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CULTURE

[“Mrs. America” Review: The Voice of an E.R.A.](#) [James Poniewozik, *The New York Times*, 14 April 2020]

Packed with stunning performances, the limited series tells a sweeping story of women’s rights revolutionaries—and [a formidable counterrevolutionary](#).

[The Air Force and Navy Are Testing This App to Stay Fit Amid Social Distancing](#) [Patrick Tucker, *Govexec*, 13 April 2020]

The Air Force is eight months into a proof-of-concept trial with [CoachMePlus](#), an online health tracker and fitness coaching service that can work with other devices, or by itself, to help people reach fitness goals. Individuals can use the app to designate specific goals (or more generic ones) and the app then monitors their progress and offers feedback to improve performance, like a regular coach.

DISCRIMINATION

[Federal lawsuit challenges Idaho’s transgender sports ban](#) [Keith Ridler, *Associated Press*, 15 April 2020]

Two civil rights groups filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday challenging a new Idaho law banning transgender women from competing in women’s sports, the first such law in the nation. The law “illegally targets women and girls who are transgender and intersex and subjects all female athletes to the possibility of invasive genital and genetic screenings,” said Gabriel Arkles, senior staff attorney with the ACLU.

[Florida Police Chief: Deputy Died of COVID-19 Because He Was Gay](#) [Trudy Ring, *The Advocate*, 13 April 2020]

Broward Sheriff’s Office Deputy Shannon Bennett died April 3 of complications related to the virus, making him Florida’s first line-of-duty casualty of the pandemic. In a briefing of officers four days later, Dale Engle, police chief in the town of Davie, which is within Broward County, minimized his department’s concern about the virus by saying Bennett contracted it because of his sexuality, according to a police union.

[Northam signs bills on monuments, LGBTQ protections](#) [Sarah Rankin, *Associated Press*, 11 April 2020]

Democratic Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam signed a number of bills Saturday, including anti-discrimination legislation that offers new protections for LGBTQ people and another measure that gives localities permission to remove Confederate monuments.

DIVERSITY

[How to Manage a Multi-Generational Federal Workforce](#) [Bill Bennett, *Govexec*, 16 April 2020]

As this younger generation enters the federal and private sector, we can expect a few things: 1) greater pressure on supervisors to integrate a new generation of workers; 2) increased tension and intergenerational divide between colleagues (e.g. [#OKBoomer](#)); and 3) an emphasis on management programs, like coaching, to empower and up-level generations in their specific capacities.

[Exceptional Family Member Program Launching Online Portal for Travel Screening](#) [Jennifer-Leigh Oprihory, *Air Force Magazine*, 12 April 2020]

On April 15, the Air Force Exceptional Family Member Program will launch a web portal to let participating families start, track, and request updates on their Family Member Travel Screening packages from the comfort of their homes, according to an Air Force Surgeon General release. A Common Access Card will be required to access the website, which will be located [here](#). According to the release, USAF is also working to ensure EFMP families can get the medical clearances they need to PCS as planned once military travel goes back to normal.

[Indian Health Service Expands Telehealth During the Coronavirus](#) [Courtney Bubl , *Govexec*, 10 April 2020]

*On Wednesday, the Indian Health Service announced it expanded electronic health services nationwide for its facilities serving Native Americans who are uniquely vulnerable to the novel coronavirus pandemic. “Tribal communities are among the poorest and most vulnerable in the United States. On some reservations, life expectancy is lower than in some Third World countries.” Bryan Newland, president of the Bay Mills Indian Community, a federally recognized tribe of Ojibwe people in northern Michigan, [wrote](#) in *The Washington Post* on March 25.*

HUMAN RELATIONS

[Expressing gratitude can improve your relationships and make those around you happier](#) [COMMENTARY] [Jennifer Cheavens and David Cregg, *CNN*, 16 April 2020]

In 2013, psychologists Robert Emmons and Robin Stern explained gratitude as both appreciating the good things in life and recognizing that they come from someone else.

There is a strong correlation between gratitude and well-being. Researchers have found that individuals who report feeling and expressing gratitude more report a greater level of positive emotions such as happiness, optimism and joy.

