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### *HIGHLIGHTS*

#### **SPECIAL: INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**

[Statement from President Joe Biden on International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#) [Joseph R. Biden, Jr., White House Press Office, 26 January 2023]

*Tomorrow, Jill and I will pause to mourn the six million Jews who were systematically and savagely murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Holocaust—and to grieve the Roma and Sinti, Slavs, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and political dissidents who were also killed. As we join nations around the world in bearing witness to this dark chapter in our shared history, we also honor survivors and their stories—pledging to always remember, and to keep faith with that sacred vow: “never again.”*

[Germany remembers Nazi persecution of sexual minorities](#) [Deutsche Welle, 27 January 2023]

*In its annual recognition of victims of the Nazi era, the German parliament is remembering the persecution of sexual minorities. The commemoration comes as the world observes International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Germany’s lower legislative chamber, the Bundestag, on Friday was commemorating those who were murdered by the Nazis, with a particular focus on people who were persecuted because of their sexual orientation. It is the first time that LGBTQ victims are a special focus of the parliament’s annual commemoration of victims of the Nazi regime, which comes as the world observes International Holocaust Remembrance Day.*

[SEE ALSO]

[Race against the clock for Germany’s top Nazi hunter](#) [Tilman Blasshofer, Reuters, 26 January 2023]

[NATO marks International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#) [NATO Public Affairs, 27 January 2023]

*NATO marked International Holocaust Remembrance Day with a solemn ceremony at the Alliance’s headquarters in Brussels on Friday. Addressing the event, Deputy Secretary General Mircea Geoană called this year’s act of remembrance “particularly poignant for all of us here in Europe”, coming almost a year after Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine. On Thursday, President Isaac Herzog became the first Israeli head of state to address Allies in the North Atlantic Council*

[Second gentleman Emhoff visits Auschwitz, part of a push against antisemitism](#) [Rachel Treisman, NPR, 27 January 2023]

*This International Holocaust Remembrance Day, government officials from various countries gathered at the site of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp to remember victims and honor survivors. Among them, for the first time, was the first Jewish spouse of a U.S. president or vice president. Second gentleman Doug Emhoff is visiting Krakow, Poland and Berlin this week to promote both Holocaust awareness and the Biden administration’s efforts to combat antisemitism.*

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## CULTURE

[Arkansas panel advances bill to restrict drag performances](#) [Andrew DeMillo, *The Associated Press*, 19 January 2023]

*Drag performances would be classified as adult-oriented businesses under a bill in Arkansas that a legislative panel endorsed Thursday. The proposed restrictions would classify places that show drag performances along with other adult businesses such as adult theaters and strip clubs. The designation would prohibit them from being within 1,000 feet of churches, schools, parks and libraries. It would also prohibit such shows from public property.*

[At last, a memorial honoring military spouses](#) [*Military Times*, 25 January 2023] [PODCAST]

*A bronze statue depicting the Vietnam-era League of Wives is the first public memorial to honor the advocacy and sacrifices of military spouses. Why has it taken so long to recognize these women—and military spouses more broadly? How has—and hasn't—the role of the military spouse evolved over time? And what does this type of recognition mean for military spouses both past and present? A historian and two military spouses involved with the project share their insights.*

[Combating Antisemitism Today: Holocaust Education in the Era of Twitter and TikTok](#) [Alan Marcus, *The Conversation*, 24 January 2023]

*In 2021, using the most recent data available, the Anti-Defamation League reported that antisemitic incidents in the U.S. reached an all-time high. Eighty-five percent of Americans believe at least one anti-Jewish trope, according to another ADL [survey](#), and about 20% believe six or more tropes—a sharp increase from just four years before. In addition, Jewish college students increasingly report feeling unsafe, ostracized or harassed on campus. Rather than teaching the Holocaust as an isolated event, educators must grapple with how it connects to antisemitism past and present. That means adapting to how people learn and live today: online.*

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[Odesa and other sites are added to the list of World Heritage In Danger](#) [Elizabeth Blair, *NPR*, 25 January 2023]

