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The following roundup features noteworthy news, reports and opinions on solitary confinement from the past week that have not been covered in other Solitary Watch posts.

According to the [tally](#) kept by the *Miami Herald*, 22 of the 166 men held captive at Guantanamo are engaged in a hunger strike, with 20 being force-fed. This week marks the one-year anniversary of the death of Adnan Latif at GTMO, a travesty described in detail by Jeff Kaye on [Firedoglake](#).

An article in [The Nation](#) describes the movement to encourage architects to stop designing chambers of living death rows, supermax prisons, and solitary confinement units.

An op-ed in the [San Francisco Examiner](#) urges lawmakers to support a bill that would ban the solitary confinement of juveniles.

The end of the 60-day prison hunger strike in California was reported in publications nationwide and beyond, but xanax without doctor consultation including a notable piece in the [Guardian](#).

[Detention Watch Network](#) printed the responses of several civil liberties and human rights groups to ICE's new directive curtailing the use of solitary confinement in immigrant detention.

An op-ed in the [Washington Post](#) by two state legislators declares that Virginia is turning away from solitary confinement in its prisons.

[Justice Fellowships](#) Pat Nolan published a commentary in which the one-time California legislator, who decades ago championed the construction of Pelican Bay, describes his change of heart and current opposition to the overuse of solitary confinement.

The [Quad City Times](#) reports that Washington budget and debt debates have stalled the opening of the new federal supermax prison in Thomson, Illinois.

A [CBC radio](#) documentary explores the effects of solitary confinement on survivors from both the United States and Canada.

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