## Congressional budget deal protects kids by rejecting tobacco industry giveaways

reached by congressional ne- flavored e-cigarettes and cigars gotiators delivers critical vic- that have flooded the market tories for America's kids and in recent years and threaten to health over the tobacco indus- addict a new generation. The try by rejecting proposals to agreement bolsters the nation's greatly weaken FDA oversight fight against tobacco use - the of electronic cigarettes and ci- No. 1 cause of preventable gars and slash funding for the CDC's programs to reduce tobacco use. By rejecting these special-interest giveaways to tobacco companies, this agreement preserves the FDA's ability to protect kids from



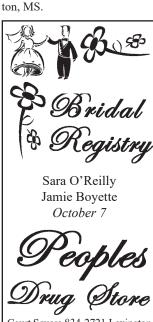
TISHA BROWN-GAINES Lexington native graduates from University of Mississippi

Tisha Brown-Gaines of Lexington, MS will graduate with a Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Engineering Science with an emphasis in Computer Science from the University of Mississippi. A special hooding ceremony will take place on May 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. for Ph.D. graduates. The university wide commencement ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m.

While at the University of Mississippi, Mrs. Brown-Gaines served as a graduate instructor and Turning Technologies intern. She received a M.S. degree in Computer Science from Jackson State University and a B.S. degree in Computer Science from Mississippi Valley State University. Mrs. Brown-Gaines is a former McNair, Mississippi Space Grant Consortium, LSMAMP-Bridge to the Doctorate, DOE Mickey Leland Energy and Southern Regional Education Broad (SREB) Fellow. In addition she completed a dissertation entitled "On Connectivity, Coverage and Net- in McCrory. work Optimization in Wireless Video Sensor Networks for 3D Indoor Monitoring."

Mrs. Brown-Gaines is currently interviewing for multiple faculty positions and extremely excited about her upcoming

professional career in academia. She is the daughter of Lorenzo and Pecola Brown of Lexing-



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agreement the huge assortment of candy-

The agreement leaves out two provisions sought by tobacco companies that would weaken FDA oversight of ecigarettes and cigars and help manufacturers target kids with candy-flavored products:

• One provision would limit FDA oversight of e-cigarettes and cigars already on the mar-



Lily Fran McCrory of Lexington (pictured second from left) was awarded the Excellence in Education Award by Holmes County Chamber of Commerce President Charlie Joiner (pictured at right) during the 28th Annual Holmes County Chamber of Commerce Membership/Awards Banquet that was held at the Carroll Cafeteria on the campus of Holmes Community College in Goodman on Thursday, April 13. McCrory accepted the honor for achieving the highest academic grade point averages at the elementary, secondary and college levels, ranking #1 in her major field of Biological Sciences, #1 in the College of Arts & Sciences and #1 overall in the 2017 graduating class from Mississippi State University. Picture above (from left) is Lily Fran's mother and Holmes County Chamber of Commerce Past President Robin McCrory, Lily Fran, Frankie McCrory, Lily Fran's father, and Joiner. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)



Hammett Gravel Company Incorporated of Lexington was awarded the Economic Development Award by Holmes County Chamber of Commerce President Charlie Joiner (pictured at left) during the 28th Annual Holmes County Chamber of Commerce Membership/Awards Banquet that was held at the Carroll Cafeteria on the campus of Holmes Community College in Goodman on Thursday, April 13. Harold Hammett (pictured center) accepted the honor, for 75 years of successful business operations and employment opportunities. Hammett is flanked by Holmes County Chamber of Commerce Past President Rob-(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

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ket, including the many sweetflavored products that have been introduced in recent years and proven popular with kids. This agreement preserves the FDA's ability to review these products and take action to protect our kids.

The second provision would completely exempt socalled "large and premium" cigars from FDA oversight, but defines such cigars so broadly that it could end up exempting, cheap, machine-made, flavored cigars that are widely used by kids.

Tobacco companies waged an all-out effort to insert these provisions in the funding bill.

The New York Times has reported that Altria drafted the first of these provisions and that it was endorsed by R.J. Reynolds. Altria and Reynolds gave \$500,000 and \$1 million respectively to President Trump's inauguration, and tobacco interests spent more than \$4.7 million in federal lobbying in the first quarter of 2017 alone.

The budget agreement also provides \$205 million for the CDC's tobacco prevention and cessation programs, rejecting a House proposal that slashed funding to only \$100 million (compared to \$210 million in FY2016). The CDC will be able to continue initiatives such as the Tips from Former Smokers media campaign that has been so cost effective at helping smokers quit, as well as its assistance to state tobacco prevention programs and quitlines that help smokers trying to quit.

While this agreement is an important step forward, the

tobacco industry is certain to itself. Tobacco interests have continue its attacks on FDA also filed multiple lawsuits and CDC efforts to reduce to- against the FDA's 2016 rule esbacco use - and even expand tablishing oversight of e-cigathem. Legislation introduced rettes and cigars. Congress and last week by Rep. Duncan the Trump Administration must Hunter (R-CA) would repeal continue to reject these harmful the FDA's current authority to tobacco industry efforts.

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regulate electronic cigarettes \*Statement by Matthew L. and essentially allow the e- Myers, President, Campaign cigarette industry to regulate for Tobacco-Free Kids



TANNER BARTLETT AND MARY KATE JENKINS

## Jenkins-Bartlett set to wed

Sallis announce the engagement The groom is the grandson of of their daughter Mary Kather- Mr. and Mrs. Wesley E. Carson ine to Michael Tanner Bartlett of Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Terry son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Howard of Winona, and Mr. and Bartlett, Jr. of Kilmichael.

The bride is the granddaugh- don, MS. ter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Speed of Goodman and Winona Christian School and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jen- a 2014 graduate of Mississippi kins of Sallis.

Mary Kate is a 2010 graduate man School. of Kosciusko High School and a He is presently employed with 2013 graduate of Holmes Com- Entergy in Baton Rouge, Louimunity College. She is currently siana. The couple will make pursuing a BS degree in Social their home in Baton Rouge, Work/Health Services from Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Jenkins of Mississippi State University.

Mrs. Mike Bartlett, Sr. of Bran-

Tanner is a 2012 graduate of Delta Community College Line-



I really miss you. While you were alive you taught me many things. You taught me how to love unconditionally, you taught me how to live life to the fullest, you taught me how to have fun and laugh, you taught me how to express emotions and cry, but the one thing you never taught me was how to cope without you in my life.

and I'm really missing you!