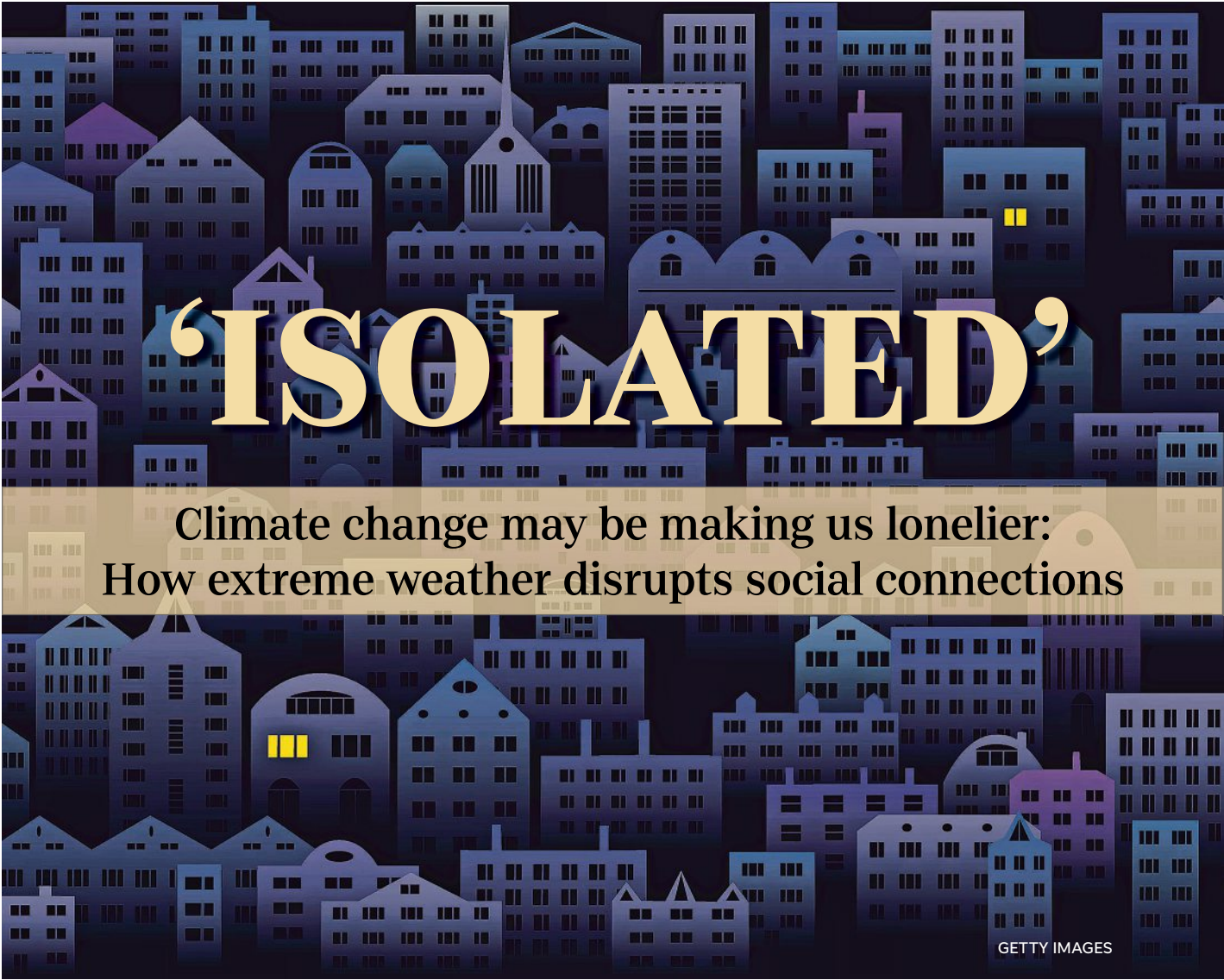
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Lebanon County school ranks in top 100

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One Lebanon County school claimed a spot in Pennsylvania’s top 100 in the U.S. News and World Report state rankings.

Palmyra Area Senior High ranked 72 in the state and 1,806 in the country with a 92% graduation rate.

The publication partnered with a North-Carolina research firm and looked at data from over 27,000 high schools to make the list. The rankings are based on criteria such as graduation rates, performance on state assessments, or college readiness.

