

Weekly News Recap



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Virginia NAACP President Cozy Bailey speaking to a crowd in front of the Shenandoah County Circuit Court on June 11, 2024. (Photo by Nathaniel Cline/Virginia Mercury)

Virginia Mercury: [Virginia Court of Appeals rules NAACP's voting rights FOIA lawsuit against Youngkin isn't over](#)

The Virginia Court of Appeals determined Tuesday that the Virginia NAACP's yearslong challenge to Gov. Glenn Youngkin over access to records concerning his administration's changes to voting rights restorations can move forward.

FOX61: [NAACP brings initiative to curb gun violence to southern Connecticut](#)

It's a movement that celebrated its 100th week recently in Hartford and now the same group is bringing the event to New Haven as well.

Star Gazette (USA Today Network): [Elmira-Corning NAACP sets annual back to school supplies giveaway. What to know](#)

With students getting ready to return to class in about a month, the Elmira-Corning Chapter of the NAACP is planning to renew a tradition it has been doing for more than 20 years.

ABC2 (KATU): [Why the Portland NAACP president says the mayor's order hurts people of color](#)

The president of the Portland branch of the NAACP is not happy with Mayor Keith Wilson's executive order that would gut certain "diversity, equity, and inclusion" language out of city programs or policies.

NBC6: [Killeen NAACP hosts annual Back-to-School Rally](#)

Over a thousand backpacks were filled with school supplies and handed out to families.

Oregon Live: [Portland NAACP blasts mayor for capitulating to Trump with DEI rollback, says order sets 'dangerous precedent'](#)

In a [blistering letter](#) Monday, the president of the Portland chapter of the NAACP accused Portland Mayor Keith Wilson of setting a "dangerous precedent" with his [recent executive order](#) to change the city's equity language to comply with the Trump administration.

NBC3: [NAACP Las Vegas hosts dodgeball fundraiser for legal aid](#)

The NAACP Las Vegas Chapter's Legal Redress Committee hosted its first-ever dodgeball competition fundraiser this Saturday at the Pearson Community Center in North Las Vegas. The event aimed to generate funds to assist community members in accessing crucial legal resources.

CBS6 (KOIN): [NAACP President James Posey said Mayor Wilson is](#)

[prioritizing "short-term political compliance" over "community values."](#)

The Portland chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is condemning Mayor Keith Wilson for ordering the city to comply with federal mandates against diversity, equity and inclusion practices.

Newark Post: [Newark NAACP awards scholarships to three local students](#)

The legacy of star athlete and civic leader Gary Hayman will live on through three local high school students. The students — Ayomipo Adejo, Valeria Tamayo and Maurice Wright — were each awarded the NAACP's Gary Hayman Scholarship during a ceremony at the George Wilson Center on Saturday.

NBC8 (KGW): [Portland NAACP condemns mayor for DEI rollback](#)

NAACP's president said Keith Wilson's order takes efforts for inclusion several steps back, while the mayor said the decision was made to protect federal funding.

Richmond Free Press: [Democrats, Wilder, NAACP decry federal probes on Virginia colleges](#)

State Democrats, former Gov. L. Douglas Wilder and the Virginia NAACP are speaking out against what they describe as politically motivated federal investigations and partisan interference in the leadership of Virginia's colleges and universities.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [Honoring the 60th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act](#)
- [Federal Court Orders U.S. Department of Education to Reinstate Critical Federal Equity Assistance Center Funding](#)

FIERCE ADVOCACY IN ACTION TOWN HALLS

A poster for NAACP's 'FIERCE' Advocacy in Action Town Halls. The background is black with a collage of Black people's faces. In the top left, the NAACP logo is visible. The word 'FIERCE' is written in large, white, stylized letters. Below it, 'ADVOCACY IN ACTION' and 'TOWN HALLS' are written in red. At the bottom, white text reads: 'Engaging Black communities nationwide around urgent threats to healthcare, education, food access, environmental justice, and more.' Below that, 'REGISTER TODAY' is written in white, and 'NAACP.ORG/EVENTS' is at the very bottom. There are orange circular graphic elements on the left and right sides.

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REGISTER TODAY

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Join the NAACP for the [Fierce Advocacy in Action Town Halls](#), a series rooted in Black resistance and grounded in the NAACP's vision for political accountability and justice today.

In cities across the country, we'll tackle urgent issues like healthcare, education, food access, and environmental justice.

Together, we'll amplify local voices, demand accountability from leaders, and build momentum for the 2026 midterm elections.

This powerful series launches in Flemington, NJ, on August 12 with a town hall spotlighting voices in activism, leadership, and policy.

RSVP

PROTECT OUR VOTING RIGHTS



Every voice matters. Every vote counts. But without strong protections in place, access to fair voting is at risk for millions across our nation.

We need lawmakers to advance the [John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#) (JLVRAA), recently reintroduced by Senators Raphael Warnock (D-GA) and Dick Durbin (D-IL). Named after civil rights icon John Lewis, this critical piece of legislation was designed to restore and strengthen protections against voter discrimination that were eroded by the Supreme Court in 2013.

[Read more and join us in urging Congress to pass this critical piece of legislation.](#)

Act Now

OUR CULTURE, OUR STORIES PODCAST



Step into the world of Black excellence, creativity, and activism with [Our Culture, Our Stories](#) — the official NAACP Image Awards Podcast Series. Bringing the spirit of the Image Awards all year round, this podcast is your go-to space for unfiltered, inspiring conversations with today's most influential actors, musicians, authors, activists, and civic leaders.

✨New Episode✨

 [Ep. 21 - Roy Wood Jr.](#): Comedian and cultural commentator Roy Wood Jr. joins us for a timely and deeply reflective conversation on legacy, fear, and the shifting landscape of career, culture, and comedy.

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