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Mark 5 vs. 34

And he said unto her, Daughter thy faith hath made thee whole: go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

I want to thank our Lord Jesus Christ, who continues to give me strength and wisdom to publish Faith & Soul News Magazine. I want to thank my staff, family, friends, colleagues and most important our advertisers and subscribers. We Love You!

This issue is dedicated to our cousin Mrs. Anna Mae Charles Champ (An awesome Cook), who went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012. Ms. Anna Mae believed people could lived long with cancer; she out lived all the expectations of the doctors. Anna Mae open her doors to all who wanted to pray and showed us through her illness: God's Love, forgiving and asking for forgiveness. Through her illness she never complained or said why me Lord, she prayed and asked others to pray for her. My last conversation with her was the family needs a lot of prayers; she discussed her weakness and tiredness. She believed prayers gets you closure to God and we know she has seen her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and she has met her God. She will be missed by her husband Arthur Champ Sr. her two sons Stephen and Arthur Jr., two daughter-n-laws and her grandchildren and entire family, friends, colleagues and the community.

I want to commend my mother who assisted in the care of Cousin Anna Mae. She is truly our Mother Theresa to care and cook for the sick. To do God's work in a loving way, no regret, no complaining. Mom we Love you Thanks for being an example of caring for people and showing us God's Love.Enjoy!

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I want to encourage you to reach for your dreams. It's never too late. Don't give up. Keep pressing on, you are closer than you think. Believe and you will achieve. Hold on to God's word. It's never too late to become a millionaire. Don't embrace negative talk and thoughts, run from it. Persucution may come before the Promise. Stay Focus.Stay positive. Focus on God's promise to Abraham, we are the seed of Abraham, we will be Bless and Bless someone else.Love Ya'll Melinda Sylvester





LIZ F&S SALUTES & LOVES YOU, A BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR

“Sharing Her Strength With Others”

By: Brenda Andrus

Elizabeth G. Richard “Liz” is what everyone calls her. She was married to her college sweetheart Marcel Richard better known as “Coach” for over 30 years. He worked at several high schools in Acadiana area. She is a breast cancer survivor and fighter for over 25 years which recently came back but with God on her side she is managing well. She managed to take care of two daughters who became young ladies, one is the mother of a 5 year old daughter and the other daughter is studying for her Masters as Social Worker. Marcel passed away a year ago with Liz by his side, now that she is a widow, she helps take care of her only granddaughter, and lends a helping hand to her two daughters, she also finds time to focus and do things in the community and for her church St. Anthony.

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FAITH & SOUL NEWS MAGAZINE FINANCIAL TIPS FOR WOMEN

By: Francine

Let us start with Wisdom; we will seek God in all financial decisions. Yes, we have made some bad Money Mistakes. But it's not too late. We have the Grace of God to move us forward. Ladies, I have Good News for you. With the Grace of God we can become a Millionaire. It is not too late. Girl, Get on that Money Train ...

Tip #1... Read scriptures on God's Promises

Genesis 17 vs. 2 (KJV) And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. Abram was 99 when God made this promise to him, Women it is never too late to becoming a millionaire, and we're not 99 yet. Let's go get it. God promised it to all the generations of Abraham and we are part of that generation.

John 10 vs. 10 (KJV) The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. God wants us to have an abundant Life that is in all areas of our Life. Being a millionaire is financial abundance.

Philippians 4:19 (KJV) But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. The word all is key, this means every thing God will give supply us with all we need to become a millionaire. Cont. on page 17

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For info:
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Linear Controls to hire offshore workers, welders

LAFAYETTE – Linear Controls Inc., which has seen healthy growth and is seeking to expand, will hold a job fair Tuesday, Oct. 16, geared toward offshore workers and welders.

The job fair, which is being coordinated by the Louisiana Workforce Commission's Lafayette Business and Career Solutions Center, will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Linear Controls, 107½ Commission Blvd., Lafayette.

Linear Controls is looking for applicants with a minimum of one year offshore experience to fill the following openings: offshore electricians, offshore automation technicians, offshore pneumatic technicians, offshore PLC programmers, offshore instrument fitters and specialists, offshore power generation technicians and offshore I&E technicians. These positions will perform a variety of tasks to assist in production activities in an offshore environment.