*UNESCO has announced additions to its list of World Heritage In Danger, citing threats to The Landmarks of the Ancient Kingdom of Saba, Marib (Yemen), The Rachid Karameh International Fair of Tripoli (Lebanon), and the Historic Center of the Port City of Odesa (Ukraine). World Heritage sites, according to UNESCO, “must be of outstanding universal value” and meet at least one of 10 selection criteria. Criteria include representing “a masterpiece of human creative genius” and bearing “testimony to a cultural tradition or to a civilization which is living or which has disappeared.”*

[Racism tears a Maine fishing community apart in “This Other Eden”](#) [Maureen Corrigan, *NPR*, 20 January 2023] [BOOK REVIEW]

*The brave new world of better living through planned breeding was ushered in in the summer of 1912, at the first International Eugenics Congress held in London. Although Charles Darwin hadn't intended his theories of natural selection and survival of the fittest to be practically applied to human beings, the generation that followed him had no such qualms. Paul Harding's stunning new novel, [This Other Eden](#), is inspired by the real-life consequences of eugenics on Malaga Island, Maine, which, from roughly the Civil War era to 1912, was home to an interracial fishing community. After government officials*

*inspected the island in 1911, Malaga's 47 residents, including children, were forcibly removed, some of them rehoused in institutions for the "feeble-minded."*

["The Sheik" Was a WWII Army Veteran Who Revolutionized Pro Wrestling](#) [James Barber, *Military.com*, 23 January 2023]

*Edward Farhat lived the American Dream. The 10th of 11 children born to Lebanese immigrants in East Lansing, Michigan, Farhat grew up to serve in World War II and reinvent himself as "The Sheik," one of the greatest performers in professional wrestling history. If you want to know the complete, epic tale of Farhat's life and career, Brian R. Solomon's book "[Blood and Fire: the Unbelievable Real-Life Story of Wrestling's Original Sheik](#)" has all the details. We're going to focus on The Sheik's Army service and explain just how he elevated pro wrestling to the art form it became after the war.*

## **DISCRIMINATION**

[5 ex-Memphis police officers are charged with murder in Tyre Nichols' death](#) [David K. Li and Juliette Arcodia, *NBC News*, 26 January 2023]

*Five former Memphis police officers were taken into custody Thursday in connection with the death of Tyre Nichols, Tennessee jail records showed. The officers—Tadarrius Bean, Demetrius Haley, Emmitt Martin III, Desmond Mills Jr. and Justin Smith—were fired Friday after police Chief C.J. Davis said they violated department policies during a Jan. 7 traffic stop that led to Nichols' death. Martin, Smith and Bean were charged with second-degree murder, three counts of official misconduct, two counts of aggravated kidnapping and one count of acting in concert to commit aggravated assault, according to Shelby County Jail records.*

[A decade later, victory for foreign service workers with disabilities](#) [Molly Weisner, *Federal Times*, 24 January 2023]

*The State Department agreed to settle a legal challenge to its medical clearance policy that alleged it discriminated against Foreign Service candidates with disabilities. The dispute, spanning more than a decade, took issue with the department's "worldwide availability" hiring requirement, which said that Foreign Service officer candidates must be able work at any of the State Department's 270 overseas posts without a need for ongoing medical treatment, including at "hardship" stations with limited access to care.*

[FDA moves to ease restrictions on blood donations for men who have sex with men](#) [Rob Stein and Will Stone, *NPR*, 27 January 2023]

*The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued proposed guidance Friday to ease restrictions on blood donations by men who have sex with men. The restrictions on donating blood date back to the early days of the AIDS epidemic and were designed to protect the blood supply from HIV. Originally, gay and bisexual men were completely prohibited from donating blood. Under the current policy—last updated in 2020—men who have sex with men can donate blood if they haven't had sexual contact with other men for three months. The new proposed policy would eliminate the time-based restrictions on men who have sex with men (and their female partners) and instead assess potential donors' eligibility based on a series of questions that assess their HIV risk, regardless of gender.*

[Jury: \\$1M to Oregon woman told "I don't serve Black people"](#) [*The Associated Press*, 26 January 2023]

