

Weekly News Recap



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MSNBC: [We need the Voting Rights Act and a functioning government](#)

By Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP

Our nation faces two concurrent threats to the foundation of American democracy: [the Supreme Court's consideration of Louisiana v. Callais](#), which threatens to topple what remains of the Voting Rights Act, and [the government shutdown](#).

USA Today: ['No Kings' organizers concerned about protests. But 'courage is contagious.'](#)

NAACP spokesperson Dominik Whitehead said his organization's 116-year history and experience makes them "prepared for this moment." "The concern does not stop us from the fight," Whitehead said. "We are going to rise to the occasion."

TheGrio: [Black leaders say racist texts from young republican group is a reflection of Trump MAGA Party](#)

Derrick Johnson, NAACP President and CEO shared the following reaction: "This is yet another indication of the deeper rot in our civic culture. The way these young leaders are casually texting about committing heinous acts is disgusting."

NBC News: [NAACP president talks the impact of the Supreme Court redistricting case](#)

The Supreme Court is hearing arguments over a Louisiana redistricting case that focuses on Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. NBC News' Ellison Barber talks to President of the NAACP Derrick Johnson about the impacts of this case.

Black Enterprise: [NAACP Slams Trump For Dismantling Protections For Black, Women, And Minority-Owned Businesses](#)

Derrick Johnson, the NAACP's president and CEO, characterized the move by Trump as a significant step backward for Black-owned businesses.

NYU News: [NYU Law launches climate justice lab](#)

The panel opened with remarks from law school Dean Troy McKenzie, who highlighted the lab's aim to tackle environmental inequity. It featured panelists Charles Lee and Vernice Miller-Travis, founders of the environmental justice movement and Abre' Conner, director of the Center for Environmental and Climate Justice at the NAACP.

Patch: [NAACP Bucks County's 74th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet: The Fierce Urgency of NOW](#)

Join the Bucks County NAACP for an inspiring evening at our 74th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet. The event begins with a social hour at 6:00 PM, followed by the program and keynote address from

Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor Austin A. Davis, the state's first Black and youngest Lieutenant Governor.

Alabama Reflector: [Citing climate crisis, NAACP expresses opposition to massive Bessemer data center](#)

NAACP leaders cite energy, water usage and a lack of transparency around the project as causes for concern.

21 Alive: [NAACP to host Fort Wayne community briefing on AI data centers](#)

The featured speaker for the briefing will be National NAACP Director of the Environmental & Climate Justice Center Abre' Conner, who will outline key questions residents and leaders should ask about energy use, water demands, siting decisions, and community benefits.

Georgia Recorder: [Georgia NAACP, residents challenge district map in county with all-white commission](#)

The [lawsuit](#), which was filed in federal court Thursday, alleges that district maps enacted in 2022 have contributed to the lack of Black representation on the board of commissioners, despite the fact that Black voters make up "a substantial percentage" of the county's population. The Georgia NAACP, which according to the lawsuit has roughly 100 members who reside in the county, is one of the plaintiffs.

Church News: [Cincinnati NAACP honors Ohio Latter-day Saint for community outreach](#)

When [President Russell M. Nelson](#), then President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, [attended and spoke at the 2019 national NAACP convention](#) in Detroit, Michigan, a Latter-day Saint in Ohio felt prompted to act.

First Alert 4: [St. Louis NAACP Chapter holds its 71st Freedom Fund Dinner](#)

The St. Louis chapter of the NAACP held its annual Freedom Fund Dinner on Sunday night to support the organization's work in our area.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP to Host Rally to Defend Democracy, Protest Trump's Weaponization of Government to Target Black Communities](#)
- [NAACP Virtual Career Fair Offers Prospects to Thousands Impacted by Federal Layoffs](#)

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TUESDAY, OCT. 28TH

RECEPTION 6PM | PROGRAM 7PM

ONE EMANCIPATION CENTER 5TH FLOOR COMMUNITY ROOM | 3018 EMANCIPATION AVE, HOUSTON, TX 77004

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Event Details:

