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To Julia Brownley for passing a bill requiring the VA to better support female veterans. [Here](#).

To the Women's Policy Summit in Sacramento for releasing briefs on women and family issues. More [here](#).

To **Clover**, a new email newsletter providing teenage girls with a safe, substantive and educational space. More information [here](#).

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Hollywood's gender bias is highlighted by tweets revealing the ways female characters are introduced in scripts. Check it out [here](#).

While the number of female leads in Hollywood's biggest films rose this year, that gain was only among white women.

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