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## Assoc. For the Blind Welcomes New Director



**James King**

James "Jim" King has been named the new Executive Director of Savannah Association for the Blind, Inc.

The Board of Directors invites the entire community to join them at a Press Conference and reception to officially introduce and welcome Mr. King to the Savannah-Chatham County Community on Thursday, July 16, 2009 - 4:00P.M.-5:00P.M. at the agency, located at 214 Drayton Street - Savannah, GA.

Savannah Association for the Blind, Inc. is a private, 501(c) (3) nonprofit agency that offers comprehensive rehabilitation training for the blind and visually impaired citizens in Southeast Georgia.

The mission of Savannah Association for the Blind, Inc. is to provide quality services and activities designed to help each person served adjust to a severe vision loss and to function independently at home and in the community.

Mr. King joined Savannah Association for the Blind on May 1, 2009.

He is responsible for managing the day to day affairs of the agency, including managing and supervising staff and all organizational affairs, administration of direct fiscal, fund development, and grant activities.

Mr. King, a native of

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## World Mourns the "King of Pop"



By Lynn Elber, LA Times

Michael Jackson, the "King of Pop" who once moonwalked above the music world, died Thursday as he prepared for a comeback bid to vanquish night-

mare years of sexual scandal and financial calamity. He was 50.

Jackson died at UCLA Medical Center after being stricken at his rented home in Holmby Hills.

Paramedics tried to resuscitate him at his home for nearly three-quarters of an hour, then rushed him to the hospital, where doctors continued to work on him.

"It is believed he suf-

fered cardiac arrest in his home.

His 1982 album "Thriller" — which included the blockbuster hits "Beat It," "Billie Jean" and "Thriller" —

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## Memorial Names Chief Nursing Officer



**Mary Chatman**

Memorial University Medical Center (MUMC) recently announced the appointment of Mary Chatman, MSN, R.N., as its new chief nursing officer (CNO). She will officially start work on August 3.

"Memorial's nurses are outstanding caregivers. As CNO, Mary Chatman will help guide them as they continue to provide compassionate, world-class care each and every day. She will also advocate for the career and personal advancement of our nurses," said Phillip S. Schaengold, J.D., MBA, president and CEO of Memorial Health.

Chatman most recently served as vice president and CNO at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, an 861-bed academic medical center in Greenville, North Carolina.

"We conducted a nationwide search for this important job. Mary brings to us incredible depth and breadth of experience, and we're very pleased she's joining our team," said Schaengold.

Chatman's leadership experience in clinical management is extensive and varied, and includes transformational leadership, quality improvement, fiscal management, shared governance, patient and family centered care, and nursing recruitment and retention.

Chatman earned her Master of Science in Nursing Administration and Bachelor of Science in Nursing at East Carolina University. She is currently working on her Doctorate in Nursing degree.

## 100 Black Men of America, Inc. hold Annual Conference in New York City



Pictured are mentees of the Savannah Chapter of the 100 Black Men who participated in the conference held in New York City. They are L-R: Christal Walker, Cleveland Harding, Khadia Henry, Angelo Davis, and Keiara Brown.

Global leaders, celebrities and business executives recently convened in New York City for the 23rd Annual 100 Black Men of America, Inc., Conference that focused on education in the African-American community.

More than 3,000 attendees participated in the four-day conference that drew notable leaders such as: U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, New York Governor

David Paterson, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, The Honorable Douglas Wilder—the nation's first African American governor since Reconstruction, former New York City Mayor David Dinkins and more.

"There is an enormous achievement and opportunity gap impacting African-America youth as it relates to grade level education and higher education opportunities. This year's record set-

ting conference tackled these issues from a global perspective, finding solutions to educating our young men and women and directing our members to act and inspire others to act on the solutions discussed," Chairman of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., Al Dotson, Jr., Esq.

In addition to the generous support of the corporate sponsors, a number of partnering organizations made significant financial

investments and launched a number of programs during the conference.

"The impact of this year's conference for both the members and participating youth was phenomenal," said H. Lee Perry II. "We walked away enlightened, educated and empowered to make a significant change in education for our young people."

The conference drew the

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