

## DEOMI NEWS LINKS, April 10, 2020

### CULTURE

[Drums, dancers livestream as virus moves powwows online](#) [Felicia Fonseca, *Associated Press*, 10 April 2020]

*Normally this time of year, a string of powwows hosted by Native American tribes and universities would be underway across the U.S., with tribal members honoring and showcasing their cultures — and socializing, like family reunions. The powwows represent an evolution of songs and dances from when tribal traditions were forced underground during European settlement.*

[Fauci says people should “just forget about shaking hands” even after the coronavirus threat is over](#) [Rosie Perper, *Business Insider*, 8 April 2020]

*The leading coronavirus expert Dr. Anthony Fauci said on Tuesday that the traditional greeting of shaking hands might need to end even after the coronavirus pandemic was under control. “As a society, just forget about shaking hands,” Fauci said. “We don’t need to shake hands. We’ve got to break that custom.”*

[Closed barber shops won’t mean relaxed grooming, Army leaders say](#) [Kyle Rempfer, *Army Times*, 7 April 2020]

*Army leaders still want soldiers to keep their hair in line with regulation, even as base barbershops shutter across installations to prevent coronavirus infections. “Know what the standards are and maybe don’t go overboard ... making sure it’s extra close and high and tight,” Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston said during a [virtual town hall](#) event Tuesday.*

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[You Can Now Stream “The Soap Myth” Starring Ed Asner and Tovah Feldshuh For Free on ALL ARTS](#) [*Broadway World News*, (New York, N.Y), 7 April 2020]

*With theaters around the world dark and the transition of live entertainment to online platforms, Temple Emanuel Streicker Center will commemorate Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) with the PBS/WNET film of Jeff Cohen’s acclaimed drama *The Soap Myth*. The staged “concert reading,” starring seven-time Emmy Award and five-time Golden Globe Award winner Ed Asner and four-time Tony Award and two-time Emmy Award nominee Tovah Feldshuh, is [available now to stream for free](#) via WNET’s ALL ARTS platform.*

### DISCRIMINATION

[Black doctor jailed over \\$100 bill sues Charlotte, police](#) [Tom Foreman, Jr., *Associated Press*, 7 April 2020]

*A doctor who was jailed overnight in North Carolina after being accused of paying for a beer at a concert with a counterfeit \$100 bill is suing, saying she was singled out for malicious prosecution because she’s African American.*

[Supreme Court won’t hear case of “Texas Seven” inmate](#) [*Associated Press*, 6 April 2020]

*The Supreme Court on Monday declined to take up the case of a Texas death row inmate who argued he should get a new trial because the judge who presided over his case was biased against Jews.*

[Supreme Court Makes It Easier for Feds to Prove Age Discrimination](#) [Erich Wagner, Govexec, 6 April 2020]

*The Supreme Court on Monday ruled that federal workers have a lower bar for proving they were discriminated against on the basis of age than employees in the private sector.*

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[Idaho Becomes First State to Ban Transgender Athletes From Women's Sports](#) [Emma Coleman, Route Fifty, 1 April 2020]

*Idaho this week became the first state to officially ban transgender athletes from competing on women's sports teams, with Gov. Brad Little signing a law defining "athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls" as only open to cisgender girls. Proponents of the new law argue that a ban is intended to create a "level playing field." Opponents say that the policy is discriminatory and unnecessary.*

## **DIVERSITY**

[Tasked with schoolwork help, many U.S. parents lack English](#) [Regina Garcia Cano and Carolyn Thompson, Associated Press, 7 April 2020]

*Since her daughters' school closed for the coronavirus outbreak, Mariana Luna has been thrust into the role of their primary educator, like millions of parents across the U.S. But each day, before she can go over their schoolwork, her 9-year-old first has to help her understand what the assignments say. A Spanish speaker originally from Mexico, Luna uses Google Translate on her phone and, when she gets stuck, asks her daughter to translate instructions and emails from teachers.*

[Retiring Armed Services Lawmaker Unveils Plans to Change Military Family Policies](#) [Patricia Kime, Military.com, 6 April 2020]