*A jury has awarded an Oregon woman \$1 million in damages after finding she was discriminated against by a gas station employee who told her, "I don't serve Black people." The Multnomah County jury's award this week to Portland resident Rose Wakefield, 63, included punitive damages of \$550,000. Wakefield's lawyer, Gregory Kafoury, said she stopped for gas at Jacksons Food Store in Beaverton on March 12, 2020, and saw the attendant, Nigel Powers, ignore her and instead pump gas for other drivers. When she tried to ask for assistance he said, "I'll get to you when I feel like it," according to Kafoury.*

## **DIVERSITY**

[B-1 baby on board](#) [Senior Airman Leon Redfern, 7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs, 25 January 2023]

*As Maj. Lauren Olme, 77th Weapons Squadron assistant director of operations, fires up the engines of a B-1 Lancer on Dyess Air Force Base, she is living out her lifelong dream of being a pilot. In addition to that dream, she achieved a new feat that will impact future generations of servicewomen: Flying while pregnant. This past year, a new Air Force policy stated aircrew members may voluntarily request to fly during pregnancy and no waiver is required to fly in the second trimester with an uncomplicated pregnancy in a non-ejection seat aircraft if all flight safety criteria are met. All pregnant aircrew members are also authorized to apply for a waiver regardless of trimester, aircraft or flight profile.*

[Biden admin is proposing to choose Hispanic or Latino as a race](#) [Suzanne Gamboa, NBC News, 26 January 2023]

*The Biden administration is [proposing](#) to allow people to check off Hispanic or Latino as their race, as well as their ethnicity. The administration has been reviewing its more than quarter-century-old definitions of race and ethnicity and is proposing to combine two questions about race and ethnicity into one on the census and in other government data collection. The administration also is proposing a Middle Eastern or North African category, shortened to MENA. Currently people of such origin are included in the White category, something people in the [MENA category have advocated to be changed for three decades](#), the proposal states.*

[Experts, data point to women as best military recruiting pool](#) [Meghann Myers, Military Times, 26 January 2023]

*The United States military is coming up on 50 years as an all-volunteer force, at a time when the services are facing a historically difficult uphill battle finding enough qualified volunteers to fill their ranks. With that in mind, social scientists, military experts and national security strategists came together at the Naval Academy on Wednesday to tackle some pressing questions: What will the military do in 2040, who will serve in it and how will it recruit people? Diversity is a top-line requirement, multiple experts said. To put a finer point on it, demographic data on the U.S. population shows that women are surpassing men in education as men's participation in the workforce is dropping.*

[Howard University Will Be Lead Institution for New Research Center](#) [C. Todd Lopez, DOD News, 23 January 2023]

*The research center is sponsored by the U.S. Air Force and focused on tactical autonomy. The announcement represents two firsts for the U.S. military: It's the first university-affiliated research center associated with one of America's historically Black colleges and universities and the first sponsored by the Air Force. Some 30% of African American STEM professionals graduate from one of America's historically Black colleges and universities, Austin said, yet only a small fraction of the*

*Defense Department's research funding is directed towards HBCUs. That's something Austin said he's determined to change.*

[Lauren Sanchez to lead all-women space crew in 2024 aboard Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin rocket](#) [Greg Cannella, *CBS News*, 26 January 2023]

*Lauren Sanchez says she is planning to take part in an all-women space flight in early 2024 aboard Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin rocket. The 53-year-old award-winning TV journalist and helicopter pilot told the Wall Street Journal in an interview that she is "super excited" to lead five other women for the upcoming mission. "It's going to be women who are making a difference in the world and who are impactful and have a message to send," she said. The other participants are expected to be revealed closer to the expected launch date.*

[W.Va. National Guard members make history as unit's first all-female crew to take flight](#) [Shannon Stowers, *WCHS TV (Charleston, W.Va.)*, 23 January 2023]

*A group of women in West Virginia made history Friday as they took to the sky from McLaughlin Air National Guard Base in Charleston. The five women, members of the West Virginia National Guard, became the 130th Airlift Wing's first all-female aircrew to take flight, according to a news release. The aircrew was tasked with an aeromedical evacuation training exercise aboard a C-130J Super Hercules aircraft. Lt. Col. Kristen Hoeckel and Maj. Kelly Farris piloted the route from Charleston to Naval Air Station Key West, Florida, the news release said. Chief Master Sgt. Debbie Turrill, Technical Sgt. Emily Knight and Technical Sgt. Autumn Davis served as loadmasters for the flight.*