Here are some of the other high school rankings:

- Cedar Crest High School ranked 146 in the state and 3,397 in the country.
- Eastern Lebanon County Senior High ranked 270 in the state and 6,102 in the country.
- Annville-Cleona was ranked 401 in the state and 9,330 nationally.
- Northern Lebanon Senior High ranked 423 in the state and 10,081 in the country.
- Lebanon Senior High ranked between 536 and 675 in state rankings and between 13,460 and 17,945 in the nation.

Report: PA’s roads aren’t quite as bad as Maryland’s

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Many local drivers swear Maryland’s roads are smoother than Pennsylvania’s, but a new national report suggests otherwise.

Pennsylvania ranked better than Maryland for road quality in a study released this month by Nicolet Law, a personal injury law firm that analyzed road conditions, online sentiment and pothole-related searches across the country.

The report placed Maryland fifth among the states with the worst road quality, while Pennsylvania ranked eighth. According to the study, 29% of Maryland roads assessed by the U.S. Department of Transportation were in poor condition, compared with 27% in Pennsylvania.

Rhode Island topped the list of states with the worst road quality, with 45% of its assessed roads classified as being in poor condition. Hawaii,

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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

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One way climate change can weaken social connection is by altering places and traditions that hold cultural and community significance.

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Confession thrown out in 9/11 case

Ruling cites treatment during CIA interrogation

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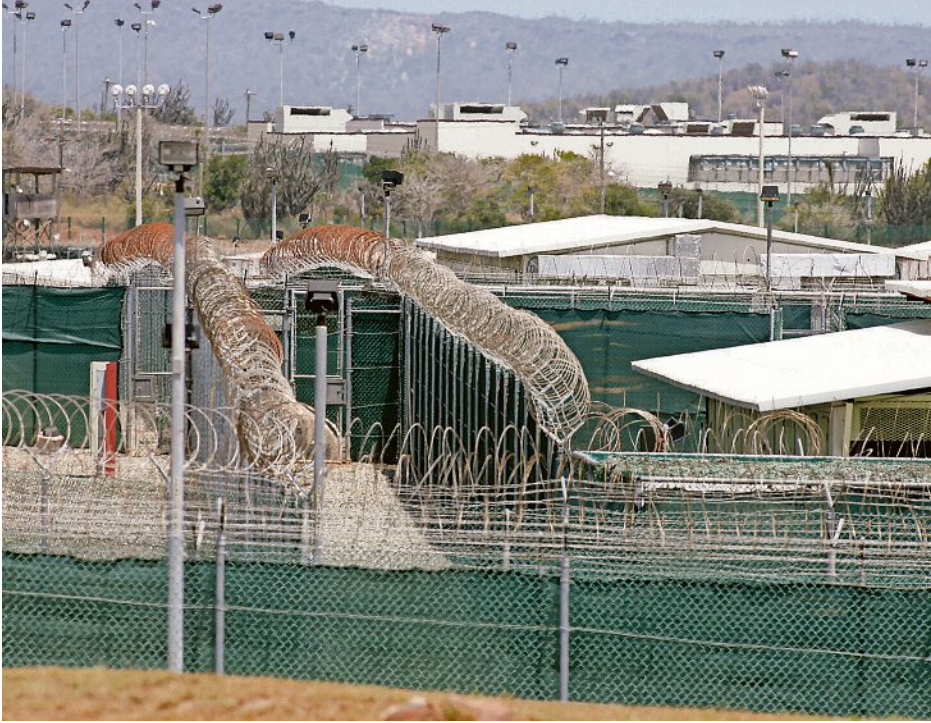
A U.S. military judge has thrown out Khalid Sheikh Mohammed’s 2007 confession to FBI agents about his alleged lead role in the 9/11 attacks, ruling that it wasn’t given voluntarily and can’t be used against him at trial.

The Aug. 28 ruling by the trial judge, Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Schrama, throws yet another wrench into the long-running death penalty case on the eve of the 25th anniversary of America’s deadliest terrorist strike that killed nearly 3,000 people.

In July, a U.S. appeals court refused to allow Mohammed and two of his co-defendants to plead guilty under earlier agreements that would have spared them the death penalty.

Military prosecutors have yet to say

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The Guantanamo detention facility was set up in 2002 by President George W. Bush to house foreign militant suspects after the Sept. 11 attacks.

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