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Ameristar Casino

▪ Bruce Howard has been named senior vice president and general manager. He previously worked as general manager at a Las Vegas resort and has 23 years of gaming industry experience. Howard has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Florida International University.

Central Mississippi Medical Center

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▪ Dr. Elizabeth Trest has joined the hospital staff as an obstetrician and gynecologist. Trest received her osteopathy degree from the University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Mo.

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▪ Anne Tirey has been promoted to vice president and risk management officer. Tirey is a graduate of Mississippi State University.

▪ LaRuth Ashley has been promoted to

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vice president of training. Ashley has an associate degree from Holmes Community College.

University Of Mississippi Medical Center

- Dr. Walter Merrill, a cardiothoracic surgeon, recently was named chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Department of Surgery, and co-director of University Heart. He was chief of cardiac surgery at the University of Cincinnati.

- Dr. Thomas Prewitt Jr. has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of surgery. He will see general surgery patients through University Physicians. He previously worked at hospitals in North Carolina. Prewitt has a medical degree from the University of Mississippi.

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