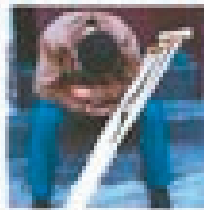
The company is also seeking to hire welders to work in Linear Controls' climate controlled manufacturing shop. Work schedule will vary depending on the needs of the company.

Interested job seekers should bring an updated résumé and be prepared to interview. If you cannot attend the job fair, please email your résumé to recruiter@linearcontrols.net for consideration.

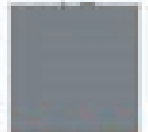
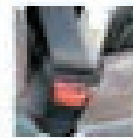
Started in 1998, Linear Controls provides skilled personnel and automation solutions to various industries. Linear offers competitive wages and a comprehensive benefits package. To learn more about the company visit www.linearcontrols.net.

For more information about the job fair, contact Barbara Prejean with the Lafayette Business and Career Solutions Center at 337-262-5559.

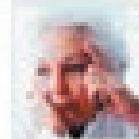
For more information about the Louisiana Workforce Commission's no-cost services to employers and participating job seekers, visit <http://www.laworks.net/>.



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“ABDUCTED: THE CARLINA WHITE STORY”

INTERVIEW WITH ACTRESS AUNJANUE



By: Melissa Tyler

The remarkable 23-year-old case of the Carlina White abduction story concluded earlier this year with Ann Pettway being sentenced to 12 years in jail. The Lifetime original movie premiered on Oct 6 on Lifetime Movie Network, starring Aunjanie Ellis as Anne Pettway. Ellis has played roles in “The Help,” “Ray” and “The Mentalist.” Faith & Soul was honored to have been given the opportunity to speak with Ellis.

F&S: In the movie, Anne Pettway’s character was sort of tomboyish. Tell me how did you get accustomed to playing that role?

Aunjanue Ellis: Well, I wanted her to have some bulk to her, so we used some padding for that. We worked on the outside, so beyond that I imagined this woman was a protector. “I tried to infuse that, and I felt she had to be broad. I just tried to be broad.

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FAITH & SOUL TRAVEL & COOKIN' SECTION

Not My Last Holiday..... But Living Like it's the Holiday

I had a complimentary trip o Houston/ Katy area. I was on the phone with my sister Linda when I shared some of my experiences she said that sounds like Queen Latifa movie, "Last Holiday". It ranged a bell and I thought this would be great to share with our readers, What it's really like to have a complimentary trip to a fun place with room service everyday, ordering everything on the menu from pancakes/eggs, burgers to filet migeon.

I had the pleasure of attending Lakewood Church, listening to Pastor Joel Osteen, a spirit came over me with peace, and it was a beautiful feeling. My husband and I met Pastor Joel at the end of service,His message was about: Don't Let It Stick, like Pam spray whatever happens family members left you out; Don't Let It Stick, put on the anointing oil let it go.

We visited Katy Mills Outlet, you know you in Texas when you see those healthy looking cows. it is a nice place to hang out and do some shopping. We went to a couple of Furniture stores (Ashley & Star); we included family and visited them in the Woodlands, Fifth Ward and my mother's aunt at Westwood Rehab off of 59 south. Special thanks to Uncle John and Aunt Jeanette below:



LIZ F&S SALUTES & LOVES YOU, A BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR; “Sharing Her Strength With Others (Cont. from page 4)

Liz continues to work at Women’s & Children’s Hospital and loves what she do for others. She is a caring person that cares for sick people especially “babies”. At times, she talks about continuing her education in the medical field to become a nurse. She also stresses that the young people today are not the same as when she was growing up: whereas they learned how to work and help others by assisting their parents and following in their footsteps and didn’t mind working hard long hours to get what they needed and not what they wanted in life.

For years, Liz assisted Lady Brenda Andrus who was the counselor for 25 junior daughters ages 7-18 at St. Anthony Church. She has attended and assisted many State Conferences and National Conventions some times out of state. She has helped and volunteered her time and talent with bake sales after Mass, sickle cell drive, turn outs, meetings, tutoring, egg hunt, and fashion shows, etc. She never knows how to say no.