*Rep. Mac Thornberry of Texas, the committee's ranking Republican, and Rep. Trent Kelly, R-Miss., ranking member of the personnel subcommittee, unveiled proposals last week to reform military family readiness -- provisions they'd like to see in the fiscal 2021 defense policy bill. The initiatives range from standardizing the Exceptional Family Member Program across the military services and improving child care availability for active-duty families to improving mental health services and studying the effectiveness of autism treatments.*

[College Made Them Feel Equal. The Virus Exposed How Unequal Their Lives Are.](#) [Nicholas Casey, The New York Times, 4 April 2020]

*The outbreak of the coronavirus — and the accompanying economic devastation that has left 10 million people almost instantly unemployed — has put America's class divide on full display. But college was meant to be different. For decades, small liberal arts schools like Haverford, a short ride from Philadelphia, prided themselves on being the "great equalizer," offering pedigrees not just to the scions of East Coast elites but also to the children of first-generation immigrants.*

## HUMAN RELATIONS

[Artificial intelligence is preserving our ability to converse with Holocaust survivors even after they die](#) [Lesley Stahl, *CBS News*, 5 April 2020]

*Heather Maio came up with the idea for this project. She had worked on exhibits featuring Holocaust survivors for years and wanted future generations to have the same opportunity to interact with them as she'd had. "I wanted to talk to a Holocaust survivor like I would today," Maio said. "With that person sitting right in front of me and we were having a conversation."*

## MISCELLANEOUS

[Feeling Down? Anxious? Hostile? A 4-Day-a-Week Exercise Regimen May Help](#) [Gretchen Reynolds, *The New York Times*, 8 April 2020]

*During these trying times, exercise could provide indispensable mental-health support for many of us, according to a [timely new study](#). The study finds that among a generally healthy but sedentary group of adults in their 20's, 30's and 40's, working out lowers levels of depression, hostility and other negative feelings.*

[The Army Plans to Issue "Black or Camouflage" Face Masks to Soldiers](#) [Matthew Cox, *Military.com*, 7 April 2020]

*The U.S. Army's top enlisted soldier said Tuesday that the service plans to issue some type of non-surgical mask to troops to help control the spread of the novel coronavirus. During an Army Facebook Live on Tuesday, Sergeant Major of the Army Michael Grinston said that soldiers should follow the face-covering guidance the service issued Monday evening until it can provide masks for them.*

[Pentagon Launches Coronavirus Mythbuster Site](#) [Brandi Vincent, *Nextgov*, 6 April 2020]

*The Pentagon recently launched an online resource—named [Rumor Control](#)—to help quell the myths and incorrect information that has been swirling around the novel coronavirus pandemic.*

[DIY T-Shirt Masks and Balaclavas: Military Services Release Face-Covering Guidance](#) [Oriana Pawlyk, *Military.com*, 6 April 2020]

*The military branches are requiring troops to make their own cloth face masks after the Pentagon's latest [policy](#) directed face coverings for all personnel during the novel coronavirus outbreak. The Defense Department announced Sunday that troops, DOD civilian employees, contractors and family members are encouraged to make simple coverings out of clean T-shirts and other household materials. The do-it-yourself face coverings are mandatory whenever people cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public areas or places of work, according to the policy, signed by Defense Secretary Mark Esper.*

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## MISCONDUCT

[Acting secretary of the Navy resigns after calling ousted aircraft carrier captain "stupid"](#) [Jim Sciutto, Barbara Starr and Zachary Cohen, *CNN*, 7 April 2020]

*Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly resigned on Tuesday, a day after leaked audio revealed he called the ousted commander of the USS Theodore Roosevelt “stupid” in an address to the ship’s crew, according to a U.S. official and a former senior military official. The Navy and Department of Defense did not respond to a request for comment. Undersecretary of the Army James McPherson has been tapped to succeed Modly, a U.S. official and a defense official tells CNN. McPherson is a retired rear admiral and was the former judge advocate general of the Navy.*

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## **RACISM**

[Racial Slurs And Swastikas Fuel Civil Rights Pressure On Zoom](#) [Shannon Bond, NPR, 10 April 2020]

*A civil rights group is demanding that Zoom do more to stop harassment on its video-conferencing platform. Color Of Change, a nonprofit that advocates for racial equality, is meeting on Friday with Zoom’s global risk and compliance officer Lynn Haaland, NPR has learned. The group plans to raise concerns over a rise in “Zoombombing” attacks involving racist slurs and hate speech.*