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When: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 | 6-8:30 p.m. CT | Power Hour Reception starts at 6 p.m. CT. | Program begins at 7 p.m. CT



Where: One Emancipation Center, 3018 Emancipation Ave, Houston, TX 77004 (5th Floor Community Room)

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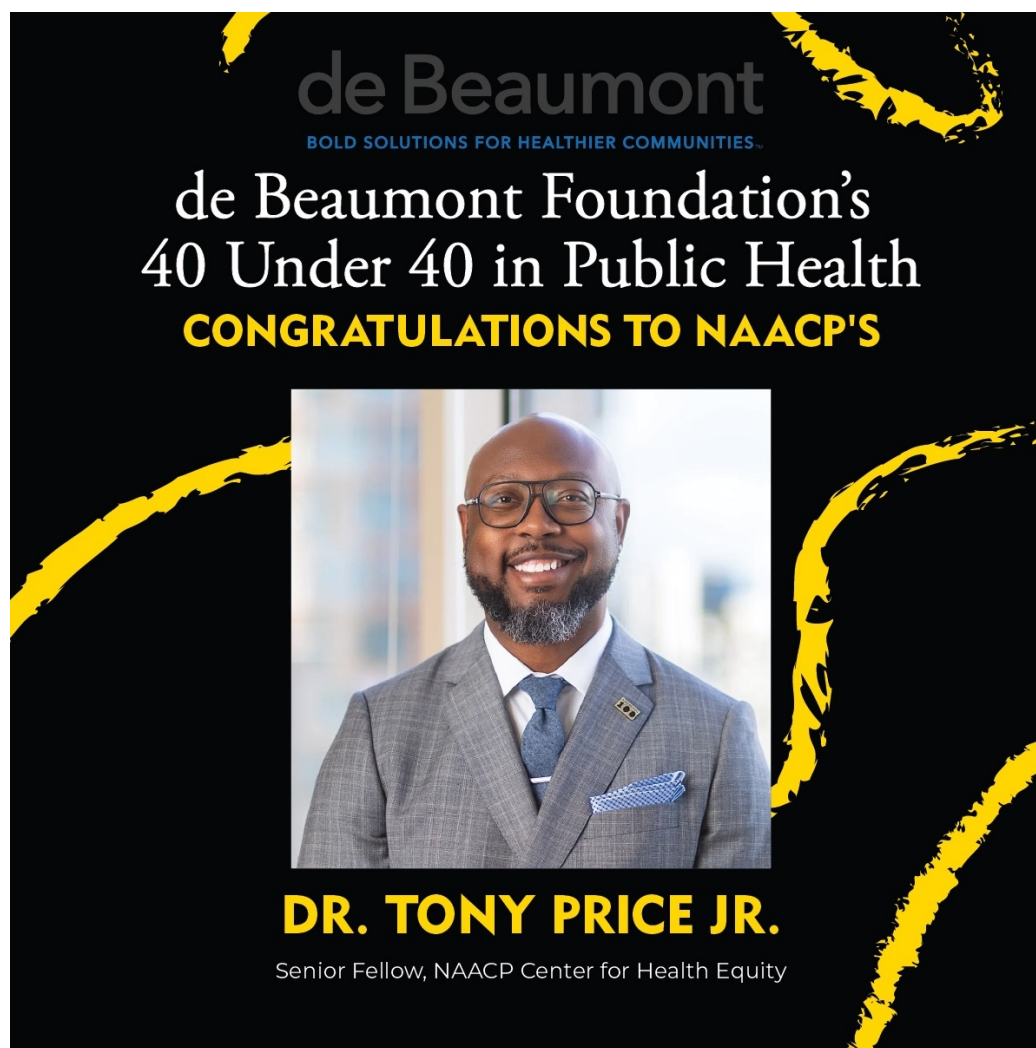
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