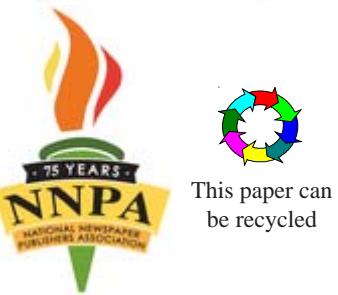




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Mary J. Blige and Jay-Z Lead NAACP Image Award Nominations

by: **The Associated Press**



Jay-Z and Mary J Blige
(AP Photo/File)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mary J. Blige and Jay-Z are the leading nominees with five apiece for January's NAACP Image Awards, the group announced Monday.

Blige's nominations are for songs and videos off her album "Strength of a Woman," while Jay-Z was nominated for his "4:44" album and songs on it, as well as a nod for entertainer of the year.

Bruno Mars, Issa Rae, Chance the Rapper, Chadwick Boseman and director Ava DuVernay are also nominated for entertainer of the year.

Bruno Mars, Issa Rae, Kendrick Lamar, and SZA are tied for the second-most nominations, with four apiece.

Netflix and Oprah Winfrey's network are the leading television nominees. Netflix's nominees were spread out over several of its series, including "Master of None," "Orange is the New Black," while OWN's nominations were primarily for its drama series, "Queen Sugar."

The awards show, now in its 49th year, honors entertainers and writers of color. The winners will be announced during a two-hour show on Jan. 15 hosted by Anthony Anderson of "black-ish" and broadcast live on the TV One network. Anderson is also a nominee for best TV comedy actor.

"Get Out," "Girls Trip," and "Detroit" are among the nominees for best motion picture. Idris Elba is the leading acting nominee, with nominations for his film roles in "The Mountain Between Us," "Thor: Ragnarok" and for the Showtime miniseries "Guerrilla."

Keep Covered and Carry On

by: **U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett**



AUSTIN, TX - The holiday seasons means making a lot of choices. Which relatives to visit? Which dishes to prepare? Which presents will you buy to surprise your loved ones? But there is an even more important choice to be made. November 1 to December 15 marks the open enrollment period to choose the health insurance plan that is best for you or your family.

Until Friday, December 15, you have the right to enroll in individual coverage or switch to a better health insurance plan. While the Republican attacks to undermine the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare" or "ACA") are relentless, it is still the law of the land. Don't let the debate in Washington distract you into letting the opportunity to enroll pass you by. The ACA has had helped so

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Celebrities Re-ignite Fight to Free Child Sex Slave in Prison for Life

by: **Jonathan Mattise** | Associated Press



Cyntoia Brown \ Rihanna

NASHVILLE, TN (AP) — Celebrities have reignited the fight to free a Tennessee woman serving a life sentence for fatally shooting a man, saying she was a sex-trafficking victim wronged by the legal system.

Rihanna, Snoop Dogg, Kim Kardashian West and LeBron James have joined others on social media in supporting Cyntoia Brown, 29, who won't be eligible for parole until she turns 67. Brown was 16 at the time of the 2004 shooting.

"Did we somehow change the definition of #JUSTICE along the way??" Rihanna wrote Tuesday about

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A Salute to HBCU Activism In 2017

By **Thomas Joyner**

Activism at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) is not a new phenomenon.

In fact, it's bred into the culture of HBCUs. In recent years, however, there's a sentiment that activism on black colleges is dead, perhaps pushed aside by a distracted generation so tied to their mobile devices and social media that they act like just

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Leonard Moore to Keynote Austin NAACP DeWitty/Overton Freedom Fund Banquet

AUSTIN, TX - Leonard N. Moore, interim vice president for diversity and community engagement and George W. Littlefield Professor of American History, will be the keynote speaker at the Austin NAACP 52nd DeWitty/Overton Freedom Fund Banquet on Dec. 2. The theme for this year's event is "Ground Zero—Paths to Empowerment."

Dr. Moore's presentation will focus on education as a critical path to empowerment and examine other factors such as the school to prison pipeline and harnessing the inherent talent of our young people of color.

Moore was named interim vice president in July. He has received numerous teaching awards including the Jean Holloway Award for Excellence in Teaching and the John Warfield Teaching Award. He teaches a



Leonard Moore

first-year signature course at UT titled, Race in the Age of Trump, as well as a course on the Black Power Movement. He is currently chairman of the board at Austin Area Urban League. His new book, "The Defeat of Black Power: Civil Rights and the National Black Political Convention of 1972" will be released in February.

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World AIDS Day
Message from Austin Public Health

AUSTIN, TX - World AIDS Day takes place annually on December 1st. It's an opportunity for people everywhere to unite in the fight against HIV, show support for people living with HIV and to commemorate those who have died from AIDS-related illness.

In Travis County, there are 4,000 people living with HIV. Preventing HIV requires a community effort as well as a personal commitment to evaluate your own sexual health.

In observance of World AIDS Day, Austin Public Health will be providing free HIV and STD tests. No appointment is needed.

When: Friday, December 1st.

Where: Walgreens - 1144 Airport Boulevard from 5pm - 9pm

MidTowne Live Sports Café - 7408 Cameron Road from 4pm - 7pm

Know your status, get tested. For more information visit Austin HIV Prevention Program on Facebook.