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# General *U.S.* News



## \* Congressman Al Green’s Stand Against Trump Sparks Black Community Dialogue

Congressman Al Green, a longtime Texas representative and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., drew national attention in March 2025 for directly challenging President Trump’s policies during a joint address to Congress. His bold protest, which led to his removal and censure, was widely supported by fellow lawmakers, his fraternity, and constituents—sparking ongoing conversations about political courage and representation within Black communities.

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## \* Tariffs in Flux: 90-Day Pause Nears End as Negotiations Continue

The U.S. imposed sweeping new tariffs in April 2025, including a 10% base rate on most imports and higher rates for certain countries. However, a 90-day pause on additional tariffs was enacted to allow time for trade negotiations. As the July deadline approaches, the administration signals flexibility for partners negotiating in good faith, while businesses and consumers await clarity on future rates and impacts.

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\* “Superfine: Tailoring Black Style” at The Met Celebrates Black Fashion Legacy

The Met’s acclaimed exhibition spotlights three centuries of Black dandyism, exploring how Black style has shaped identity and served as a tool for social distinction and resistance.

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\* Durag Festival & HBCU Design Challenge Elevate Black Cultural Symbols

Charlotte’s Durag Festival, featuring a design challenge for HBCU students, reimagines the durag as a symbol of Black pride and creativity—bridging heritage and contemporary fashion.

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\* Brandon Blackwood Partners with American Airlines for Luxury Amenity Kits

Designer Brandon Blackwood brings Black excellence to the skies, launching exclusive amenity kits for American Airlines’ premium passengers. The collaboration highlights the global influence of Black designers in travel and luxury.

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# Sports & Entertainment



## \* Black Cowboy Festival Honors a Forgotten Legacy

This annual event in South Carolina celebrates the historical and modern contributions of Black cowboys, featuring rodeos, music, and cultural exhibitions that reclaim a vital part of American history.

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## \* “Sinners” Hits #1: Black-Led Film Tops the Box Office

Ryan Coogler’s Sinners becomes a 2025 box office sensation, showcasing the power of Black storytelling and the growing audience demand for diverse narratives in Hollywood.

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## \* BET Awards 2025: Bridging Generations and Showcasing Black Culture

The 25th BET Awards celebrated Black excellence with millennial nostalgia, including 106 & Park throwback skits and performances. Host Kevin Hart spotlighted Gen Z by featuring a live stream with Kai Cenat, while Toyota’s sponsorship underscored the event’s cultural and commercial impact.

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## \* Coco Gauff Becomes First American Since Serena Williams to Win French Open

Coco Gauff has officially won the 2025 French Open, securing her first Roland-Garros title and the second Grand Slam championship of her career at just 21 years old. She also becomes the first American woman to claim the French Open crown since Serena Williams in 2015.

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# Business & Entrepreneurship



## \* Tariffs Threaten Growth of Black-Owned Businesses

Tariff hikes have created new hurdles for Black entrepreneurs, increasing costs and limiting access to global markets. The impact is especially acute for small businesses already facing systemic barriers.

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## \* Chris Paul Launches Black-Owned Media Company

NBA star Chris Paul debuts a media company focused on amplifying Black voices, aiming to reshape ownership and representation in entertainment and news.

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## \* Target and Other Brands Face Backlash Over DEI Initiatives

Ongoing boycotts and political pressure against DEI programs are reducing corporate support for Black-owned businesses and media, threatening funding streams and progress on equity.

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## \* NPR Music Celebrates Black Music Month 2025 with Iconic Album Anniversaries

NPR Music is honoring Black Music Month 2025 by spotlighting the anniversaries of pivotal albums that have shaped music and culture. Throughout June, NPR is featuring nine influential artists across genres, with exclusive content, special Tiny Desk Concerts, and the return of Tiny Talks—short-form interviews for social media.

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## \* “Forever” on Netflix Brings Awareness to Historic Black Beaches

Netflix’s *Forever* shines a spotlight on Oak Bluffs in Martha’s Vineyard, a historic Black beach community that has long served as a safe and joyful summer haven for Black families. The show’s depiction of Oak Bluffs reflects a renewed cultural interest in historic Black beaches nationwide—places that were founded as sanctuaries during segregation and remain vital centers of Black heritage, community, and celebration today.

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\* Steph Curry and Michelle Obama Launch Inclusive Sports Drink for Black Communities

Steph Curry and Michelle Obama introduce a new sports drink brand, focusing on nutrition and wellness for Black youth and families, and promoting healthy lifestyle choices.

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\* This Black Church Addresses Teen Suicide Risk in they Community

A surge in culturally tailored mental health programs is helping reduce stigma, improve access, and foster resilience in Black communities across the U.S.

The staff at First Corinthian Baptist Church in Harlem, New York felt they had no choice but to tackle the issue of adolescent suicide risk in their congregation.

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