## **EXTREMISM**

[30 years after the siege, "Waco" examines what led to the catastrophe](#) [Dave Davies, *NPR*, 25 January 2023] [BOOK REVIEW]

*In the winter and spring of 1993, more than 80 people, including four federal agents and at least 20 children, died in two violent confrontations between federal law enforcement and the Branch Davidian Christian sect near Waco, Texas. Extremist groups have since cited the assaults as evidence for anti-government conspiracy theories. In his new book, [Waco: David Koresh, The Branch Davidians and a Legacy of Rage](#), author Jeff Guinn describes the group's leader, David Koresh, as a religious demagogue who took multiple teenage brides and preached that he and his followers would bring about a conflict that would make the end of days happen in their lifetimes.*

[Extreme Israeli group takes root in U.S. with fundraising bid](#) [Uri Blau and Tim Goldenberg, *The Associated Press*, 25 January 2023]

*An Israeli group raising funds for Jewish extremists convicted in some of the country's most notorious hate crimes is collecting tax-exempt donations from Americans, according to findings by The Associated Press and the Israeli investigative platform Shomrim. The records in the case suggest that Israel's far right is gaining a new foothold in the United States. Many Israeli causes, from hospitals to universities to charities, raise money through U.S.-based arms. But having the strategy adopted by a group assisting Jewish radicals raises legal and moral questions.*

[Four Oath Keepers convicted of Jan. 6 seditious conspiracy](#) [Michael Kunzelman and Alanna Durkin Richer, *The Associated Press*, 24 January 2023]

*The verdict against Joseph Hackett of Sarasota, Florida; Roberto Minuta of Prosper, Texas; David Moerschel of Punta Gorda, Florida; and Edward Vallejo of Phoenix comes weeks after a different jury convicted the group's leader, Stewart Rhodes, in the mob's attack that halted the certification of President Joe Biden's electoral victory. The Washington jury deliberated for about 12 hours over three days before delivering their guilty verdict on the rarely used charge, which carries up to 20 years in prison.*

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[Kansas man convicted of threatening to kill congressman](#) [John Hanna, *The Associated Press*, 19 January 2023]

*A federal court jury convicted a Kansas man who insisted that a death threat he made against U.S. Rep. Jake LaTurner was a message from God, amid what authorities have said is a sharp rise in threats against members of Congress and their families. Jurors found Chase Neill, 32, of Lawrence, guilty of a single count of threatening a U.S. government official. The presiding judge instructed jurors that to find Neill guilty, they had to conclude that a reasonable person would find that he had made a true threat and intended to either intimidate LaTurner or interfere with his work as a Republican congressman representing eastern Kansas.*

[Nearly all U.S. mass attackers were male and faced major life stressor, report finds](#) [Deepa Shivaram, *NPR*, 26 January 2023]

*The U.S. Secret Service has released a [first-of-its-kind report](#) that analyzes 173 mass attacks that took place in the country from 2016-2020. It's the first time the agency has put together trends collected from five years of data; the report examines everything from when in the year the attacks took place, to behavioral changes exhibited in the attackers. The report, which comes from the agency's National Threat Assessment Center, looked at attacks that harmed at least three individuals, not including the attacker. The report comes just days after two shootings in California in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay killed a total of 18 people. So far in 2023, there have been 39 mass shootings.*

[Proud Boys member testifies about group's culture and celebration of violence](#) [Hannah Rabinowitz and Holmes Lybrand, *CNN*, 24 January 2023]

*The first Proud Boy to take the stand in the seditious conspiracy trial against five fellow members of the far-right group told the jury Tuesday how leaders of the organization celebrated when their members acted violently, and how that informed the way the group fought together during the January 6, 2021, insurrection. Matthew Greene, from Syracuse, New York, testified after pleading guilty in December 2021. "What I believe was that when people acted in violence people did not back down, did not say you were going too far," Greene said of Proud Boys leadership. "If anything, it was celebrated."*