MISCELLANEOUS

[The Lost Diaries of War, Volunteers are helping forgotten Dutch diarists of WWII to speak at last.](#) [Nina Siegal and Josephine Sedgwick, *The New York Times*, 15 April 2020]

The Dutch have launched an effort to transcribe handwritten or typed pages into digital documents, ready for posting on the [archive's website](#). More than 90 have already been fully transcribed. “The most valuable diaries are the ones where they wrote about their own feelings, or conversations they had on the street or with family, or how they felt about the persecution of the Jews,” said Rene Kok, a researcher with the Dutch archive, now known as NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies. “The best diarists are the ones with courage.”

[Birthed by HBCU students, this organization offers important lessons for today's student activists](#)

[Jelani Favors, *The Conversation*, 14 April 2020]

April 15, 2020 marks 60 years since the founding of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, perhaps better known as SNCC, and usually pronounced as "snick." SNCC became one of the most important organizations to engage in grassroots organizing during the modern civil rights movement and radically transformed youth culture during the decade.

[Officials want delay in nation's head count due to virus](#) [Associated Press, 14 April 2020]

The U.S. Census Bureau wants to delay deadlines for the 2020 head count of all U.S. residents because of the coronavirus outbreak, a move that if approved by lawmakers would push back timetables for releasing data used to draw congressional and legislative districts, officials said Monday. Census Bureau officials said they were postponing all field operations until June 1 and the deadline for wrapping up the nation's head count was being pushed back to Oct. 31.

[Could the Oklahoma City bombing have been prevented?](#) [Dan Herbeck and Lou Michel, *The Buffalo News*, (Buffalo, N.Y.), 13 April 2020]

More than three years before the Oklahoma City bombing, Timothy J. McVeigh sent up a red flag, a warning to all the world that he was considering an act of violence against the United States government. The decorated Army veteran from Niagara County sent an angry and ominous letter to the Lockport Union Sun and Journal, which was printed in the newspaper on Feb. 11, 1992.

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[It's Official: Most Zoom Versions Now Off-Limits to the Military](#) [Oriana Pawlyk, *Military.com*, 13 April 2020]

The popular free video conferencing application Zoom is now officially off-limits to Defense Department personnel due to increased security concerns, even as military officials are encouraging increased telework during the coronavirus pandemic. Service members, contractors and civilians can no longer use Zoom in an official capacity, said Air Force Lt. Col Robert Carver, a Pentagon spokesman. Carver said that DOD users may not host meetings using Zoom's free or commercial offerings, but can use "Zoom for Government."

[\[SEE ALSO\]](#)

[Decatur's George Mills recalls POW camp's liberation](#) [Bruce McLellan, *The Decatur Daily*, (Decatur, Ala.), 12 April 2020]

George Mills woke up hungry the morning of April 13, 1945. By then that was nothing unusual for the U.S. Army sergeant. As Nazi Germany collapsed, feeding prisoners had become a low priority for Mills' captors. Mills said he always remembers the date of his liberation because the men from the 2nd Armored Division told the former prisoners that U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt had died the previous day, April 12, 1945.

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MISCONDUCT

[Navy May Reinstate Fired Captain to Command of Roosevelt](#) [Helene Cooper, Eric Schmitt and Thomas Gibbons-Neff, *The New York Times*, 15 April 2020]

The Navy is looking into whether it can reinstate Capt. Brett E. Crozier, who was removed from command of the carrier Theodore Roosevelt after he pleaded for more help fighting a novel coronavirus outbreak aboard his ship, Defense Department officials said on Wednesday. Adm. Michael M. Gilday, the chief of naval operations, has indicated that he may reinstate Captain Crozier, who is viewed as a hero by his crew for putting their lives above his career, officials said.

RACISM

[A Florida doctor who was handcuffed in front of his home before volunteering with the homeless said he was profiled](#) [Scottie Andrew and Tina Burnside, *CNN*, 15 April 2020]

As his wife and children watched from inside, a Miami doctor was handcuffed in front of his home while he said he was loading supplies for homeless residents into a van. Miami police said the officer stopped the doctor for leaving trash in his yard. Dr. Armen Henderson says he was targeted because of his race.

