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News in Brief



World

Kenya women lead fight against police brutality
There has been a steady rise in killings and disappearances in Kenya linked to the police over the past decade, with 2019 the most deadly year so far, with 144 alleged cases. Men are depicted as almost the sole victims of police violence. But the reality is more than one third of alleged police killings and disappearances involve women. Women leaders in the country condemn the brutality meted on a females, including elected Members of a County Assembly by police officers.



Nation

Michael Bloomberg donates \$100 million to HBCU medical schools
Michael Bloomberg — who is worth \$54.9 billion — said that his charitable organization, Bloomberg Philanthropies, will donate \$100 million to medical schools at four Historically Black Colleges and Universities over the next four years. The funds will be used to provide scholarships for medical students enrolled and receiving financial aid at Meharry Medical College, Howard University College of Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine and Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science.



State and Local

Black female Chaplain makes history at Fort Jackson

The U.S. Army has promoted an African American woman chaplain to the rank of colonel for the first time. Chaplain (Col.) Monica R. Lawson was given the new status in a ceremony streamed live on Wednesday, September 2. The African Methodist Episcopal minister is the chief of recruiting and accessions for the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps. "It took us 245 years for this moment to happen," Col. Lawson said.



Sports

Former USC star makes Cowboys roster
Former University of South Carolina running back Rico Dowdle has caught on with the Dallas Cowboys after an impressive training camp. On Monday, Dowdle was named to the team's 53-man roster. Dowdle will be the third running back option on the Cowboys' roster after a career at USC where he finished 15th on the program's all-time rushing list. Dowdle played for USC from 2016-2019, finishing with 2,167 yards on 428 rushing attempts.



Several members of the Boseman family and friends give the "Wakanda Forever" salute after the memorial service for Chadwick Boseman, held last Thursday in Anderson, South Carolina.

Anderson, SC pays tribute to actor Chadwick Boseman

By Patricia Abraham

ANDERSON, SC

The theme song of the 80's TV show Cheers says: *Sometimes you wanna go Where everybody knows your name And they're always glad that you came*

That is how the city of Anderson, South Carolina must have felt to Chadwick Boseman. The city hosted a memorial service in honor of their native son on Thursday, September 3, 2020. With a heat index near 100 degrees, people who loved Boseman came out to testify about the many things that Chadwick Boseman has done for his community.

The memorial service was held at the Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center. Anderson Mayor Terence Roberts gave welcoming remarks, and the invocation was given by The Reverend Deacon Mary Jeffers.

Deanna Brown-Thomas, daughter of the Godfather of Soul James Brown (who Boseman portrayed in the movie *Get On Up*), came to Anderson to pay her respects. She chanted the refrain of her father's hit song "Say it loud, I'm Black and I'm PROUD"

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Deanna Brown-Thomas, daughter of entertainer James Brown, pays tribute to Boseman. Boseman portrayed the Godfather of Soul in the 2014 movie "Get On Up."



Anderson Mayor Terence Roberts addresses the crowd at the memorial service.

Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture to be held online

Join Historic Columbia virtually at Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture presented by Bank of America from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19.

While the tradition of musicians, artisans, and storytellers coming together to celebrate South Carolina's Black history and culture will carry on, this year's event will be held virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing recommendations.

Explore the history - local and national - that led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment in this online



The 2020 Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture will be held online. Photo courtesy of Historic Columbia

version of 100 Years Later: Assessing the Promise of the 19th Amendment which will be available to view in person at a future date when Historic Columbia reopens.

Richland Library to host September Let's Talk Race discussion

Richland Library is tackling a variety of topics through the lens of diversity, equity and inclusion. Join us for another virtual *Let's Talk Race* discussion from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, September 10. Please register at the Richland Library website to take part in this online program, which is free

and open to the public.

Every discussion is different and offers community members the opportunity to take part in honest and courageous conversations. Members of the library's Let's Talk Race team plan to introduce timely subjects that are gripping

news headlines across the country.

Local residents can further their own internal dialogue by accessing the library's resources at www.richlandlibrary.com/race.

For questions, please contact Emily Stoll at 803-587-3637 or email estoll@richlandlibrary.com.



Juan Brown of Integrity Car Wash & Detail demonstrates his headlight restoration techniques.

Integrity Car Wash & Detail

Community Business of the Week

By Nate Abraham Jr.

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

A famous businessman once said, "The purpose of a business is to create a customer who creates customers." Providing great customer services is the best way to build a business that lasts.

Columbia-based entrepreneur Juan Brown has embraced that philosophy. It is the driving force behind his company, Integrity Car Wash & Detail.

Brown is a native of St. Matthews, South Carolina. He attended Calhoun County High School, graduating in 1992.

After high school, Brown joined the U.S. Army, working as a mechanic for four years. When he left the Army, he returned home and enrolled at South Carolina State before transferring to Benedict College, where he majored in Computer Science. He got married and had a son, but the relationship didn't last.

In 2011, he met a person who was destined to change his life.

"In 2011 I met my wife Sonia. We've been together for nine years. We started a ministry -- Soul Harvest Restoration Ministry -- which is growing pretty good," Brown said.

Brown always made sure that his wife vehicle was always

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Kaci Merriwether-Hawkins

Local photographer selected for Black Future Creator Program

Black filmmakers, artists, journalists and more join Beats to tell powerful stories.

Class is in session for the inaugural Black Future Creator Program. A dynamic group of creatives from Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the nation will be flooding Beats' platforms with gripping content about themselves, their communities, and the state of Black America.

Kaci Merriwether-Hawkins, a Class of 2016 graduate of Ridge View High School, has been selected for this prestigious program. Kaci is an Animal Science major who is in her last semester at Tuskegee University. She is the daughter of James and Dr. Sonja Merriwether-Hawkins (Director of School Magnets and IB Coordinator at Richland Northeast High School).

Kaci is a photographer studying at Tuskegee University. Growing up as a Black woman in the south, Kaci has always seen a need for representation of the true Black community in the media — before she picked up a pen or camera. She says she's grateful that God has merged her love for storytelling into her visual craft.

Her IRL project, titled "My Lens Is Black," is dedicated to capturing Black life in the purest form.

"I want to show the world that HBCU creatives are worth their time and efforts. We are a diverse group of individuals with a plethora of divine gifts to be shared," said Kaci Merriwether-Hawkins.