## **HUMAN RELATIONS**

[Do you use these words when you apologize? It's time to stop, researchers say](#) [Erika Ryan and Mary Louise Kelly, *NPR*, 25 January 2023]

*There's something very powerful about receiving or giving a heartfelt, genuine apology. Bad apologies, on the other hand, can be disastrous and lead to more hurt. The new book, [Sorry, Sorry, Sorry: The Case for Good Apologies](#), draws from a broad range of research to explain the power of apologies, why we don't always get good ones, and the best way to tell someone you're sorry. Co-authors Marjorie Ingall and Susan McCarthy break down the six (and a half) steps to great apologies.*

[Is burnout finally “high-profile” enough for leaders to act?](#) [Josie Cox, *BBC News*, 24 January 2023]

*Last week, Jacinda Ardern announced she would be standing down from office as New Zealand’s Prime Minister. The 42-year-old, whose more than five-year term was marked by her handling of the aftermath of the country’s worst ever mass shooting, a deadly volcanic eruption and the Covid-19 pandemic, said on 19 January that she no longer had enough “in the tank” to do her job justice. Now, many people hope her words particularly might be a significant step towards normalising discussing mental health and work: a sign that discussions around burnout can be held without fear or perception of stigma, which in turn would allow employers to establish mechanisms to support employees before its too late. Yet not everyone is so optimistic, especially for women.*

[What’s the Matter with Men?](#) [Idrees Kahloon, *The New Yorker*, 23 January 2023]

*Many social scientists agree that contemporary American men are mired in malaise, even as they disagree about the causes. In academic performance, boys are well behind girls in elementary school, high school, and college, where the sex ratio is approaching two female undergraduates for every one male. Rage among self-designated “incels” and other elements of the online “manosphere” appears to be steering some impressionable teens toward misogyny. The question is what to make of the paroxysm. For the revanchist right, the plight of American men is existential. It is an affront to biological (and perhaps Biblical) determinism, a threat to an entire social order. Yet, for all the strides that women have made since gaining the right to vote, the highest echelons of power remain lopsidedly male.*

## INTERNATIONAL

[Australia Day focuses on Black recognition in constitution](#) [Rod McGuirk, *The Associated Press*, 26 January 2023]

*Australians marked the 235th anniversary of British colonization Thursday with a public holiday that evokes anger at Indigenous injustice, focusing national attention on a new government push to acknowledge Australia’s first inhabitants in the constitution. The government joined several large corporations in allowing staff the choice of taking the holiday off or working Thursday and taking another day off instead, in recognition of growing public unease at celebrating the 1788 hoisting of the Union Jack at Sydney Cove. There are growing public calls to change the date of Australia Day, which is known to many Indigenous people as Invasion Day and Survival Day, because of the disastrous impacts on First Nations people of British colonists taking their land without a treaty.*

[India puts military and diversity on display for Republic Day parade](#) [Reuters, 26 January 2023]

*India showcased its military and its cultural diversity in a colourful parade on Thursday at the revamped colonial avenue in New Delhi to mark Republic Day, the anniversary of the day the country’s secular Constitution came into effect in 1950. Accompanied by marching bands, troops from the country’s military, border and police forces paced in perfect synchronisation towards the dais where President Droupadi Murmu took the salute.*

[Official: Australia could deny Ye entry over antisemitism](#) [Rod McGuirk, *The Associated Press*, 26 January 2023]

*A senior Australian government minister said Wednesday that rapper Ye, formerly known as Kanye West, could be refused a visa due to antisemitic comments if he attempts to visit Australia. Education Minister Jason Clare was responding to media reports that the U.S. celebrity intends to visit the family*

*of new Australian partner Bianca Censori in Melbourne next week. Clare said he did not know if Ye had applied for a visa but that Australia has previously refused them to people with antisemitic views.*

## MISCELLANEOUS

[Autism rates have tripled. Is it now more common or are we just better at diagnosis?](#) [Aria Bendix, *NBC News*, 26 January 2023]