Liz is a long time member of the Martin Luther King Jr. Association where as she held several officer positions. For the past four years, she held the Officer of Treasurer and Assistant Pageant Director position and does such a great job with all the funds collected and with all the young contestants.

From the month of October through January each year, she assists the pageant director with the etiquette class, photo session, motivational speech classes, community outreach, sleepovers, running errands, storytelling, cooking, orders plaques and trophies for the winners, help suggests and ideas for the pageant theme, etc. She attends monthly meetings. For several years she participates and volunteers her time with the Annual Easter egg hunt, 6th Mother’s Day Fun Fest, 6th Safety Fun Fest, Annual Ball, Martin Luther King Parade, and Black History Parade, Selma, AL. Jubilee Bridge Crossing trip in March each year. She assists and coaches the young contestants with the pageant while there. Also for the past 4 years, Martin Luther King Jr. Association of Lafayette, LA has had two queens, one 1st place winner and two 2nd place winners. It shows she is definitely working with the young kids today.

For the past four years, she helped coordinate adult bus trips to the Jus’ Blues Music Award Show held in Memphis, TN. Whereas we visited St. Jude Hospital gift shop where each bus rider were asked to purchase any items \$5.00 or more to give to a cancer patient here in Lafayette. They also attended an award show and had the chance to witness the following recording blues artists: “Lil Fallay”, Denise LaSalle, Keeney Neal, Millie Jackson, Latimore Ms. Jody, Mel Waiters, and many others. They toured Beal Street, clubs and attractions and had the opportunity of being served a Creole’ meal at a sister church.

After all what was mentioned about, Liz, she still finds time to bowl with her friends league on Tuesday nights which she has been a part of for many years. Liz has been the business manager at her resident for than 25 years collecting rent each month for the realtor of her subdivision. She gets the chance to meet, help and assist these residents.

All what Elizabeth does come from her heart. She means no-one no harm and would take the shirt off her back to give to any stranger. Liz has never met a person who could say negative things about her. (F&S)

FAITH & SOUL NEWS MAGAZINE POLITICS

FAITH, FAVOR & FUTURE: ELECTION 2012

BY: PASTY THE POLITICAL ANALYST

It's Presidential & other Regional election time with the first Presidential debate having the polls going back and forth. I want to encourage our readers to pray and go vote. We must depend more on the word of God and less on the government word. Many ads are using fear tactics, but God said we should not fear, He is our comforter. Let's encourage each other. Continue to help your neighbors, Love one another as we are commanded to do. When the people fail you God will always Love You!

As predicted by Faith & Soul News Magazine, Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney came out fighting in the first debate. As the underdog Romney (according to the polls) , one would have expected him to be aggressive. And President Obama on the hand was polite as the Democrat calls it. Well, in round two Obama is expected to be a little more aggressive, too aggressive and he will be call an angry Black Man, who's upset by the polls. And Mitt will be looked at as the cool one who can handle pressure. Can one debate changed the polls. I won't believe so. Remember if God has more work for President Obama he will be reelected, if his time is up then Gov. Mitt Romney maybe elected. God hears the cry of the middle class, the rich and the poor. It rains on the just and the unjust. Have Faith, but the bible says Faith with out works is dead. You must Vote. Do your part,; don't just cry in the wilderness. God has it all under control. Do not let the outcome of this election determine the outcome of your future. God says he knows the plans for us: There is Hope and a Future for us all and an expected end. Jeremiah 29 vs. 11. Trust in the Lord with all you heart and lean not unto your understanding. Let's continue to encourage each other.

Many felt the Vice President debate was interested. Congressman Ryan was okay. But Biden was Fast and Furious. This is what's needed in a Vice President. It has to be a man or woman who can stand up for the President and have the President's back. Though Ryan can be a future contender. Ryan's name may appear again in the near future should his team not win. Though he has great energy.

Don't forget about the race between Congressman Boustany and Rep. Jeff Landry. There are other elections going on around the country. Your Presidential Candidate will need his supporting cast. So please go out and vote for your Congressman or congresswoman and whatever local elections there maybe form runoffs.

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This MOU Is For You!

“...This partnership is designed to increase the participation of African American small businesses in SBA programs...”

