Role Reversal

By Ayesha K. Mustafaa

The Forward Lookers Federated Club was formed when two groups under the auspices of the late Clara Alexander Jackson and Dr. Evie Garrett Dennis merged, in 1972. The women also credit their association to a seed planted by Mission Mississippi, was founded in 1972. The purpose of the club is three-fold and very similar to the historical African-American group of women known as the National Association of Colored Women: 1) To help others improve the quality of their lives, 2) to bind together women, young adults and youth for social, moral, religious, and educational betterment and 3) to raise to the highest level in the home, moral conscien-
tiousness and civic life.

On the first day of American Heritage Month for 2014, the women hosted a capacity audience at their 28th Annual Heritage Luncheon held in the JSU Student Union on Feb. 3.

Forward Lookers

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Dr. Evie Garrett
Dennis: International Olympic Committee and Mississippi history maker

By Ayesha K. Mustafaa

The XXI Olympic Winter Games began Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, in Sochi, Russia, and concerns of terrorist attacks and general concerns of unpre-
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CLARKSDALE, Miss. - The Delta Blues Museum marked its 35th year January 31, 2014 with celebrations to continue throughout the year. Located “in the land where blues began,” Blues Alley, Clarksdale, it is just 90 minutes south of Memphis. Current visitation hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

New exhibits featuring artists Jessie Mae Hemphill, Sugar Blue, North Mississippi Allstars and R.L. Burnside have recently been added to the year’s lineup. The museum will also offer special 35th anniversary exhibitions to be displayed during Juke Joint Festival (April 10-13) and the Sunflower River Blues and Gospel Festival (August 8-10).

Since its creation, the Delta Blues Museum has been dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and encouraging a deep interest in the story of the blues. Established in 1979 by the Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees and re-organized as a stand-alone museum in 1999, the Delta Blues Museum is the state’s oldest music museum.

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Since 1999, the museum has been housed in the historic freight depot, located just across from Ground Zero Blues Club in downtown Clarksdale. Its expansion, known as The Muddy Waters Addition, was designed to complement the depot structure, which was built in 1918 for the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad. The museum building was designated as a Landmark Property in 1996.

Director Shelley Ritter said that the museum has never strayed from its roots, and its mission remains focused on creating a welcoming place where visitors find meaning and perspective by exploring the evolution of the art form and the artists who created it.

“The power of this place and of the artists who came from it is immeasurable,” Ritter said. “Since its inception 35 years ago, the Delta Blues Museum has continued to protect, preserve and perpetuate this unique American music form to live and grow with future generations of musicians.”

The Delta Blues Museum Stage is adjacent to the museum classroom, which hosts a year-round music education program as well as lectures and symposia. The stage serves as the main venue for local festivals such as the Sunflower River Blues and Gospel Festival in August and the Juke Joint Festival in April.

As a 2013 recipient of the National Medal for Museum and Library Services - the nation’s highest honor for museum and library service to the community - the museum seeks $1.2 million for new and enhanced exhibits for its expansion, including the Muddy Waters Addition. Expanded exhibits will enable the cultural organization to better preserve and display the history and work of blues artists from the Mississippi Delta and advance the Museum’s ability to tell stories that inspire and educate future generations about this important American art form.

Delta Blues Museum celebrating 31st anniversary
Mississippi’s oldest music museum marks milestone with events throughout 2014

A piece of African American History....
Olympic Committee

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Mississippi Museum of Natural Science featuring two new exhibits this February

The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science will be featuring two new exhibits this February: "Nature's Numbers" and "A Forest Journey" exhibits. Visitors can take a hands-on journey through the natural world as they explore both exhibits from February 8th through April 27th, 2014.

"Nature's Numbers" is perfectly tailored for elementary school students to discover the many shapes and patterns found in nature. Have you ever noticed the pattern of spots on a dog, the delicate symmetry of a butterfly wings, or the spirals found in a seashell? "Nature's Numbers" will allow students to look more closely at the nature that surrounds us and to learn about the math behind the pattern. You and your child may never look at a leaf or a snowflake the same way again.

"A Forest Journey" is an interactive trip through the world of forests. Learn the difference between hardwoods and softwood trees, why leaves change color, how trees eat, and much more at this exhibit especially suited for middle school through high school audiences.

