

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



The Don Lemon Show: [Lemon LIVE at 5: New Evidence Blows Open Nolan Wells' Case. What Are They Not Telling Us?](#)

New details are raising questions about Nolan Wells' death. The Mississippi State Medical Examiner's autopsy found no water in his lungs or airways and documented head injuries, but left the cause and manner of death undetermined. **Special guest:** NAACP General Counsel Kristen Clarke

WLBT3: [NAACP calls for release of full autopsy report in death of Nolan Wells after grand jury report](#)

In a statement released Tuesday, NAACP General Counsel Kristen Clarke expressed deep concern over the grand jury's decision, stating that the findings leave the community and Wells' family without answers.

Also featured on [The New York Times](#), [ABC News](#), [PBS](#), and [WLOX](#).

The New York Times: [Trump Faced Loss After Loss. He Then Turned to a Familiar Target: The Press.](#)

Derrick Johnson, the president of the NAACP, said Mr. Trump was also trying to redirect attention. “Donald Trump has a problem with the public knowing the truth, and that’s because the truth isn’t favorable to him,” Mr. Johnson said. “Soaring gas prices aren’t favorable to him. The Epstein files aren’t favorable to him. A weakening economy isn’t favorable to him. The only thing that is favorable to him is the public believing his lies — and that is only possible if he controls the narrative.”

MS NOW: Ex-DOJ atty on China press allowed WH amid media ban: ‘One of the darkest moments’ in our democracy

A judge says the Trump administration must respond to a non-compliance notice and explain why some reporters are still struggling to gain entry into the White House. NAACP General Counsel Kristen Clarke joins Peter Alexander to share her reaction to the fallout.

The Root: Black voting groups launch national effort to mobilize 100,000 Black men ahead of midterms

The NAACP, in partnership with 100 Black Men of America, National Urban League, Black Men Vote, Woke Vote, and State of the People, together launched National Black Man Voter Day. The goal of the coordinated national civic-engagement initiative is to mobilize 100,000 Black men ahead of early voting on Oct. 24.

Also featured on [Afro News](#).

The Root: Opinion: Black Unemployment Is America’s Labor Warning Light

Black women have long played an essential role in the American workforce, serving in schools, hospitals, government agencies, service industries and small businesses, caring for children and families, strengthening communities and helping keep vital institutions running. Yet their contributions have not translated into equal access to employment, advancement or earnings. That is why the NAACP’s response must be about both protecting workers and expanding opportunity.

The Center Square: Chicago mayor says environmental justice ‘necessary’ for data centers

Mayor Brandon Johnson spoke in New York on Monday at “Powering Justice: Data Centers and Building a Just Digital Future,” a panel discussion led by the NAACP Center for Environmental and Climate Justice and the Natural Resources Defense Council. Johnson said it is important to look at the full environmental footprint of data centers.

The Detroit News: Former Vice President Kamala Harris speaks at Detroit NAACP event

Former Vice President Kamala Harris speaks with the Rev. Wendell Anthony, President of the Detroit Branch of the NAACP, and the Rev. Genetta Y. Hatcher during a fireside chat on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026 at Fellowship Church in Detroit.

United Press International: [NAACP sues Trump administration to bar agents from polling places](#)

The NAACP and a group of civil rights organizations on Friday (September 18) sued the Trump administration to prevent the government from stationing federal agents at polling stations in the upcoming elections.

Also featured on [Democracy Now](#), [News Nation](#), and [Common Dreams](#).

The Intercept: [They Trained to Protect Immigrants From ICE. Now They're Prepping to Defend the Midterm Elections.](#)

For the NAACP, voter intimidation is a familiar threat, even if the players have changed, explained Dominik Whitehead, the group's head of membership. "Much of this we've seen before," said Whitehead.

Bienville Parish Journal: [NAACP Arcadia-Bienville Youth Council sponsors Back-to-School Bash](#)

The NAACP Arcadia-Bienville Youth Council sponsored its Back-to-School Bash on Sept. 15 at the Eugene Smith Events Center. The evening featured "Youth Real Talk," with youth panelists sharing candid conversations about school success, choices and leadership. School leaders and board members also participated in the event, sharing in 60 seconds, "My Role & Why It Matters to You."

Marietta Daily Journal: [AROUND TOWN: Cobb NAACP challenges Cobb Schools over removal of Toni Morrison novel](#)

The Cobb County NAACP is calling for transparency from Cobb Schools Superintendent Chris Ragsdale and the school board about its book removal process following the school system's announcement last week that it was removing the novel "The Bluest Eye" from school libraries.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP, Civil Rights Coalition Files Federal Lawsuit Challenging Threatened Use of Federal Law Enforcement at Polling Locations](#)
- [NAACP, and Advocacy Groups Launch Joint Campaign to Mobilize 100,000 Black Men to Vote Early](#)
- [NAACP and NRDC Demand Public Record Preservation for Proposed Alabama Data Center](#)
- [NAACP Announces Partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and The Links to Advance Civil Rights](#)
- [Opinion: 40 Days to the Midterms: Why Every Vote Matters](#)

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✦ New Episode ✦

 **Juju Green:** In this episode of NAACP+ Inside the Industry, host Ariana Drummond sits down with film critic, creator, podcaster, and voice actor Juju Green — better known as Straw Hat Goofy — for one of the most fun, honest, and genuinely insightful conversations in the series about what it actually takes to build a career out of pure passion in the digital age.

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CLIMATE WEEK



[Climate Week NYC](#) concludes this Sunday, and what a powerful week it's been so far.

This week, the NAACP has stood shoulder to shoulder with policy leaders, advocates, and storytellers to push climate and environmental justice to the forefront of the conversation. One thing is clear: our fight for climate justice is only getting louder and stronger.

THE CRISIS



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ONGOING ACTIONS

- **Roadmap to Generational Wealth:** Generational wealth is about power, stability, and freedom, and it's within our reach. [Begin your journey](#) toward building wealth that will last for generations to come.
- **Out of Bounds:** NAACP is calling on Black athletes, families, alumni, and fans to withhold athletic and financial support from public universities in these states until they [protect Black voting power](#).
- **Redistricting:** Explore our "[Redistricting, Power & Our Vote](#)" collection, learn more about the fight for fair maps, and stay informed ahead of the 2026 midterms. Plus, visit the NAACP Store to grab our "[A Black Vote Was Suppressed Today](#)" [merch](#) and support the fight for voting rights.
- **One Nation, Overcharged:** This summer, NAACP is proud to join [One Nation, Overcharged](#). Together, we're demanding a healthcare system that puts our health over corporate profits – and works for everyone.
- **25th Amendment:** The stability of our nation hangs in the balance under President Trump. [Tell the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment](#).

- **Fund the Future Now:** Learn more about this [youth-led campaign](#) by the NAACP Youth & College Division fighting to make college affordable, accessible, and free from lifelong debt.

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