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Ransomware poses threats to vulnerable local governments



Ransomware is the invisible threat that's sweeping the nation. President Biden publicly committed aggressive action on cybersecurity and defending American infrastructure. Recent high-profile attacks left people panic-buying gas along the East Coast and debilitated hundreds of institutions around the globe.

But underneath the big attacks, in the metropolitan area surrounding the nation's capital where security is a top priority, local government agencies such as school districts, city halls and police departments are among the most vulnerable to ransomware attacks, experts say.

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Chris Brennan's "Clout" column in *Philadelphia Daily News* A fight about identity politics breaks out in Philly State House Race

Jonathan Lovitz looked to create buzz this week when his Democratic bid for the State House's 182nd District drew a big-time endorsement. His critics buzzed instead about a perceived dig at 2022 primary rival Deja Alvarez, sparking a debate about identity politics.

The Washington Blade, which bills itself as "America's LGBTQ news source," had endorsed Lovitz to replace State Rep. Brian Sims, now running for lieutenant governor and not seeking another term in the district, which includes Philly's Gayborhood. Lovitz, senior vice president of the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce, touted that in an email to supporters, writing that the Blade "has endorsed my candidacy for state representative, focusing on my proven experience, not just my identities."

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