Jobs for America's Graduates and AT&T team up with Gov. Bryant for education and workforce development

Gov. Bryant, Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) and AT&T are working together to help raise the high school graduation rate in Mississippi by expanding mentoring, tutoring and other academic support for students at risk of dropping out of high school.

"Whole Foods, Whole People," said Omar Gaye, regional president for the south region for Whole Foods, Wholes People. "It has been a dream for the south region of Whole Foods, Whole People, to have a Whole Foods store in the south for a long time. Whole Foods is excited to enter the metroJackson area for the first time, and we are thankful for our partners at Jobs for America’s Graduates and AT&T who have helped make this a reality.

Barbara Hamilton is happy Whole Foods has come to Jackson.

Whole Foods

Omar Gaye, regional president for the south region for Whole Foods, said that three stores were recently opened - one in Detroit and on this day simultaneously a store in New Orleans and this one in Jackson.

Gaye said, "I am particularly happy that we were able to hire 165 team members from this community at this store. Whole Foods will offer them the best health care package they can have and will offer them a purpose. Whole Food Markets work to achieve the highest purpose of making the community and the world a better place."

The company's motto is "Whole Foods, Whole People, Whole Planet." Gaye said, "We do not cut a ribbon; instead we break the bread."

The grand opening began at 8 a.m. with raffle tickets posted outside for gift cards ranging from $5 to $500. The curious shoppers tugged lined up reaching from the store's front door and parking lot onto Northside Drive.

While standing in line, Pat Tolliver said she got a tour of the store on the past Friday, but this is her first time to shop at a Whole Foods store. "I look forward to making healthier choices in my food purchases, My husband and I want to start choosing better ingredients and eating better," Tolliver said.

"They will get a great response from Mississippians because a lot of people are going to learn how to do better and now they will have a store available to purchase from," said Omar Gaye.

Also while standing in line waiting for the store to open, Barbara Hamilton said, "This opening of Whole Foods means a lot. I have a choice of healthy organic and fresh foods. I had an opportunity to go to the Whole Foods store in Atlanta a couple of years ago. And I went there two days in a row; I loved the experience, and now they will have a store here."

"You get a feeling of warmth from the people who work there and from their customer service. And I am looking forward to that experience, and I am so glad it is one here in Jackson," favorite.
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By George E. Curry

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A federal judge Friday ordered the tobacco advertising industry to pay $53 million to the black media companies that sued them to stop advertising aimed at African Americans. The news has been met with a mix of relief and disappointment by those in the industry and the community.

Judge Gladys Kessler is ex-“concerned” U.S. District Court decided to impose the settlement and ordered the tobacco companies to pay $53 million to the black media companies that sued them. The settlement is significant because it represents the first time that a federal court has imposed such a penalty on the tobacco industry.

The settlement includes a $53 million payment to the black media companies that sued the tobacco companies to stop advertising aimed at African Americans. The companies that are responsible for the settlement are Philip Morris USA, United States Tobacco Co., and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

The settlement also includes a plan to change the way the tobacco companies market their products to African Americans. The plan includes increasing the amount of television and radio advertising aimed at African Americans, as well as increasing the number of black advertisements in general.

In addition, the settlement requires the tobacco companies to provide a report to the court every year on their progress in changing their advertising practices. The report will be open to the public and will include information on the amount of money spent on advertising aimed at African Americans, as well as the number of black advertisements that are aired.

The settlement is significant because it represents the first time that a federal court has imposed such a penalty on the tobacco industry. It is also significant because it is the largest settlement ever awarded to a group of black media companies.

The settlement was reached after a long legal battle between the black media companies and the tobacco companies. The black media companies argued that the tobacco companies were targeting African Americans with their advertising, and that this was causing harm to the community.

The tobacco companies argued that their advertising practices were not harmful, and that they were simply trying to reach a larger audience.

The settlement is a major victory for the black media companies, and it is a significant step forward in the fight to protect African American consumers.

The settlement will be paid over a period of time, with at least $10 million to be paid in each of the first five years of the settlement.

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Wingfield alum Jackie Slater honored at Alma Mater in pro football ceremony

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Wingfield High School honored one of its legendary graduates in December 2013. Wingfield alum Jackie Slater became a star football at Jackson State University and later in the NFL.

The school celebrated his legacy during a Pro Football Hall of Fame Homecoming ceremony. Activities included tributes from the football team, cheerleaders, and JROTC, as well as remarks from the school’s principal Dr. Cynthia Armstrong.