[Outcry over racial data grows as virus slams Black Americans](#) [Kat Staffore, Meghan Hoyer, and Aaron Morrison, Associated Press, 9 April 2020]

*Of the victims whose demographic data was publicly shared by officials — nearly 3,300 of the nation’s 13,000 deaths thus far — about 42% were Black, according to an Associated Press analysis. African Americans account for roughly 21% of the total population in the areas covered by the analysis. Among the cities where Black residents have been hard-hit: New York, Detroit, New Orleans, Chicago and Milwaukee.*

[White Supremacist Groups Are Recruiting With Help From Coronavirus – and a Popular Messaging App](#) [Billy Perrigo, Time.com, 8 April 2020]

*As COVID-19 continues to spread around the world, White supremacists are seizing upon it as a new and powerful addition to their arsenal. Their messaging often happens on Telegram, which over the last year has become a staging ground for extremist groups, according to the Anti Defamation League. Telegram channels associated with White supremacy and racism grew by more than 6,000 users over the month of March, according to data shared exclusively with TIME by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, a London-based think tank that monitors extremism and disinformation.*

[“I should call the CDC”: Police officer under investigation after video appeared to show him openly coughing at Black residents](#) [Katie Shepherd, The Washington Post, 8 April 2020]

*“Hey, Officer Friendly, with the cherry cheeks,” she said in [profanity-laced video footage posted to social media](#) on Tuesday. The White officer said nothing, but continued to walk past the Perkins Homes housing complex. Then, he appeared to intentionally cough more than 10 times without covering his mouth as he passed within a few feet of the Black woman and other residents standing in the courtyard. The woman said she wasn’t worried about catching the novel coronavirus because she is Black, repeating a myth that has been [debunked](#) by the World Health Organization. In fact, data shows that anyone can contract the virus, regardless of race, and Black communities in some cities have seen higher death tolls.*

[Why some people of color say they won't wear homemade masks](#) [Fernando Alfonso III, CNN, 7 April 2020]

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now recommending that all Americans wear homemade face coverings in public to help stem the spread of coronavirus. But Trevor Logan, an economics professor at Ohio State University, will not be following this guidance. “We have a lot of examples of the presumed criminality of Black men in general,” Logan, who is Black, told CNN. “And then we have the advice to go out in public in something that ... can certainly be read as being criminal or nefarious, particularly when applied to Black men.”*

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[African Americans more likely to die from coronavirus illness, early data shows](#) [Jan Wolfe, Reuters, 6 April 2020]

*Early data from U.S. states shows African Americans are more likely to die from COVID-19, highlighting longstanding disparities in health and inequalities in access to medical care, experts said.*

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[U.S. labels a White-supremacist group “terrorist” for the first time](#) [John Hudson, *The Washington Post*, 6 April 2020]

*The State Department on Monday designated an ultranationalist movement based in Russia as a terrorist organization, the first time it has applied that label to a White-supremacist group. U.S. officials say the group, which has two training facilities in St. Petersburg, provides paramilitary-style training to neo-Nazis including hand-to-hand combat and tactical weapons instruction.*

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[Hacker posts racial slur on fan chat with Black NHL player](#) [Associated Press, 3 April 2020]

*A hacker posted a racial slur hundreds of times in an online fan video chat Friday with a Black New York Rangers prospect. “A vile individual hijacked the chat to post racial slurs, which we disabled as soon as possible,” the Rangers said in a statement. “We were incredibly appalled by this behavior, which has no place online, on the ice, or anywhere, and we are investigating the matter.”*

[Generations of Rosewood Descendants Keep a Once-Forgotten History Alive \[VISUAL STORY\]](#)

[Robert Samuels and photography by Zack Wittman, *The Washington Post*, 3 April 2020]

*The families gathering were not related by blood but by a cruel history. Nearly a century ago, their forebears had to flee their town of Rosewood, Fla., after a White mob burned their prosperous, mostly Black town to the ground. The Rosewood descendants still meet at least once a year to keep the story alive. After the town was wiped off the map, the incident was wiped out of the history books and the state's collective memory - until the families convinced Florida officials in 1994 that they deserved reparations.*

