

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



USA Today: [Civil rights groups rip Trump's show of force](#)

The right to protest the Trump administration's "unjust policies targeting Black and Brown communities must be protected," they wrote. The groups include the NAACP, the National Urban League, the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, the National Action Network, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the Leadership Conference, the National Council of Negro Women and the Legal Defense Fund.

NewsNation: [Rep. Justin Pearson, NAACP aim to halt xAI project in Memphis](#)

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Commercial Appeal (USA Today Network): [Mississippi officials join in fight against Elon Musk's xAI project in Memphis](#)

On June 9, [Tennessee state Rep. Justin J. Pearson](#), along with members of the NAACP, Memphis Community Against Pollution, Sierra Club and Mississippi state Rep. Cheikh Taylor, hosted a press conference at Springfield Baptist Church in Southaven. The group criticized xAI's expansion into South Memphis and the risks of increased air pollution in DeSoto County.

NBC6 [KRIS TV]: [NAACP hosts Arts and Education Contest in honor of Juneteenth](#)

The Dr. H. Boyd Hall NAACP Corpus Christi Branch hosted its Juneteenth Arts and Education Contest, inviting youth to illustrate what Juneteenth means to them and why it matters. The event featured student created artwork, poetry, and music honoring the historic day and its continued relevance.

Commercial Appeal (USA Today Network): [Memphis NAACP leader says proposed SNAP, Medicaid cuts 'a people issue,' not partisan one](#)

The [Memphis branch of the NAACP](#) voiced severe concerns over [potential cuts to food stamps and Medicaid](#) at a press conference on June 10.

UPI: [The 25th Annual BET Awards Held in Los Angeles](#)

PHOTO: Derrick Johnson, President and CEO, NAACP arrives on the red carpet for 25th annual BET Awards live telecast at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles on Monday, June 9, 2025. The BET Awards honors Black entertainers and other people of color in music, film, sports and philanthropy.

WRAL News: [NAACP chapter urges district to reinstate Carrboro High](#)

[School principal on administrative leave](#)

The Carrboro High School principal is on administrative leave after students, parents, and staff raised concerns about her performance. However, the local NAACP chapter argues, the school district acted too quickly in sending her home.

The News & Observer: [NAACP demands due process for Carrboro principal put on leave after student walkout](#)

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro school system's decision to put a principal on paid leave ahead of graduation Saturday has hurt her professional and personal reputation without evidence or due process, the local NAACP said Wednesday.

Daily Memphian: ['We cannot put profit before people': Coalition blasts xAI's turbine plans](#)

A coalition of environmental groups, NAACP chapters, and faith leaders led by state Rep. Justin J. Pearson (bottom row, blue tie) protested xAI's turbine plans on Monday, June 9, 2025, at Springfield Baptist Church.

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- [Hey, Black America: Disinformation in Los Angeles and Activist Safety](#)
 - [NAACP Condemns Forceful Removal of Senator Alex Padilla from Homeland Security Press Conference](#)
 - [NAACP Celebrates Major Legal Victory in Georgia Supreme Court Hand Counting Case](#)
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THE DIRTY TRUTH ABOUT AI



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Elon Musk's xAI data center is polluting our air and threatening the health and safety of historically underserved communities like Boxtown in Memphis, Tenn. Built without proper permitting or environmental review, it's spewing cancer-causing toxins into the air and illegally tapping community water supplies.

This issue doesn't stop at state borders. Neighborhoods in Tennessee and Mississippi are all at risk. Together, we can demand accountability and clean air for our communities.

[Learn more and take action now by contacting your representatives and urging them to enforce environmental justice. Stand with us to protect our](#)

[community's health and future.](#)

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Millions of Americans are at risk as critical programs like Medicaid and SNAP face major cuts. While the House of Representatives has passed a tax bill benefiting corporations and the wealthiest, these cuts threaten health care, food assistance, and benefits for seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities.

The Senate has the power to protect these vital lifelines. [Contact your senators today and demand they prioritize people over profits.](#)

Together, we can protect the programs that uphold dignity and care for all Americans.

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116TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



Registration is now open for the [116th NAACP National Convention](#). Secure your spot today and join us **July 12–16, 2025**, in **Charlotte, North Carolina**. This is a pivotal opportunity to confront the challenges of our time, celebrate Black brilliance, and unite for the critical work ahead.

[Housing reservations are now open](#) through our official partner, Maritz. We encourage you to reserve your accommodations early for the best rates and availability. Hotel reservation deadlines begin **this Sunday, June 15, 2025**.

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