Slater was a superior athlete in college before playing for the NFL. As a member of the Jackson State football team, he played in three conference all-star games.

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Slater was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams in 1976 and remained with the team for 20 seasons. The 6-7, 259-pound tackle was the backbone of the Rams’ offense. He made seven Pro Bowl appearances, started in 18 playoffs, and played in one Super Bowl with the team.

Slater was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2001.

A plaque and a road marker were unveiled in recognition of Slater and in honor of his Wingfield roots.

Jim Hill biology teacher named JPS Teacher of the Year

The JPS Superintendent Dr. Cedrick Gray led an entourage of district personnel in making the surprise announcement.

Principal Bobby Brown joined the group in Branches’ classroom to salute her accomplishments as an educator.

Like most emerging teachers, Bender cites the achievements of her students when asked about her own accomplishments.

The SOAR program, which Bender initiated at Jim Hill in 2007, has produced a number of science awards for students at the school. This includes science fair awards at the local, regional, and state level.

Some of her students have presented their research at national science competitions. Highlights of Bender’s professional honors and achievements include:

- Science teacher of the Year
- AP Biology and Chemistry teacher at Northwest Rankin
- Student Research Facilitator, Base Pair (with UMMC)
- State Representative, National Science Teachers Association Conference
- Professional Development Presenter (with 30 presentation titles)
- Outstanding Teacher of the Week, WAPT and the Face and Body Centre, 2013
- Outstanding Teacher of the Week, WAPT and Watson Quality Ford, 2011
- Outstanding Educator of the Year, Parents for Public Schools, 2008
- Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year, Mississippi Academy of Sciences, 2007
- USA Today Teacher Team Nominee, 2005 and 2006
- “Susan Bender is one of our greatest gems in Jackson Public Schools,” said JPS Supt. Cedrick Gray. “Her love and passion for science has led her to think outside the box and reach our students with nontraditional methods of learning. I applaud her tenacity in pushing our students to do their best inside her classroom and outside of it.”

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Jim Hill graduate Brandon Johnson, now working on a Ph.D. in biology, credits Bender for recognizing and sharpening his potential in high school.

“That accomplishment has brought significant positive attitudes to both Jim Hill High School and to the entire Jackson Public School District,” said Hill. “I am a Ph.D. student in the department of biological sciences. Such achievements would not have been possible without the educational values and drive instilled in me by my favorite high school teacher, Ms. Bender.”

The 2014 Teacher of the Year received a plaque, a $50 gift certificate that she can use at Bravo, Broad Street and Soul and Mookeys and other gifts. She will also be honored at an upcoming board meeting and receive additional gifts.

Bender will serve as JPS Teacher of the Year in 2014-2015. She will also represent the District in the Mississippi Teacher of the Year recognition program.
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JSU’s music department to host ‘Music Education Day’ Feb. 28

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The workshop, which is open to the campus community, will explore new ideas needed to help music education in Mississippi, includ-

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At times these conversations were frustrating because they seemed to miss the deeper matters of pervasive injustices and the command of God’s ‘Mississippi’ style. But much good has come out of Mission Mississippi’s work. One of them was creating a context where Thompson and Bryant could sit together for a while and share their stories and their resolutely inspiration-guided personal visions.

The Congressman and the Governor talked in a Polynesian language (they seldom spoke to each other in English). They were divergent visions that they both held local Mississippi but hoped different things for its future. One could assume that though both are religious, they would see such visions as threats to the common good.

Thompson, unapologetically liberal, talked about why it is necessary for full state support—both moral and financial—for public schools, supporting the work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, but particularly the Aftordable Care Act were all given strong editorial support by the name of government and God. Bryant, a Christian conservative, approximated the Polynesian version of the past and how he would seek to respond to the need, hard work, and God could help Mississippi.

Both men were clear about these very distinct political visions, economic, social, and religious stories, their testimonies. A dialogue that they were having was about how during difficult times we can be created to dig deep and give charity and liberally. "If you're going to stay in Mississippi on Sunday," Thompson reminded the Governor, "you're going to stay in Mississippi Monday through Saturday?"