Marie Johns

Deputy Administrator

Small Business Administration

Those of us in the business of maximizing opportunities for Black-owned businesses have become accustomed to acronyms... MWBEs, HUBZones, 8(a), DBE, and so on. I could probably fill a page if I worked really hard at it. Remembering all of them and their meanings demands that we slow down and make sure they're not just shorthand for continued shortchanging of the businessmen and women we work so hard for.

One highlight of the U.S. Black Chamber, Inc.'s (USBC) recently completed School of Chamber Management (SCM) was the signing of an MOU – Memorandum of Understanding – between our organization and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). According to Deputy Administrator Marie Johns, the goal of the document is to improve Black business owners' access to loan programs and other access to capital initiatives; government contracting programs such as the 8(a) program and the Women-Owned Small Business Program; and ensure availability of up-to-date information and access to SBA's extensive resource partner network. That sounds good, and if we're able to achieve these goals, we'll have done something that's not been done before.

What goes unsaid, however, is what this latest “treaty” between Black business and the U.S. government means to us. It means that we have a pact that guarantees that our government will listen to us, and our perspectives, while working diligently to align federal policies with the realities of the marketplace. It means that the SBA understands that a “one-size fits all” approach to meaningful inclusion in government procurement and resource allocation has not, does not and will not work.

It means, too, that the SBA believes that our approach to our mission – our 5 Pillars of Service – Advocacy, Access to Capital, Contracting, Entrepreneur Training, and Chamber Development – reflects our commitment to this critical work. It means that it's easy to see that what we're asking is “... not a hand-out, but a hand up!”

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Photos by Darrell Rosenthal article by Maxine

Minister Louis Farrakhan visits Southern University

A full room of students, colleagues, business community, members of from other locations came to hear Minister Louis Farrakhan. Some from near and far came to hear Minister Louis Farrakhan. It was a very motivational speech said one attendee. I really enjoyed the event. His voice has so much authority; this was a good opportunity for the students to hear how you have to fight to get what you want. Don't give up. It was held on the same night as the Presidential debate, but I had rather see Minister Farrakhan in person. I know there was going to be other debates. This opportunity don't happen often. I am so excited that I came. This is history for me.



SPORTS IN A WOMENS' WORD

The WNBA Season is going into the finals. I was hoping the Atlanta Dreams was going to be in it again. Well it's between our Beloved LSU Graduate Seimone Augustus and team members of the Minnesota Lynx and the Indiana Fever, the Fever won game 1 76-70. Let's support the WNBA.

Yes, it's game 6 in the NFL and there are several talks going on. New Orleans Saints won a game and QB Drew Brees broke another record. It's also speculating QB for Philadelphia Eagles Mike Vick is off to a bad start and there seems to be little brotherly Love for the Brother. Let's keep Mike in our prayers and yes he is a dog owner, I am sure poochie is well taken care of. Show mike some Love, go to the games if you live or visiting in that area, it's about selling tickets. He will not fumble and let you down.

The Texans were on a roll until Green Bay Packers packed into town. They left with the grocers and end the winning streak for the Texans.

College football is off to a great start also. Support the ULL Football Team. These guys are really playing their hearts out. Encourage all the young athletes you never know where they will go. You can be part of the team by cheering for them in the stands. Support High School sports also, especially the Girls Support, they always lacked in funds.

I hope to see you at a game soon... You can't go buy someone a ticket. Support Our Children!!!! (F&S)

FAITH & SOUL NEWS MAGAZINE HEALTH SECTION

TIME TO SHOP FOR THE BEST MEDICARE DEAL

By BOB MOOS/Southwest public affairs officer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Now's the time for Louisiana residents with Medicare to check their health and drug coverage for 2013.

Medicare's open enrollment period runs from Oct. 15 until Dec. 7.

Open enrollment is the best time to make sure your health and drug plans still meet your individual needs, especially if you've had any changes in your health.

By now insurers should have notified you of any adjustments in your health or drug coverage or any changes in your out-of-pocket costs for next year.

The average monthly premiums for Medicare Advantage plans will inch up \$1.47 to \$32.59, while the average monthly premiums for basic drug plans will hold steady at about \$30.