[Stop Talking About Inequality and Do Something About It \[OPINION\]](#) [Jeremiah Bey Ellison, *The New York Times*, 15 April 2020]

I hope it won't surprise anyone to hear that Detroit has a history of racial violence — interpersonal, economic and institutional. Given that history, it's no wonder Detroit — and places like it — are underwater in this crisis. Milwaukee, Chicago and New Orleans have all seen Black people absorbing the full force of the outbreak. This virus is poised to rip through every Black neighborhood in America. Quietly, on the north side of Minneapolis, sits one of those neighborhoods.

[Inside White supremacist Russian Imperial Movement, designated foreign terrorist organization by U.S. State Department](#) [Robin Dixon, *The Washington Post*, 13 April 2020]

When the State Department designated a Russian White-supremacist group, the Russian Imperial Movement, as a terrorist entity, some supporters saw it as an honor, almost like a coming-of-age moment. The designation also comes amid concern over increasing violence by far-right groups, as militant Russian ultranationalists' dream of creating a worldwide movement.

[NASCAR's Larson suspended for racial slur in virtual race](#) [Jenna Fryer, *Associated Press*, 13 April 2020]

NASCAR star Kyle Larson was suspended indefinitely by NASCAR and without pay by Chip Ganassi Racing on Monday for using a racial slur on a live stream during a virtual race. "NASCAR has made diversity and inclusion a priority and will not tolerate the type of language used by Kyle Larson during Sunday's iRacing event," NASCAR said in a statement. "Our Member Conduct Guidelines are clear in this regard, and we will enforce these guidelines to maintain an inclusive environment for our entire industry and fan base."

[He led a neo-Nazi group linked to bomb plots. He was 13.](#) [Michael Kunzelman and Jari Tanner, *Associated Press*, 11 April 2020]

A report published Wednesday by the weekly Estonian newspaper Eesti Ekspress said Estonian security officials had investigated a case involving a 13-year-old boy who allegedly was running Feuerkrieg Division operations out of a small town in the country. Another man linked to Feuerkrieg

Division, U.S. Army soldier Jarrett William Smith, pleaded guilty in February to separate charges that he provided information about explosives to an FBI undercover agent while stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, last year.

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RELIGION

[Kansas Supreme Court Upholds Governor’s Order Limiting The Size Of Easter Services](#) [Jason Breslow, NPR, 12 April 2020]

The Kansas Supreme Court has [voted to uphold](#) an executive order by the state’s governor limiting the size of church gatherings on Easter Sunday, ending a dramatic legal clash in which the court was asked amid a global pandemic to decide between public health and religious liberty. In a ruling issued on Saturday, the court said Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly was within her rights when she announced an order on Tuesday limiting religious gatherings in the state to 10 people.

[\[SEE ALSO\]](#)

[Searching for a Jesus Who Looks More Like Me](#) [Eric V. Copage, *The New York Times*, 10 April 2020]

Close your eyes and imagine that Jesus is in front of you. Is the man kneeling in prayer in the Garden at Gethsemane Chinese? Is the man sitting at the table of the Last Supper Navajo? Is the man dragging his cross toward Golgotha Nigerian? Or is the crucified figure a woman? Likely as not, the image that presents itself to most Americans is of a lithe, bearded man with shoulder-length, chestnut-colored hair. And whether he is a dashboard Jesus or the nearly 100-foot tall Cristo Redentor, arms outstretched atop a mountain rising over Rio de Janeiro, he is likely to be male — and White.

SEXISM

[It’s Not Just You: In Online Meetings, Many Women Can’t Get a Word In](#) [Alisha Haridasani Gupta, *The New York Times*, 15 April 2020]

Countless studies have shown that workplace meetings are riddled with inequities. One [study](#) by the Yale psychologist Victoria Brescoll found that when male executives spoke more often, they were perceived to be more competent, but when female executives spoke more often, they were given lower competence ratings. The annual McKinsey and LeanIn.org [Women in the Workplace report](#) which in 2019 surveyed 329 companies and more than 68,000 employees, found that half of the surveyed women had experienced being interrupted or spoken over and 38 percent had others take credit for their ideas.