We were all watching how the Governor would respond, not rhetorically inspiring, but deft and accurate in a way that would make the Governor smile. Though Thompson intimated that if Mississippians had reason to celebrate their own history, it might be what Mississippians themselves were willing to do. However, the Governor was not responding as one would expect, which left many Mississippians wondering who they were. Even Job, some people were wondering; and he, himself who Am I, but a little creature, and nothing in comparison to God. Sometimes we act like our hurts are so big that we can’t see anything else. There is no way I could be another person who has suffered the loss of all things, and Be ever so much, and of the many good things to do in the name of God, Bryant a tour of His person and His greatness. In fact, if we choose to focus on God’s greatness it takes on different meanings.

Apostle Paul gives a perfect example of always making Christ the focus and not the stuff we are doing. He wrote in Philippians 3:18, “Indeed I count everything as loss because the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord far exceeds it all.”

I learned the same way in our relationship with God. When God made Job see Him in a new way, He was not pointing to a place where perhaps He asked himself who Am I, but a little creature, and nothing in comparison to God. He asked him to focus on His suffering; to live more in the greatness of God. Our problems are nothing in comparison to God’s greatness. In fact, if we choose to focus on God’s greatness it takes on different meanings.

I often share with you—Isaiah 40:28, “For I know the thoughts that I think, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

As I do every February, I encourage you to bring the promise of Black History Month to the masses of America. We all know that initially if it were not for the life, the example, the teachings of John Lewis who followed his faith, it would not be a day that we celebrate the life of Black History Month. I’m hopeful that this means that we have to move away from the Christian Left, who will disabuse us of our cultural imperialism, towards a deep and public faith that can inspire the dejected.

Many people have moral import on masses of Mississippi. As a Christian, I have the freedom to disagree with our Governor and other conservatives on what is the best way to love the Lord. “We are the leaders of today and to speak with one mind and one voice, prophetic and transformative.”

As I was in the room and I’m glad that I have met on different occasions and I thought about how political decisions they make. Both men, as sincere as they were, God reprimanded them for their hurtful words. Both men were cordial (aren’t we Mississippians hospitable like that?) and I’m hopeful that this means that we have to move away from the Christian Left, who will disabuse us of our cultural imperialism, towards a deep and public faith that can inspire the dejected. But the important thing is cavernous, deep, and seems to be getting wider every day. It is a divide in Mississippi’s modern history.

In Mississippi, the state of the 1860s that has taken place among the African American and white Republicans in Mississippi. This has created a context where Nelson Bryant has protested much in the last 50 years, who follow him if and when we disagree with our Governor and other conservatives on what is the best way to love the Lord.

There are leaders of today and tomorrow that are holding festivities to celebrate the many accomplishments and developments that are holding festivities to celebrate the many accomplishments and developments that are holding festivities to celebrate the many accomplishments and developments that are holding festivities to celebrate the many accomplishments and developments that are holding festivities to celebrate the many accomplishments and developments that are holding festivities to celebrate the many accomplishments and developments that are holding festivities to celebrate the many accomplishments and developments that are holding festivities to celebrate the many accomplishments and developments that are holding festivities to celebrate the many accomplishments and developments that are holding festivities to celebrate the many accomplishments and developments...
Valentine’s Day is a tricky holiday. It’s good for those who have someone to love. But for those who don’t have someone to love, it can be challenging but not impossible to enjoy.

One thing I’ve done that has made what used to be a stressful day much more joyous is to make it a time of waiting on others to give to me. Thoughtful cards and candy turn out to be valuable both to the giver and the receiver.

I’ve also prayed the following prayer for a number of years and it continues to encourage me. I hope it does the same for you.

Heavenly Father: I come to you today to celebrate all that you have done in my life and all that you promise to do in the years ahead. I want to see it as it was in Psalms 18:1-2 and love You Lord with my strength and put my trust in You. No longer will I be distracted by the unloving, unkind and unselfish relationships of the past that have kept me from enjoying my life as you have ordained.

I bend up all thoughts and attitudes that seek to place a stress on my life and I want to continue to be a beautiful way to live. It is wonderful if the devil knows he can send someone or something along to hinder you. However, the Christian life is a beautiful way to live. It is wonderful if the devil knows he can send someone or something along to hinder you. However, the Christian life is a beautiful way to live. It is wonderful if the devil knows he can send someone or something along to hinder you.

This means the devil lays out to hinder us. I have thought a great deal about this. There are a number of things that the devil lays out to hinder us.