Medicare Advantage remains a strong alternative for people who prefer to receive care through a private insurer rather than through Medicare's original fee-for-service program.

Enrollment in the private Medicare Advantage plans is expected to grow by 1.5 million to 14.5 million people in 2013 Ð almost 30 percent of Medicare beneficiaries.

Even if you've been satisfied with your health and drug coverage, you may benefit from reviewing all your options. Shopping around may save you money or improve your coverage.

Louisiana residents in Medicare's original fee-for-service program can choose from 30 drug plans with monthly premiums ranging from \$15 to \$118.80 Ð about the same number of plans and premium range as last year.

Look beyond premiums, though. The only way to determine the true cost of your drug coverage is to consider other factors like deductibles, co-payments and coinsurance.

Medicare's website Ð www.medicare.gov Ð has the best tool for helping you narrow your search for a new health or drug plan. Just click on "Find Health and Drug Plans."

After entering your ZIP code and the list of your prescriptions, you can use the "Medicare Plan Finder" tool to compare your coverage and out-of-pocket costs under different plans.

The quality of a health or drug plan's customer service should be considered, too. To help you identify the best and worst, the Plan Finder provides star ratings for each plan.



This MOU Is For You! **Cont. from page 12**

It means that we recognize change is hard, but we remain encouraged. Over the last three years, SBA has provided small businesses owners and entrepreneurs with the tools they need to not only survive, but thrive in tough economic times. We realize that through approved lenders the SBA has guaranteed more than \$80 billion in loans to more than 150,000 businesses and worked to bring 1,000 community banks back to SBA lending.

If you're reading this, it means that you've accepted your own responsibility for helping to make this ongoing relationship work. Wherever you are – North, South, East or West – seek out your local SBA office and put them to work. If you're serious about doing all you can to make your business competitive, you'll find that your local Small Business Development Center or other SBA service provider is committed to aligning you with the resources needed to grow your enterprise

We'll keep pushing too! Our service on the SBA's Council on Underserved Communities (CUC) gives us ready access to thought leaders and on-the-ground experts from across the country who all have their own reasons for helping the SBA be more responsive to ALL small businesses. The USBC and the SBA both recognize that any success earned as a result of this new partnership will be because we both realize it's a two-way street.

We've done our part – now it's time for you to do yours. Understand?

In the Spirit of Success,
Ron Busby, Sr.

FAITH & SOUL NEWS MAGAZINE **MOVIE REVIEWS**

Support Our Beloved Tyler Perry in starring role in an action movie: Alex Cross. I believe you will not be disappointed. Tyler is multitalented and will do great acting. There is more to him than a dress, though we all Love "Madea". When Tyler succeeds others succeeds. Join F&S and let's make this a number 1 box office hit. I went to see "Taken, 2" moviegoers said they rather the last one. This one was predictable, like they rushed the movie low budget but good acting. There will be a Taken 3 but they will have to advertise a lot for the next one. Then I seen: "Pitch Perfect" Should you be able to get over that gross scene at the beginning; you maybe able to laugh. These girls tied in humor with harmony. Great movie for young folks, it has a great message: not give up on their dreams, they can accomplish their dreams and find love.

TIME TO SHOP FOR THE BEST MEDICARE DEAL

By BOB MOOS/Southwest public affairs officer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

A gold star will show plans with the highest, five-star rating, while a warning icon will alert you to plans that have performed poorly for at least the past three years.

Besides using Medicare.gov, you can call Medicare's toll-free help line at 1-800-633-4227 or consult your "Medicare & You 2013 Handbook," which you have just received in the mail.

One-on-one benefits counseling is also available through your State Health Insurance Assistance Program. In Louisiana, you should call 1-800-259-5301.

Thanks to the health care law, you'll enjoy more savings on your prescriptions in 2013 once you land in the coverage gap, known as the "doughnut hole."

You'll receive a 53 percent discount on your brand-name drugs and a 21 percent discount on your generic drugs while in the gap.

The doughnut hole begins once you and your drug plan have spent \$2,970 for your drugs. Almost 32,000 Louisiana residents have saved more than \$19.9 million on their prescriptions so far this year.

If you're having difficulty affording your medications, you may qualify for extra help with your drug coverage premiums, deductibles and co-payments.

