

*N A A C P*

*National Association for the Advancement of Colored People*

*Drew County Branch, Number 6042*

*“FREEDOM FUND GALA:*

*A VIRTUAL EVENT”*

**“#WEAREDONEDYING”**



**Friday, October 30, 2020**

**7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**

**Zoom and Facebook live.**

# N A A C P

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## *Highlights of the NAACP*

The NAACP was created on the occasion of the centennial celebration of the birth of the “Great Emancipator,” Abraham Lincoln on February 12, 1909. The atrocities committed against colored people in the Springfield, Illinois, riot during the summer of 1908 troubled the conscience of writer William English Walling of the Independent, a Springfield periodical. A wealthy Southerner and Socialist, Walling was moved to challenge freedom-loving Americans by invoking the spirit of the abolitionists who fought for social and political equality.

The local Drew County Branch of the NAACP #6042 was established to extend the furtherance of the National objective. At the local branch, members endeavor to carry out the mission, vision and objectives of the national organization.

### **WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE NAACP?<sup>1</sup>**

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.

#### **Vision Statement**

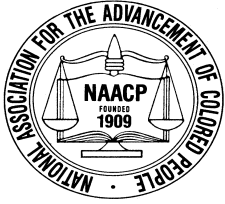
The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

#### **Objectives**

The following statement of objectives is found on the first page of the NAACP Constitution – the principal objectives of the Association shall be:

- To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens
- To achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States
- To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes
- To seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights
- To inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination
- To educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise thereof, and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives, consistent with the NAACP’s Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution.

<sup>1</sup>NAACP.ORG (October 10, 2019).



*National Association  
For The Advancement Of Colored People  
Branch Number 6042*



Dear Guests and Friends of the NAACP,

I would like to thank everyone who played a role in making this year's "Freedom Fund Gala: A Virtual Event" a success. Whether you made a donation, or purchased an ad in our souvenir booklet, or just viewed the event, we sincerely appreciate your support.

This year's national theme is **"#We're Done Dying!!"** In light of the turmoil in our country with civil protests, climate change, the Covid-19 pandemic, and political strife, the need for organizations like the NAACP is more important than any other year. We stand against injustice everywhere and join with our brothers and sisters who protest the injustice dealt disproportionately to people of color. This theme is consistent with our history of raising awareness to issues involving discrimination and the unfair treatment of people of color. The NAACP remains committed to assisting people in obtaining their equal rights whether it is the area of education, employment, health care, voting rights or any other area in which people may find themselves being discriminated.

Although the NAACP has enjoyed many successes in the past, we are only as strong as our membership. Therefore, we continue to urge you to support the NAACP by maintaining your membership in the organization. Annual dues are only \$30.00 for an adult membership, and you may obtain a new membership or renew an existing membership by completing an application this evening. This will allow the NAACP to continue to have the resources needed to work toward justice and equality in our society.

I would be remiss if I did not say a word about the importance of exercising our right to vote. I continue to encourage everyone to get out and vote. It is more necessary than ever as we fight against police brutality, threats to education, threats to social security, threats to our very right to vote. We need to continue the fight for sufficient health care, and fair and equal wage no matter what gender or ethnicity. We've come too far and fought too hard to give up now. It is important to remember, if we don't vote, we have no right to complain about the people who are elected and the bills they pass. So it's imperative that we get out and vote as if our lives and our children's lives depend on it because one day it just might.

And lastly, I will remind you that our Gala would not be a success without the many individuals and businesses who purchase ads in our banquet souvenir booklet. Please support them whenever you have an opportunity.

Best Wishes,

Tommy Daniels  
President, Drew County NAACP



# N A A C P

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Branch #6042*

*Friday, October 30, 2020  
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
Program*

*Prelude Music.....*

*Greetings*

*Mistress of Ceremonies ..... Mrs. Clarissa Pace  
Member, Drew County Branch*

*Welcome..... Miss Faith Walker  
Lil Miss Rosebud 2019*

*Negro National Anthem..... Led by Gabe Pace  
QPENJ Entertainment*

*Invocation ..... Rev. Johnny Orr, Pastor  
Greater St. Mark, Thornton, AR;  
St. James A.M.E, Rison, AR*

*Welcome from the City of Monticello..... Mayor Paige Chase*

*Music..... Mr. Gabriel Pace  
QPENJ Entertainment*

*Presentation of Honorees ..... Mrs. Brenda Binns*

*Ms. April Block, Business  
Officer Jerome Perez, Community Service  
Mr. Bob Ware, Education*