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ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT ZONING CASE NO. 2014-36

By virtue of and pursuant to Section 21-19-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, it is hereby advertised that an application for a Use Permit Zoning Case No. 2014-36 has been received by this City, and will be considered by the Zoning Commission during its regular monthly meeting, as follows:

The City of Jackson is located at 219 S. President St., Jackson, Mississippi 39201. The Zoning Commission will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. or the nearest following day during which a Tuesday falls if the 1st falls on a weekend.

Notice is hereby given that street level will be reclassified to the City of Jackson, Mississippi before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, for the purpose of controlling City-owned property, which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi, to a drilled hole in a concrete wall which marks the western line of Old Canton Road, said arc having a 10.20 foot chord which bears South 00°35'40" East for a distance of 22.17 feet along the said centerline of Spring Street; thence East 01°57'50" South for a distance of 47.29 feet along the said centerline of Spring Street; thence East 00°00'00" South for a distance of 97.32 feet along the said centerline of Spring Street; thence East 41°59'39" North for a distance of 174.69 feet along the said centerline of Spring Street; thence South 00°35'40" East for a distance of 22.17 feet along the said centerline of Spring Street; thence South 09°53'50" West for a distance of 107.54 feet along the said centerline of Spring Street; thence South 89°44'38" West for a distance of 278.80 feet along the Southern line of Northside Drive to the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described; thence South 89°44'38" West for a distance of 219.0 feet along the Eastern line of Old Canton Road; thence North 00°35'40" East for a distance of 219.0 feet along the Eastern line of Old Canton Road; thence South 41°59'39" West for a distance of 174.69 feet along the said centerline of Spring Street; thence South 00°35'40" East for a distance of 22.17 feet along the said centerline of Spring Street; thence East 01°57'50" South for a distance of 47.29 feet along the said centerline of Spring Street; thence East 00°00'00" South for a distance of 97.32 feet along the said centerline of Spring Street; thence North 47°13'09" West for a distance of 25.0 feet along the Southern line of Northside Drive; thence South 41°41'09" East for a distance of 174.40 feet along the Western line of Old Canton Road; thence North 00°35'40" East for a distance of 22.17 feet along the said centerline of Spring Street; thence South 09°53'50" West for a distance of 107.54 feet along the said centerline of Spring Street; thence South 89°44'38" West for a distance of 278.80 feet along the Southern line of Northside Drive to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 14,960 acres more or less.

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National signing big for JPS area

Shawn Bishop will play for Jackson State in the fall and highlights will be available at the end of the day on jsutigers.com. JSU fans can hear first hand from head coach Harold Jack- son and some of the JSU coaching staff about the new crop of student-athletes during a meet and greet on Wednesday, Feb. 5. The event will be held at the JSU Welcome Center begin ning at 6 p.m. The meet and greet is open to the public and food will be served. Admission to the event is $5.

Jackson State-Atkins Media

Bishop was named a Clarion Ledger All-Midwestern selection following his senior season (2013). He recorded 96 tackles, 10 tackles for loss and seven sacks during his senior campaign... He was a key member of the Chargers team that recorded a 14-1 overall record and went 7-0 in league play... Callaway finished the season as the 14th ranked team in Mississippi... During his high school career he recorded over 236 tackles.

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NAME  POS  HT  WT  CL  HOMETOWN/SCHOOL

Shawn Bishop
DE/LB  6-0  235  Fr.  Jackson, MS/Callaway HS

Highlights

Bishop was a major defensive weapon for the Chargers. Players like Bishop is what Jackson State had in mind when they discuss recruiting Mississippi players.

Hinds Community Col legue also signed five or more player from the dis trict. Pearl River Com munity College grabbed a couple, including Murrah and Provine and Jim Hill each had one. Players will be playing football from the MS gulf coast to Oxford. Headliners Rod Taylor and Breeland Speaks of Callaway followed through with their ver bal commitments to Ole Miss with a signature commitment. Jackson State managed to also sign a player from Callaway. Defensive end/linebacker Shawn Bishop will be playing at Jackson State in the fall. Bishop was a major defensive weapon for the Chargers. Players like Bishop is what Jackson State had in mind when they discuss recruiting talented Mississippi players.

