

Weekly News Recap



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Black Enterprise: [NAACP Slams AT&T DEI Rollback As 'Anti-Growth,' Warns It Abandons Black Consumers And Workers](#)

In light of AT&T's decision to [cut its DEI](#) programming, the NAACP has called out the decision in a letter to the corporation. Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of the civil rights organization, addressed the situation in a direct statement to AT&T's Chairman and CEO John Stankey.

TheGrio: [Black unemployment rate rises, yet again, in Trump's economy](#)

"The Trump Administration's so-called 'golden age' is only for the billionaires he's enriching by gutting social programs. For everyone else, it's the complete opposite," NAACP President Derrick Johnson said of the Black jobs numbers in a statement to theGrio.

Fortune: [The AI efficiency illusion: why cutting 1.1 million jobs will stifle, not scale, your strategy](#)

Keisha Bross, Director of Opportunity, Race and Justice at the NAACP, reports that she has "not seen interventions happening" to support this displaced workforce. The result? At recent NAACP job fairs, 80% of applicants held bachelor's degrees yet were lining up for same-day interviews for low-wage roles. We are witnessing the hollowing out of the Black middle class in real-time.

Courier: [Abre' Conner: Trump's Energy Policies Have Failed Black America](#)

Donald Trump has failed Black Americans in almost every way possible. He promised to improve our economic standing, lower costs for working families, and reduce "energy and electricity prices by half." Instead, the cost of living has skyrocketed and utility bills have gone up with no end in sight.

Science: [Trump administration moves to break up leading U.S. climate and weather center](#)

Without NCAR's strong presence, state agencies that did not previously specialize in weather and climate prediction may need to step up, says Abre' Conner, director of the Center for Environmental and Climate Justice at NAACP, a civil rights organization. NCAR was "one of the last standing places ... that would allow for our communities to get answers" about weather and climate-related disasters, she says.

AP: [NAACP President and CEO Opposes Changing Kennedy Center Name](#)

"Donald Trump doesn't actually do anything; he just brands it. And that hasn't worked out too well for him," Johnson said in a statement. "President Kennedy led America to the moon, championed the most significant civil rights legislation in our history, and steered the nation

away from nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis."

Axios: [Data centers could charge key Dem primary fight](#)

Last week's NAACP summit signaled how the longtime civil rights group is expanding its opposition to large AI data centers — or at least looking to ensure they don't add to existing strains.

Washington Informer: [NAACP Hosts Summit to Combat Negative Impacts of Data Centers](#)

"We recognize... these AI data centers, that are hyper-scaled and are showing up in our communities, are nothing new when it comes to where they're placing them and citing pollution," said Abre' Conner, director of the NAACP's Center for Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ). "There are still some people who are not connecting their ChatGPT requests or the AI mode that shows up with Google to actually being an infrastructure that lives in a community."

Black Enterprise: [NAACP Launches AI-Focused Healthcare Initiative To Address Equity Gaps In Medicine](#)

"As a physician, I've seen what happens when systems are built without the people they are meant to serve," said Dr. Chris Pernell, director of the NAACP Center for Health Equity, in a press release. "AI can transform patient care, but only if it reflects the real lives and experiences of our communities."

Healthcare IT News: [AI blueprint from NAACP prioritizes health equity in model development](#)

The NAACP said it will work with health systems, technology developers and others to create toolkits and on various legislative efforts to help set ethical guardrails. The organization said it is developing a legislative proposal to drive equity-minded thinking across the landscape of AI development, such as in research tackling rare diseases, according to Reuters.

WWLP TV: [Springfield NAACP opposes city council's stricter drug resolution](#)

The Greater Springfield NAACP has publicly opposed a City Council resolution aimed at implementing stricter drug laws, claiming it disproportionately harms marginalized communities.

The Press Democrat: [Local NAACP chapter gifts toys to more than 100 Sonoma County families during weekend drive](#)

More than 100 Sonoma County families visited the local NAACP branch toy drive this weekend and left with a sack full of gifts and bellies full of cider and snacks.

Western Mass News: [NAACP speaking out on push for stricter drug laws](#)

The Greater Springfield NAACP is speaking out against a city council resolution pushing for stricter drug laws.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Denounces AT&T's Decision to Backtrack on DEI Commitments](#)
- [NAACP Responds to President Trump's Address to the Nation](#)
- [NAACP Responds to Cannabis Reclassification](#)
- [NAACP Summit Unites National & Local Leaders to Confront AI Data Center Expansion and Protect Vulnerable Communities](#)

111TH SPINGARN MEDAL



The NAACP is now accepting nominations for the 111th Spingarn Medal, our highest honor, which recognizes the distinguished merit and achievements of Americans of African descent.

Since 1914, the Spingarn Medal has celebrated excellence in fields ranging from the arts to public service, with past recipients including Vice President Kamala Harris, Hazel N. Dukes, Henry Louis Gates, and The Honorable James E. Clyburn.