*Introduction of the Speaker..... Mrs. Annie Foster Phillips  
NAACP Member, Howard County, MD*

*Speaker ..... Dr. Keila S. Foster  
Work-Based Learning Coordinator  
Prince George's County (MD) School District.*

*Special Presentation and  
Membership Appeal..... Mrs. Lou Lambert*

*Announcements ..... Mrs. Clarissa Pace*

*Remarks & Acknowledgements ..... Mr. Tommy Daniels  
Local NAACP Branch President*

*Closing: Prayer for the Nation..... Rev. Jerome Pace  
Pastor, The Great I Am Temple*





# In Memorial

*Mr. James Ambrose*  
(1937—2019)

Mr. Ambrose was an active member in the Drew County Branch of the NAACP for many years and served as chapter treasurer.



*Mr. Louis Dunlap*  
(1931—2020)

Mr. Dunlap maintained an active membership in the Drew County Branch of the NAACP for many years.



*Mr. John Porter Price*  
(1940—2020)

Mr. Price was a member in the Drew County Branch for many years and maintained a lifetime membership status.



## Introducing Our Speaker

### *Keila Foster*



Dr. Keila Foster, Ed.D. was born in Baton Rouge, LA, and raised in Maryland. She is the daughter of Sam T. Foster, III, from Natchez, MS, and Annie Phillips Foster from Longview, AR. After receiving a full tuition scholarship to Howard University, she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism. After college, she followed her passion for education by joining the Mississippi Teacher Corps where she taught math in Sardis, Mississippi, all the while furthering her education by earning a Master of Arts Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Mississippi. She followed this achievement with a teaching position in Memphis where she served as a math and special education teacher.

On May 15, 2020, she received her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Her dissertation was the “Creation of a New School Culture: Administrator Perceptions of Their Role in the Implementation of Restorative Justice Practices.” Dr. Foster plans to further her research through writing educational books with a focus on black and brown girls, continuing with advancing restorative justice practices in the public school education system, and advocating for period equality for incarcerated women to have access to menstrual materials through her newly founded non-profit Project Flow, LLC.

While in Memphis, she was Co-Chair of Women In NAACP (WIN) for the Memphis NAACP Chapter, charter member of the Shelby County (TN) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and contributing writer for the Tri-State Defender Newspaper. She is a subscribing Life Member of the NAACP, past Co-chair of the Howard County Maryland Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) program, and currently serves on the Maryland State WIN Committee.

Dr. Foster has also appeared on the Dr. Phil Show and CSPAN speaking on educational discipline equity. Dr. Foster considers herself East Coast based with Southern roots and branches. Currently she serves as a Work-Based Learning Coordinator for the Prince George’s County (MD) School District. Her passions are writing, reading, yoga, cycling, and advocating for HBCUs. She lives by Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

**Presenting**

**our**

**Honorees!**

## *April Block*



*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6).*

"I know this sounds like a wonderful promise to parents, and it is what my parents instilled in me. As I became a parent, I realized the words spoken to me led me the right way. I was taught right from wrong and how to treat people. My love for people and treating them the way God wants us to treat others landed me where I am today."

Ms. April Block has three wonderful children -- Jonathan Deshazer,

Normandy Block and Khari Block in whom she says, she has instilled the law to "Love your neighbors as yourself." In doing so, they would see a change in people and smiles that light up so brightly.

As a business venture, Larry Reese gave her a chance to become a member of one of the oldest African American owned businesses in Monticello, "Breaker." Ms. Block stated that she has worked for Breaker for nearly 18 years. When she tried to leave and go another direction, she realized that she was missing what she loved — Breaker. As part owner of Breaker, she has the determination to put her heart and soul into the business. She believes God gave her the talent, and she loves that she is in a position to execute that talent.

Under her management, Breaker has been nominated for many awards. It makes her heart happy to know that she and her staff are going in the right direction. At Breaker, they give back to the community in many ways: they run specials; they support the local schools—Monticello, Drew Central and the University of Arkansas at Monticello— by feeding their athletic teams; they support the Drew County Little League, and the list goes on. Block said, "I found out when we walk in our own shoes and stay out of others, God will bless us abundantly. I thank God for all that he has done for me and my family. I know sometimes things get hard, and I want to throw in the towel, but I know it's only the devil."

Ms. Block said, "I love mentoring young people and encouraging them to reach for the stars. I tell them, 'The higher you reach the greater the reward. Never give up on YOUR dreams. You can only dream your dream.'"