[Choose your “ideal” fire team recruiting pitch includes no women. Here’s a few trailblazing Marine women to consider.](#) [Shawn Snow, *Marine Corps Times*, 13 April 2020]

*Marine Corps recruiting wants you to choose your ideal fire team from a list of eight historic Marine figures that includes two dual Medal of Honor awardees and five-time Navy Cross recipient Lt. Gen. Lewis Burwell “Chesty” Puller. The list of eight legendary Marines are all men, so here’s a list of some bad*ss Marine women you should consider for your ideal fire team.*

SEXUAL ASSAULT/HARASSMENT

[Corps finds security cameras installed at the barracks didn't reduce crime](#) [Shawn Snow, *Military Times*, 14 April 2020]

Security cameras installed across the Corps' barracks were not an effective tool to reduce criminal activity or prevent sexual assault, according to a yearlong study of a Marine Corps pilot program. In 2013, then-Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Amos directed the implementation of security cameras in the barracks housing Marines E-5 and below as part of an effort to curtail sexual assault, according to the DACOWITS response.

[McDonald's faces class action over "pervasive sexual harassment"](#) [Brendan Pierson, *Reuters*, 13 April 2020]

McDonald's Corp has been hit with a class action lawsuit accusing it of subjecting female employees in its corporate-owned fast-food restaurants in Florida to widespread sexual harassment. The lawsuit, filed on Friday in federal court in Chicago, says the company fostered a climate of "severe or pervasive sexual harassment and a hostile work environment, including groping, physical assaults, and sexually-charged verbal comments."

SUICIDE

[Seeking the Military Suicide Solution Podcast, Episode 14: Cheree Tham](#) [*Military Times*, 14 April 2020]

Cheree Tham holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Alabama and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She is the principal investigator with America's Warrior Partnership for Operation Deep Dive (OpDD). OpDD is a community based study of veteran suicide, asphyxiation, drowning, death by law enforcement and single driver high speed car accident.

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VETERANS

[Renowned sculptor who created Vietnam Women's Memorial dies](#) [*Associated Press*, 15 April 2020]

Renowned sculptor and painter Glenna Goodacre, who created the Vietnam Women's Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C, has died. She was 80. Born in Lubbock, Texas, Goodacre was known mainly for her sculptures. Her work included the Irish Memorial in Philadelphia and the Sacagawea Dollar Coin.

[Veterans group continues legal battle over discharge records](#) [Ben Finley, *Associated Press*, 14 April 2020]

The group represents former service members who want to upgrade a less-than-honorable discharge. Such a status can sometimes result in a loss of veterans benefits. Veterans with combat-related mental health conditions and those who were sexually assaulted while in the military are supposed to be given liberal consideration when requesting a discharge upgrade.

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[DAV offering \\$250 grants to veterans left unemployed by coronavirus pandemic](#) [Rose L. Thayer, *Stars and Stripes*, 13 April 2020]

Service-connected disabled veterans who lost employment because of the coronavirus pandemic can apply for \$250 grants from Disabled American Veterans, the veterans' service organization announced Monday.

[He survived WWII and guarded infamous Nazis; COVID-19 brought him down](#) [Paul Cuno-Booth, *The Keene Sentinel (Keene, N.H.)*, 11 April 2020]

In his early 90's, Emilio J. DiPalma's family moved him into a home for veterans in Holyoke, Mass. As a young man from Springfield, Mass., he had fought in Germany at the end of World War II and stood guard during one of the famous trials of Nazi war criminals in Nuremberg. Beginning in his 70's, he decided to talk openly about his experience in the war and its aftermath. In recorded interviews and a short memoir, DiPalma recalled in detail what it had been like to battle on the front lines, guard infamous Nazi leaders like Hermann Göring and hear about their grisly crimes.

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[Denzil Howard dies; WWII vet fought on Bougainville, guarded FDR at Warm Springs](#) [Rick McRabb, *The Dayton Daily News (Dayton, Ohio.)*, 13 April 2020]

Denzil Howard, who enlisted in 1942 and was sworn in at the Middletown YMCA the day before him and the 11 other Marines left for Parris Island, died April 6 at Bickford of Middletown. The World War II veteran was 96. After he was honorably discharged, Howard was called back to serve as part of a Special Guard for President Franklin Roosevelt whenever he stayed at what was called the "Little White House" in Warm Springs, Georgia. Howard served that role until the president suffered a stroke on April 12, 1945, and died.

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