*Autism rates tripled among children in the New York and New Jersey metropolitan area from 2000 to 2016, according to a [study](#) published Thursday in the journal *Pediatrics*. The authors, a team from Rutgers University, calculated the trend by analyzing Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates of the number of children who've been identified as having autism spectrum disorder by age 8. Although there is no medical test for autism, the CDC has established a network of 17 sites across the country that estimate autism rates based on a combination of formal medical diagnoses and records from schools and health care providers.*

[Biden-Harris Administration Unveils Better Data Collection Plans for LGBTQI+ Community](#)

[Alexandra Kelley, *NextGov*, 24 January 2023]

*For the first time, the federal government will use a formal framework to ensure improved data collection to better serve U.S. LGBTQI+ communities. The Biden-Harris administration released its [Federal Evidence Agenda on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex \(LGBTQI+\) Equity roadmap](#) on Tuesday afternoon to help federal agencies collect accurate data and evidence reflecting the needs of the historically underserved communities, Nextgov has learned.*

## MISCONDUCT

[Coastie faces military's highest court for sharing disrespectful memes](#) [Jonathan Lehrfeld, *Military Times*, 25 January 2023]

*A U.S. Coast Guardsman faced the military's highest court yesterday for sending disrespectful texts to other service members, inciting questions over the consequences of distributing inappropriate messages to fellow troops on duty. Chief Machinery Technician Fernando Brown, who was stationed with the Coast Guard heavy icebreaker *Polar Star*, was previously convicted for the series of communications that took place during the summer of 2019, court documents showed.*

[Hazing and bullying take mental toll on deployed soldiers, study finds](#) [Nancy Montgomery, *Stars and Stripes*, 24 January 2023]

*Combat-deployed soldiers who were bullied or hazed were more likely to have thoughts of suicide or suffer from other mental health conditions, [according to a new study](#). The survey of more than 1,400 soldiers, published Tuesday in *JAMA Psychiatry*, found that one in eight soldiers reported being bullied or hazed during their deployments. Study authors said that despite previous studies on civilian workplaces that showed an association between bullying and harassment and mental disorders, few studies had examined the same among military personnel. Moreover, bullying and hazing, unlike other stressful combat experiences, can be minimized by commanders and noncommissioned officers.*

[A NOAA Employee Ignored the Hatch Act Repeatedly. It Took a Decade For Him to Be Fired.](#)

[Courtney Bubl , *Government Executive*, 24 January 2023]



*The Office of Special Counsel, which oversees civil service law, announced on Tuesday that the Merit Systems Protection Board affirmed OSC's penalty for Keith Arnold, a NOAA employee since 2010, to be fired after he violated the Hatch Act by running for partisan political office several times over the past decade. The Hatch Act limits federal employees' political activities.*

## **RACISM**

[Pandemic-era stigma cost Asian restaurants \\$7.4B in lost revenue, new study finds](#) [Angela Yang, *NBC News*, 26 January 2023]

*Stigma against Chinese cuisine in the first year of the pandemic cost Asian restaurants in the United States an estimated \$7.4 billion in lost revenue in 2020, a recent study found. In a year in which tens of thousands of restaurants closed and many barely scraped by, the [study](#)—published online last week in the journal *Nature Human Behaviour*—reported that Asian restaurants across the country lost 18.4% more in foot traffic than other restaurants in 2020.*

## **RELIGION**

[First woman pastor in Holy Land ordained](#) [Yolande Knell, *BBC News*, 22 January 2022]

*In many parts of the Christian world, female church leaders are no longer unusual. But until now, the Holy Land—where events in the Bible are set—had not seen a local woman ordained. On Sunday, a Palestinian from Jerusalem, Sally Azar, became its first woman pastor at an event at the Lutheran church in the heart of the Old City, attended by hundreds of international well-wishers.*

[Pope Francis says homosexuality is not a crime in a new interview](#) [Sylvia Poggioli, *NPR*, 25 January 2023]

*In his first interview since the death of former Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis spoke about his health, his critics and the future of the papacy. He also criticized laws that criminalize homosexuality as unjust. Pope Francis told the Associated Press that, while Catholic teaching holds that homosexual acts are a “sin,” being homosexual is not a “crime.” He stressed the need to distinguish between the two, and said, for example, that lack of charity with one another is also a sin. He added that the Catholic Church should work to put an end to laws in some countries that criminalize homosexuality.*