Ms. Block stated, "I want to thank the NAACP for this recognition. I pray God's blessing upon each of you. I also want to thank my dedicated staff for continuously supporting the mission established at Breaker." Ms. April Block is a proud member of Pilgrim Rest African Methodist Episcopal Church where Reverend Christopher Goodman serves as her pastor.





# *Officer Jerome Perez*



Jerome Perez is an outstanding police officer in Monticello, Arkansas. Although, he is not originally from Monticello, Officer Perez has made Monticello his home since his college days. Officer Perez was born and raised in the Delta area in neighboring Greenwood, Mississippi. He attended school there and graduated from Amanda Elzy High School. In high school, he was active in sports and excelled in football. Because of his achievements, he landed an opportunity to matriculate at the University of Arkansas at Monticello where he played football. Since 2006, Officer Perez has called Monticello home.

Before joining the Monticello Police Department, Perez spent many years serving area juveniles in various capacities. According to Officer Perez, his passion is helping the youth in the community. He is involved with the youth by coaching youth league football and basketball.

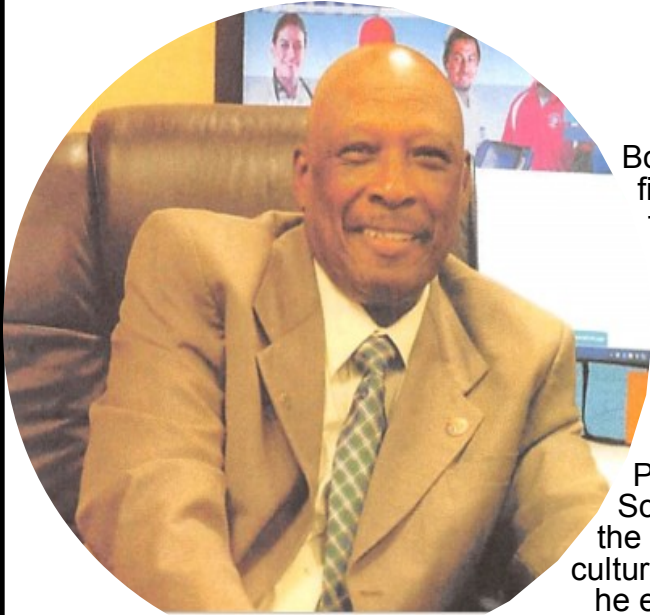
Officer Perez is also a loving family man. He is married to Muriel Perez, and they have three children--Breshundra, age 3; Jeremiah, age 1; and Jy'Quavious, age 11. In addition to being a police officer, husband, father, and youth coach, he is an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

In his words, Perez stated, "I like Monticello because it is so peaceful and the people are so friendly. This is home!"





# Bob Ware



Bob Ware has worked in public service for over forty-five years. He currently serves as Vice Chancellor for the University of Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology at McGehee (UAM-CTM).

Ware was born and raised in Tillar, Arkansas. His grandparents instilled in him and his nine siblings the value of learning and education. His role models included Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his high school principal, Richard Smith.

He graduated from McGehee Wolfe Project Public Schools and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in History and Political Science from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (formerly Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College-AM&N). Later, he earned a Master of Science Degree in Vocational Technical Administration from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

He serves on numerous higher education councils and committees, including the university's Executive Council, Academic Council, University Council, Strategic Planning Committee, and the Technical Graduation Committee. In July 2000, he was recognized with an Outstanding Service Award during his service as president of the Arkansas Department of Career and Technical Education's Administrative Division. Affirming his commitment to education, he also served on the school board for the Tillar School District for twelve years.

According to an article in *SeaLife*, Mr. Ware has blended his love for education with his passion for learning — making him an exceptional leader. He has touched the lives of so many people through the years in higher education.

He has enjoyed a long career at UAM with UAM-CTM. He has served in various administrative positions before serving as Assistant Director, a position he held for twenty-six years. He served as president for the Great Rivers Technical Institute in McGehee for three years, prior to being selected for his current position as Vice Chancellor at UAM-CTM.

Mr. Ware was selected as the 2006 McGehee Chamber of Commerce "Man of the Year" recipient. He is involved in the community serves in numerous organizations. He is a current member of the McGehee Chamber Board of Directors where he previously served in leadership as president and vice-president.

He is also a member of the Dermott, Dumas and Lake Village's Chambers of Commerce. Bob serves on the Board of Directors for the Desha County Single Parent Scholarship Fund and previously served as the board President for a decade. He is also a member of the McGehee Industrial Foundation Think Tank Committee.