Interested? You can send nominations:

By Mail: The Spingarn Medal Award Committee
Attn: Mrs. Mildred B. Roxborough, NAACP
4805 Mt. Hope Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215

By Email: India Artis, iartis@naacpnet.org

Submissions must include a detailed biographical profile and supporting documents, such as news clippings, honors received, etc. This information should be clearly typewritten or printed, as it must be reproduced, and must be postmarked or emailed by December 31, 2025.

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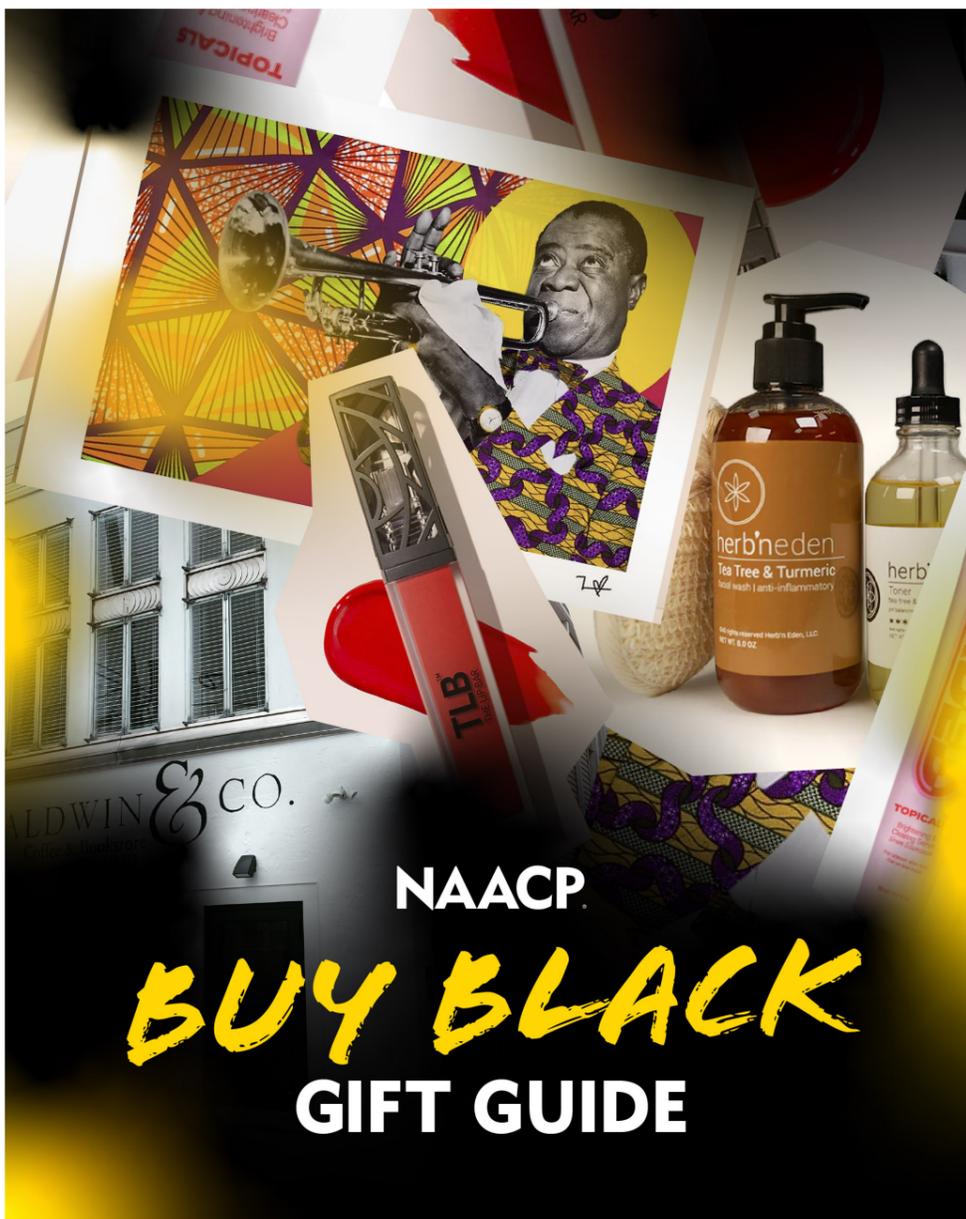


AI is transforming healthcare, and the NAACP, in collaboration with Sanofi, brought together leading experts to examine how these tools can improve care, from predicting illness to supporting faster diagnoses and expanding access in historically under-resourced communities.

Through our [ACE Your Health initiative and a new first-of-its-kind white paper](#), we're outlining how to ensure AI in healthcare is fair, transparent, and accountable. Explore the findings and join us in shaping a future where innovation strengthens health equity for all.

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NAACP BUY BLACK GIFT GUIDE



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