The amount of help depends on your income and resources. But, generally, you'll pay no more than \$2.60 for generic drugs and \$6.50 for brand-name drugs.

Thirty-one percent of Louisiana residents with Medicare's drug coverage now get such a break.

To learn more about whether you qualify for extra help, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/prescription-help or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

There's no better time to check your Medicare coverage. Any changes you make will take effect on Jan. 1. (F&S)

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Psalm 23 vs. 1 (KJV) The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. That means nothing; we will have financial freedom to bless someone else because we will not be in want.

Tip #2... Once you have read and meditate on the scriptures, say them everyday until you believe God's promises and words.

Tip #3.... Keep God's words in your heart everyday. Then asks God for the action plan, remember Faith without Works is Dead. Write the action plan down.

Tip #4.... With your written action plan, start action with God's direction, go into a quiet place talk to the Lord, and hear his voice.

Tip #5 Start your action plan with prayers and fasting
There are several ways to becoming a millionaire.

- a.) Get wisdom from God; Start a business with an idea
- b.) Invest wisely (real estate, stocks etc.)
- c.) Seek investors for your idea and invest in others ideas.

We will get there together!
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ABUCTED : “The Carlina White Story” Cont. from page 8

F&S: Can you explain how did you put yourself in Ann Pettway’s shoes to help you understand her actions of kidnapping Carlina White after reportedly losing her own child?

Aunjanue Ellis: Well, I just imagined what that would be like for me, if I had experienced something like that. I tried to articulate that this woman tried to be a mother. Even under this perverse, horrible and despicable circumstance, she wanted to be a mother. I tried to be this woman who wanted to be a woman that tried to protect a situation she created.

F&S: Who do you feel more sympathy for, the White’s for having their child kidnapped and not knowing what happened to her, or Anne Pettway for having to live a life of guilt and confessing to taking Carlina.

Aunjanue Ellis: Well, I think what Ms. Pettway did was wrong. She tore a family apart. I wouldn’t say I had more sympathy for her actions, I had sympathy for what she had become.

F&S: After seeing the movie, do you believe it will alter viewers’ perceptions of Anne Pettway as a criminal to a woman just dealing with distress from failed motherhood quests?

Aunjanue Ellis: I hope what will happen is that people will see this is a woman who felt less of a woman because she can’t have a kid. What does that say? What kind of pressure did she feel? She felt like she couldn’t have a kid in her early twenties. I want women of all ages to not feel like they are alone when they have pregnancy problems. When women are going through these things, I hope they feel like they want to get help. Ms. Pettway did not go out and seek help.

F&S: Toward the end of the movie, We see Anne telling Carlina’s mother about always giving love, and not receiving it back from others. She claimed that Carlina loved her back. Did you feel any remorse or understanding about the real Anne Pettway after you had to act out that scene?

Aunjanue Ellis: I felt bad off. I can’t speak for Ms. Pettway, and I won’t try to. In that scene, we tried to imagine what that meeting would be like. One woman was the biological parent, and one woman raised the child. We tried to imagine it in a way of competition and ownership and magnified it, is what we tried to do. We tried to speak from the reality of what those women had to say.

F&S: Anne Pettway had her trial this year, and she was sentenced to 12 years in prison. Do you think she deserved that after taking care of Carlina and not harming the girl?

Aunjanue Ellis: Ms. Pettway committed a crime of abducting a child. The White family deserved justice. She had to pay for what she did.

F&S: How do you feel about Carlina maintaining a relationship with both her biological parents, Anne and Anne’s sister?

Aunjanue Ellis: What I will say is I can only imagine the difficulty involved with a young woman who only knew this woman as her mother. If that happened to me, if I found out my mother wasn’t my mother, I would not know what to do. I know that was complicated for her and difficult for her. That’s incredibly complicated. I can only imagine, and that’s all I can do is imagine the level of difficulty and pain associated with that.

F&S: What would you tell people who have not seen this movie yet?

Aunjanue Ellis: I would tell them, if they could, to watch it. I think it’s a story that was told because this is a story that actually happened. It’s heartbreaking, but hopefully, the way that we did it was done respectfully and added to the actual realization on the crime in telling this story. (F&S)

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