Mr. Ware is an active member of the Seven Star Missionary Baptist Church in Tillar, Arkansas, where he is Chairman of the Deacon Board and Chairman of the Trustee Board. He and his wife, Cassandra, reside in McGehee, Arkansas.



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## *Congratulations to the 2020 NAACP Honorees!*



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NAACP Branch #6042  
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First Virtual Freedom Fund Gala*

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NAACP #6042*

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*Foundation was founded in 2016 by Bernetta Lowe. The FLIP foundation is an accumulation of a group of friends and family that believe in the fact that it is our godly mission to help the youth of today be better young men, women and leaders of tomorrow. We are all about having fun while instilling love, inspiration and positivity.*







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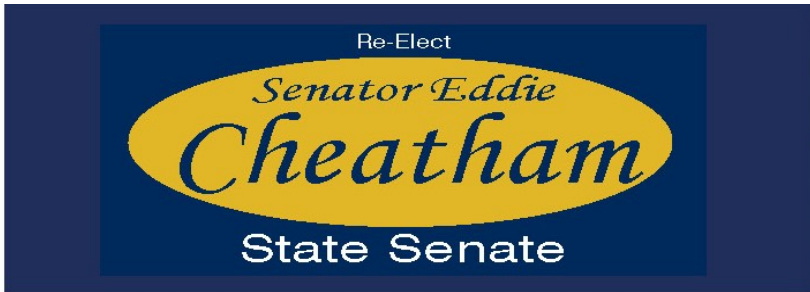
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## Faith

Ginger and I have always been active in our home Methodist Church in Crossett. Over the years we have taught in Sunday School, gone on Mission trips and served on numerous church committees. This year we helped with Food Distributions our church held in coordination with the Arkansas Foodbank and the United Methodist Foundation to help provide for families in our community during the Covid-19 pandemic. Our faith is important to us. As a legislator I have been humbled to receive the Statesman Award from Family Council. This award is presented to members who vote in favor of bills based on Family Council's core belief in promoting, protecting, and strengthening traditional family values.



## Our Rights and Our Constitution

I am a staunch supporter of our Constitution, especially the 2nd Amendment. I believe in the Right to keep and bear arms and the Right to protect our families and property. It is important for people to know all of their rights will be upheld. I am an avid outdoorsman and hunter. I am also a proud member of the NRA and Ducks Unlimited Inc.

## Family

Ginger and I have been married for 48 years and are blessed to have 2 children and 6 grandchildren. We have lived and worked in Crossett for 48 years, 34 of those as educators. As a seventh generation South Arkansas family I want to make sure the generations that come after have a place to live that provides jobs, education and opportunities for years to come. That is one of the reasons I first ran for the Legislature and that is still my reason today. **I live and work in our community every day.**