## RELIGION

[Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly sues GOP lawmakers for revoking her order limiting church gatherings](#)

[Meagan Flynn and Isaac Stanley-Becker, *The Washington Post*, 10 April 2020]

*Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly (D) sued a Republican-controlled legislative council Thursday after it revoked her executive order that limited church gatherings, marking the latest chapter in an escalating conflict between public health and religion during one of the holiest times of the year.* [SEE ALSO] [1](#), [2](#)

[Pope creates new expert commission to study women deacons](#) [Nicole Winfield, *Associated Press*, 8 April 2020]

*The Vatican said Wednesday that Pope Francis has created a new commission of experts to examine whether women can be deacons, an ordained role in the Catholic Church currently reserved for men. The 10-member commission, the second of Francis' pontificate to study the fraught issue, includes equal numbers of men and women representing the United States and six European countries.*

[Bible Museum, Admitting Mistakes, Tries to Convert Its Critics](#) [Tom Mashberg, *The New York Times*, 6 April 2020]

*The Museum of the Bible's mission statement says its goal is to give visitors "an immersive and personalized experience with the Bible and its ongoing impact on the world around us." To that end, David Green and his son, Steve, 56, have dedicated more than a decade and an estimated \$50 million to amassing an eclectic assemblage of 50,000 artifacts related to the Old and New Testaments. In acknowledging that many of its artifacts had tainted histories and that others were fake, the institution hopes candor will build trust.*

[Jews prep for a pandemic Passover: Smaller but no less vital](#) [Elana Schor, *Associated Press*, 5 April 2020]

*Rabbi Noam Marans, director of interreligious relations at the American Jewish Committee, described the gravity of Passover during the coronavirus by reciting a key portion of the Haggadah, the sacred text Jews use on the holiday. "This year we are enslaved – next year we will be free." That aspiration is very real this year," Marans said, looking ahead to a future victory over the disease.*

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## **SUICIDE**

[Air Force sees small decline in suicides for the first quarter of this year compared to same point in 2019](#) [Diana Stancy Correll, *Air Force Times*, 8 April 2020]

*The Air Force saw a small drop in total force suicides for the first quarter of 2020 when measured against this point of the year in 2019, according to the service. The Air Force reported a total of 34 Air Force personnel have died by suicide as of March 31, including 20 active duty airmen. That number is down from the 41 suicides the Air Force reported across the entire force the end of March last year, officials said.*

[Seeking the Military Suicide Solution Podcast, Episode 13: Kim Ruocco from Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors](#) [Duane France and Shauna Springer, *Military Times*, 8 April 2020]

*About Today's Guest: Kim Ruocco, MSW, the Vice President of Suicide Prevention and Postvention for TAPS, is an internationally known subject matter expert who uses her education, personal*

*experience and information gathered from thousands of survivors to help others more fully understand suicide.*

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## **VETERANS**

[John Prine, Grammy-winning bard of “broken hearts and dirty windows,” dies at 73 of coronavirus](#)

[Matt Schudel, *The Washington Post*, 7 April 2020]

*Mr. Prine, 73, died April 7 in Nashville of complications from the novel coronavirus, the media relations firm Sacks & Co. said on behalf of his family. A onetime Army mechanic and mail carrier who wrote songs rooted in the experiences of lower-middle-class life, Mr. Prine rose to prominence almost by accident.*

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[Let’s Avoid a Second Health Crisis in the Wake of COVID-19 \[OPINION\]](#) [Kacie Kelly, *Military.com*, 6 April 2020]

*The [George W. Bush Center’s Warrior Wellness Alliance](#) was established to connect more veterans to effective care for mental health and brain health challenges by linking veteran peer networks and high-quality programs. The Alliance would like to see CMS and state governors take actions to reduce state-based licensure barriers across all mental health professions, so more veteran families can access these resources.*

[Legendary Soul Singer Bill Withers Will Be Posthumously Honored With Navy Award](#) [Richard Sisk, *Military.com*, 4 April 2020]

*Legendary soul singer and composer Bill Withers, who recorded a string of hits after serving nine years in the Navy, has died at age 81. Withers, a three-time Grammy award winner and 2015 inductee to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, died April 30 in Los Angeles of heart complications, his family said in a statement to the Associated Press.*

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