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## **SEXISM**

[“There’s a Lot of Work to be Done” to Even the Gender Playing Field in Business](#) [Adam Butler and Ross Gianfortune, *Government Executive*, 23 January 2023] [PODCAST]

*Another year of the COVID-19 pandemic has come and gone, with a healthy dollop of inflation and economic uncertainty added. Women continue to be affected by the economic atmosphere in the United States and the world. In the wake of this, the National Women's Business Council, a nonpartisan federal advisory council, recently released its [annual report](#). As women business owners and entrepreneurs move with the economic changes, the report has recommendations for 2023 and the years ahead. Jaime Gloshey is member of the National Women's Business Council and Co-Founder of Native Women Lead. She joined the podcast to discuss the NWBC's annual report and women in business.*

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT/HARASSMENT**

[Air Force Academy Cadet Found Guilty on Two Sexual Assault Charges](#) [Mary Shinn, *The Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colo.)*, 24 January 2023]

*An Air Force Academy cadet was found guilty Saturday on two sexual assault charges in a court-martial that involved allegations by four women. Judge Lt. Col. Dayle Percle sentenced Cadet Justin Couty to five years or 30 months for each charge, according to a Tuesday news release. She also dismissed him from the academy and required a forfeiture of all pay and allowances. Couty was found not guilty on two charges of abusive sexual contact and one charge of sexual assault following a five-day trial.*

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[The Army just appointed its first lead trial counsel, with big implications](#) [Tom Temin, *Federal News Network*, 23 January 2023] [PODCAST WITH TRANSCRIPT]

*The Army recently appointed its first ever lead trial counsel, a Senate-confirmed one-star general. Her job will be to prosecute cases of murder, rape and sexual assaults. It is all part of a new legal framework for such cases. For analysis, the Federal Drive with Tom Temin talked to former Air Force judge advocate general and founding attorney of JAG Defense, Grover Baxley.*

## SUICIDE

[If it is worth dying for, it is worth living for](#) [Army Capt. Garrett Boyer, *Health.mil*, 17 January 2023]

[COMMENTARY]

*When Dan got home, he was not the same. Even with closed eyes, he could still see blood and flashes from rocket attacks. The chaotic sounds of war played loudly in his nightmares. Dan had post-traumatic stress. He experienced survivor's guilt. Dan became depressed and anxious. He began to shut out from the world—spending less time with his loved ones and drinking more to cope. It was worse when he left the U.S. Army. His whole identity was wrapped up, not just in military service, but in the moral and mental wounds he endured. I asked him why he did it, “Why join the Army? Why go back to Afghanistan for a second deployment? He did not have to do it, right?” His answer struck me. “I wanted to go,” Dan said. “I had something worth fighting for and worth dying for.”*

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## VETERANS

[108-year-old original Montford Point Marine honored for his service](#) [Jonathan Lehrfeld, *Marine Corps Times*, 26 January 2023]

*For his 108th birthday, an original member of the Montford Point Marines—the group of the first Black troops to enlist in the Marine Corps—was recognized for his years of dedicated service across three military conflicts. Cosmas D. Eaglin Sr. of Fayetteville, North Carolina, was presented earlier in January with a certificate of appreciation and a challenge coin from the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, [according to a statement](#) from the department.*

[Homelessness among veterans has been cut in half since 2010, VA says](#) [Allison P. Erickson, *The Texas Tribune (Austin, Texas)*, 26 January 2023]

*Homelessness disproportionately affects veterans, but the Department of Veterans Affairs announced Wednesday that a variety of efforts to help veterans find housing has resulted in the rate dropping 11% in the past three years nationwide and more than 50% since 2010. Texas and California have the two*

*largest veteran populations in the country. According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the number of homeless Texas veterans dropped from 5,527 in 2007 to 1,948 in 2020, a 65% decrease. “This is great progress, but it’s just the beginning,” McDonough said. “We at VA will not rest until the phrase ‘homeless veteran’ is a thing of the past.”*

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