Kendrick Catchings of Callaway signs his letter of intent for Ole Miss

NAME  POS  HT  WT  CL  HOMETOWN/SCHOOL

DE/LB  6-3  330  Fr.  Tampa, FL/Hillsborough HS

DE/LB  6-1  230  Fr.  Long Beach, CA (Poly HS)

K  5-11  180  Fr.  Miami, FL/Coral Reef HS

Brent Lyles II
QB  6-2  175  Fr.  Indianapolis, IN/Pike HS

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Philip learned a lot from the blacksmiths and the plantation’s pottery-maker, too. One day, when a man came to plaster the Big House’s rooms, Philip watched and helped — and when the man said he needed a smart slave to assist him in his business, money was exchanged. Philip left his mother and went with Mr. Mills. There was so much to learn about Mr. Mills’ business, but Philip became very good at any task he was given. He could make plaster molds and fix those that were broken. He learned how to create statues by using shaped plaster and super-hot liquid bronze, which was his favorite job.

With Philip’s help and expertise, Mr. Mills became a famous artist — so when the U.S. government called upon Mills to create a statue for Capitol’s dome in Washington D.C., it was quite an honor! But when they went to finish the plaster model of the statue, there was “something wrong.”

The entire thing was assembled, but the Italian craftsman who did it refused to tell them where the seams were. It would be almost impossible to move the model without that knowledge. Would they? Mr. Mills knew one person who knew a lot about plaster. He called for his assistant, Philip.

Sometimes, it’s fun to seek out those lesser-known stories that everyday people can make a difference. “Philip Reid Saves the Statue of Freedom” is a good book for that.

Authors Steven Sellers Lapham and Eugene Walton based this picture book on a true story about a real man and his accomplishments. While smaller children will surely appreciate that, the illustrations by R. Gregory Christie will be the bigger draw for them. For adults and older kids, though, there’s so much more to the story. The authors include a “what happened next” page, as well as reproductions of Reid’s manumission paperwork and a pay stub inside the covers of this book. Read carefully; that info serves to make a good story even more meaningful.

While you’ll probably find this book on a shelf for preschoolers, I think it would serve 8-to-12-year-olds just as well. For them, reading a book like “Philip Reid Saves the Statue of Freedom” is nothing to hide.
SNL celebrates Black History Month with ‘28 Reasons to Hug a Black Guy’

**Source:** urweb.com

Man, “Saturday Night Live” is on fire - getting in touch with its “blackness.”

As the world knows, February is Black History Month and the show took time to celebrate with a skit featuring its three black castmembers.

It’s a mostly white classroom, but Jay Pharoah, Kenan Thompson, and Também Zamata quickly got things poppin’ with their black history review sketch, entitled “28 Reasons to Hug a Black Guy.” Oh yo, it’s pretty smooth, too.

Warren Sapp says he is embarrassed of comments he made during NFL Hall of Fame ceremony

Michael Strahan is announced on ABC's Pro Football Hall of Fame ceremony of class of 2014 at the 3rd Annual NFL Honors at Radio City Music Hall on February 1, 2014 in New York City

**Source:** urweb.com

After Michael Strahan was introduced as one of seven players elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame Feb. 1, Warren Sapp confessed he apologized to former Giants teammate for comments he made four days earlier questioning Hall of Fame eligibility.

Sapp, a 2013 Hall of Fame inductee who currently works as an analyst for NFL Network, said he approached Strahan on Saturday night to apologize.

“I hugged him and wouldn’t let him go,” Sapp said Sunday on NFL Network. “I said, ‘Please forgive me.’ I said, ‘Darnit Lex, I came to the city of Gotham and pulled Superman’s cape. How foolish could I have been, my man? Please forgive me.’

“If he tells the story any different, he’s lying to you, America, because I sure did apologize. I’m going to beg for forgiveness because there’s a party in Canton, and I promise you, I’m not going to miss it.”

Sapp didn’t say how Strahan reacted to his apology.

Sapp said the inductee had 41.5 sacks, the fifth-highest total in NFL history, in his 15-year career and set the league’s single-season record with 22.5 sacks in 2001. Sapp, a seven-time Pro Bowl selection and the league’s turnover leader during the peak of his career, said he apologized to Strahan.

While Strahan wasn’t in attendance, he wason video screen, where he said, “I don’t think he ever stopped stacks up.”

Sapp said, “You’re a four-time Pro Bowl and a mythical sack record. When you really measure it up, he comes up short, except you all are giving it to him.”

Strahan fired back at Sapp this past week, saying that the “tiger does not pay attention to the opinion of the sheep.”

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