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*- Crews Puryear*

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**2020**

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**Branch # 6042**

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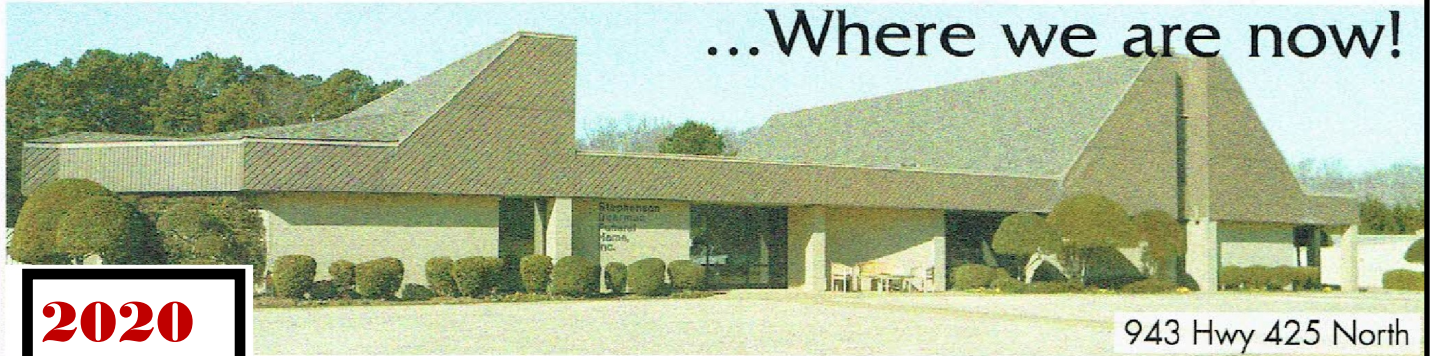
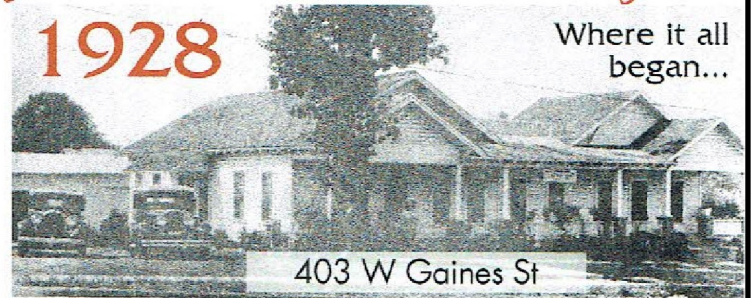
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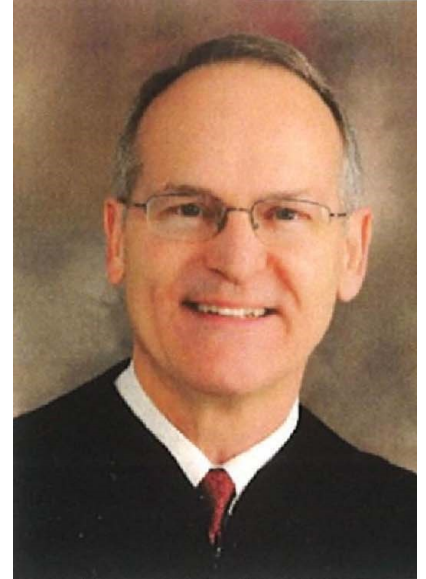


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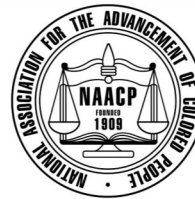


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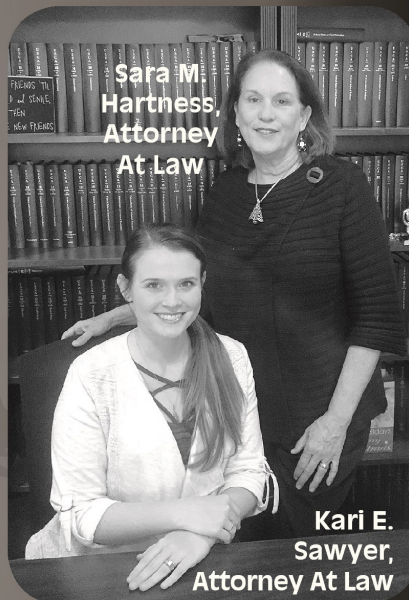


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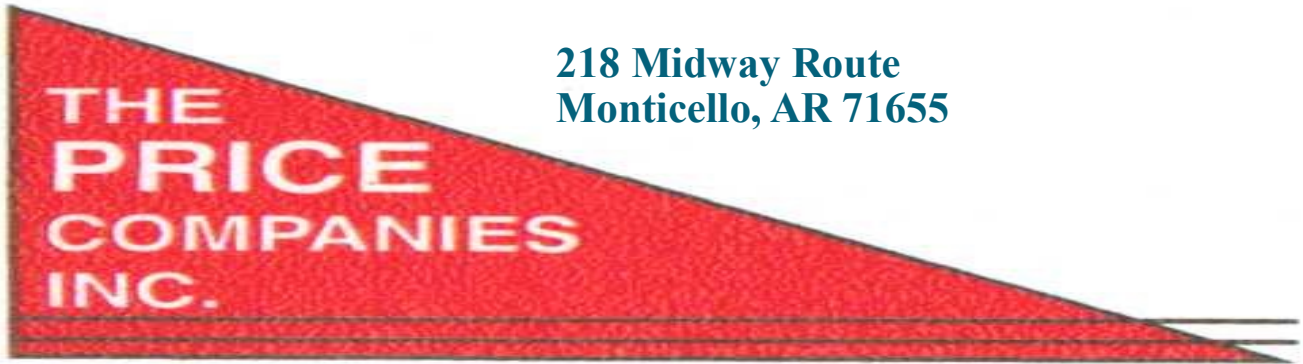
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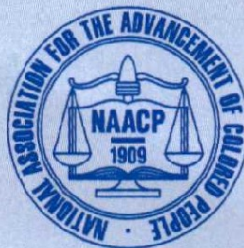


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